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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short
Title: FLYOBRPT)
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1. Purpose and Scope. This Letter sets forth Air Force responsibility and reporting procedures for information and materiel pertaining to unidentified flying objects. All incidents observed by Air Force personnel or received at any Air Force installation from a civilian source will be reported in accordance with this Letter, except that all airborne sightings by Air Force personnel, Civilian Air Patrol, and regularly scheduled United States airline pilots will also be reported as provided by JANAP 146 series (CIRVIS).

2. Definition. Unidentified flying objects, as used in this Letter, relates to any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type.

3. Background. The Air Force has been conducting a continuous analysis of all reports of unidentified flying objects for the past several years. Analysis of these reports has neither proved nor disproved the possibility of the existence of such objects. The possibility of future development of some type of flying object, unconventional by present standards, dictates a continuing need for reports of observations.

4. Guidance. Theodolite measurements of changes of azimuth and elevation and angular size are of great aid to the evaluation of reports. Interception, identification, and air search action may develop additional information important for evaluation purposes. These actions may be taken if appropriate and within the scope of existing air defense regulations.

5. Responsibility:

a. Analysis. The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, has been designated the Air force activity responsible for conducting analysis of all information and material received.

b. Cooperation. All Air Force activities will assist ATIC in the development of pertinent investigations, including the furnishing of air and ground transportation, as may be requested by ATIC representatives and when feasible. Direct communication between ATIC and zone of interior activities is authorized when essential due to time and economic factors.

c. Reporting. Installation commanders are responsible for insuring that reports are initiated.

6. Material Evidence. In the event any actual or suspected items of material pertinent to any unidentified flying object incident comes into the

possession of any Air Force echelon, two actions will be taken without delay:

a. Safeguard the material carefully to prevent any defacing or alteration which would reduce its value for technical analysis.

b. Notify ATIC immediately and request shipping instructions or other special instructions as may be appropriate.

7. Reports. Information relating to unidentified flying objects will be reported without delay. Originators will select the priority appropriate for each incident in accordance with its apparent importance as intelligence. Reports will be concerned with a single incident. reports will be forwarded immediately by electrical means and confirmed and elaborated upon by a written report within three days.

a. The symbol FLYOBRPT will appear at the beginning of the text of electrical messages and will be used as subject of written reports to facilitate identification.

b. Security. Reports should not be classified higher than "Restricted" unless inclusion of data required by c and d below mandates a higher classification. Local publicity concerning this reporting and analysis activity is to be avoided.

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C. Electrical Means. Reports forwarded by this method will include, insofar as possible:

(1) A Brief description of the object(s); shape, size, color, number, formation if more than one, aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed, sound, maneuvers, manner of

disappearance, and other pertinent or unusual features.

(2) Time of sighting in 24-hour clock zonal time, and length of time observed.

(3) Manner of observation; visual or electronic, from air (give speed, altitude, and type of aircraft), or surface. Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described.

(4) Location of observer during sighting, given exact latitude and longitude as closely as feasible, and/or reference to a known landmark. Location of object(s) with respect to observer, giving distance, direction, and altitude.

(5) Identifying information of observer(s) and witness(es), estimate of reliability and experience, and any factors bearing on estimated reliability of the sighting.

(6) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.

(7) Any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(8) Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs and the like, of the sighting.

(9) Interception and identification action taken. (Such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives.)

(10) Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting.

d. Written Reports. These reports will be submitted on AF Form 112, "Air Intelligence Information report," and will expand on the points enumerated in c above. photographs, sketches, and signed narrative statements of observers will be appended. Statements should be recorded in

as great detail as possible, with particular attention given to times, angles of observations, locations, flight paths, etc., should be drawn on aeronautical charts or maps.

e. Channels:

(1) Electrical reports will be dispatched in multiple address to:

(a) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

(b) Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

(c) Commanding General, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado

(d) Appropriate major air command headquarters

(2) Written reports will be submitted through channels to:

(a) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.
for ozalid-type reproduction and dissemination.

(b) Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, one copy for information.

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Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title:UFOB)
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1. Purpose and Scope. This Regulation establishes procedures
for

reporting information and evidence pertaining to unidentified flying objects and sets forth the responsibility of Air Force activities in this regard. It applies to all Air Force activities.

2. Definitions:

a. Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB) -- Relates to any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object.

b. Familiar Objects -- Include balloons, astronomical bodies, birds, and so forth.

3. Objectives. Air Force interest in unidentified flying objects is twofold: First as a possible threat to the security of the United States and its forces, and secondly, to determine technical aspects^o involved.

a. Air Defense. To date, the flying objects reported have imposed no threat to the security of the United States and its Possessions. However, the possibility that new air vehicles, hostile aircraft or missiles may first be regarded as flying objects by the initial observer is real. This requires that sightings be reported rapidly and as completely as information permits.

b. Technical. Analysis thus far has failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for a number of sightings reported. The Air Force will continue to collect and analyze reports until all sightings can be satisfactorily explained, bearing in mind that:

(1) To measure scientific advances, the Air Force must be informed on experimentation and development of new air vehicles.

(2) The possibility exists that an air vehicle of revolutionary configuration may be developed.

(3) The reporting of all pertinent factors will have a direct bearing on the success of the technical analysis.

4. Responsibility:

a. Reporting. Commanders of Air Force activities will report all information and evidence that may come to their attention, including that received from adjacent commands of the other services and from civilians.

b. Investigation. Air Defense Command will conduct all field investigations within the ZI, to determine the identity of any UFOB.

c. Analysis. The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, will analyze and evaluate: All information and evidence reported within the ZI after the Air Defense Command has exhausted all efforts to identify the UFOB; and all information and evidence collected in overseas areas.

d. Cooperation. All activities will cooperate with Air Defense Command representatives to insure the economical and prompt success of an investigation, including the furnishing of air and ground transportation, when feasible.

5. Guidance. The thoroughness and quality of a report or investigation into incidents of unidentified flying objects are limited only by the resourcefulness and imagination of the person responsible for preparing the report. Guidance set forth below is based on experience and has been found helpful in evaluating incidents:

a. Theodolite measurements of changes of azimuth and elevation and angular size.

b. Interception, identification, or air search action. These actions may be taken if appropriate and within the scope of existing air defense regulations.

c. Contact with local aircraft control and warning (AC&W) units, ground observation corps (GOC) posts and filter centers, pilots and crews of aircraft aloft at the time and place of sighting whenever feasible, and any

other persons or organizations which may have factual data bearing on the UFOB or may be able to offer corroborating evidence, electronic or otherwise.

d. Consultation with military or civilian weather forecasters to obtain data on: Tracks of weather balloons released in the area, since these often are responsible for sightings; and any unusual meteorological activity which may have a bearing on the UFOB.

e. Consultation with astronomers in the area to determine whether any astronomical body or phenomenon would account for or have a bearing on the observation.

f. Contact with military and civilian tower operators, air operations offices, and so forth, to determine whether the sighting could be the result of misidentification of known aircraft.

g. Contact with persons who might have knowledge of experimental aircraft of unusual configuration, rocket and guided missile firings, and so forth, in the area.

6. ZI Collection. The Air Defense Command has a direct interest in the facts pertaining to UFOB's reported within the ZI and has, in the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (AISS), the capability to investigate these reports. The 4602d AISS is composed of specialists trained for field collection and investigation of matters of air intelligence interest which occur within the ZI. This squadron is highly mobile and deployed throughout the ZI as follows: Flights are attached to air defense divisions, detachments are attached to each of the defense forces, and the squadron headquarters is located at Peterson Field, Colorado, adjacent to Headquarters, Air Defense Command. Air Force activities, therefore, should establish and maintain liaison with the nearest element of this squadron. This can be accomplished by contacting the appropriate echelon of the Air Defense Command as outlined above.

a. All Air Force activities are authorized to conduct such preliminary investigation as may be required for reporting purposes; however, investigations should not be carried beyond this point, unless such action is requested by the 4602d AISS.

b. On occasions-after initial reports are submitted-additional data is required which can be developed more economically by the nearest Air Force activity, such as: narrative statements, sketches, marked maps, charts, and so forth. Under such circumstances, appropriate commanders will be contacted by the 4602d AISS.

7. Reporting. All information relating to UFOB's will be reported promptly. The method (electrical or written) and priority of dispatch will be selected in accordance with the apparent intelligence value of the information. In most instances, reports will be made by electrical means: Information over 24 hours old will be given a "deferred" precedence. Reports over 3 days old will be made by written report prepared on AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information report, and AF Form 112a, Supplement to AF Form 112.

a. Addressees:

(1) Electrical Reports. All electrical reports will be multiple addressed to: (a) COMMANDER, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
(b) Nearest Air Division (Defense). (For ZI only.)
(c) Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
(d) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

(2) Written Reports:

(a) Within the ZI, reports will be submitted direct to the Air Defense Command. Air Defense Command will reproduce the report and distribute it to interested ZI intelligence agencies. The original report together with notation

of the distribution effected then will be
forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters
USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

(b) Outside the ZI, reports will be submitted
direct to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters
USAF, Washington 25, D.C. as prescribed in (Intelligence
Collection Instructions" (ICI), June 1954.

b. Short Title. "UFOB" will appear at the beginning of the
text of electrical messages and in the subject of written
reports.

c. Negative Data. The word "negative"

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"The Condon report"
APPENDIX B.

AIR FORCE REGULATION 80-17

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
Washington, D.C. 19 September 1966
Research and Development
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)

This regulation establishes the Air Force program for investigating and analysing UFOs over the United States. It provides for uniform investigative procedures and release of information. The investigations and analyses prescribed are related directly to the Air Force's responsibility for the air defence of the United States. The UFO Program requires prompt reporting and rapid evaluation of data for successful identification. Strict compliance with this regulation is mandatory.

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SECTION A - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Explanation of Terms. To insure proper and uniform usage of terms in UFO investigations, reports and analyses, an explanation of common terms follows:

a. Unidentified Flying Objects. Any aerial phenomenon or object which is unknown or appears out of the ordinary to the observer.

b. Familiar or Known Objects/Phenomena. Aircraft, aircraft lights, astronomical bodies (meteors, planets, stars, comets, sun, moon), balloons, birds fireworks, missiles, rockets, satellites, weather phenomena

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(clouds, contrails, dust devils), and other natural phenomena.

2. Program Objectives. Air Force interest in UFOs is two-fold: to determine if the UFO is a possible threat to the United states and to use the scientific and technical data gained from study of UFO reports. To attain these objectives, it is necessary to explain or identify the stimulus which caused the observer to report his observation as an unidentified flying object.

a. Air Defence. The majority of UFOs reported to the Air Force have been conventional or familiar objects which pose no threat to our security.

(1) It may be possible that foreign countries may develop flying vehicles of revolutionary configuration or propulsion.

(2) Frequently, some alleged UFOs are determined to be aircraft. Air Defence Command (ADC) is responsible for identification of aircraft. Except as aircraft are determined to be the stimulus for a UFO report, aircraft are not to be reported under the provisions of this regulation.

b. Technical and Scientific. The Air Force will analyse reports of UFOs submitted to it to attain the program objectives. In this connection these facts are of importance:

(1) The need for further scientific knowledge in geophysics, astronomy and physics of the upper atmosphere which may be provided by study and analysis of UFOs and similar aerial phenomena.

(2) The need to report all pertinent factors that have a direct bearing on scientific analysis and conclusions of UFO sightings.

(3) The need and the importance of complete case information. Analysis has explained all but a small percentage of the sightings which have been reported to the Air Force. The ones that have not been explained are carried statistically as "unidentified." Because of the human factors involved and because of analysis of a UFO sightings depends on a personal interpretation by the observer rather than on scientific data or facts obtained under controlled conditions, the elimination of all unidentifieds is improbable. However, if more immediate, detailed and objective data on the unidentifieds that have been available and promptly reported, perhaps these too, could have been identified.

3. Program Responsibilities:

a. Program Monitor. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, is responsible for the overall program, evaluation of investigative procedures, and the conduct of separate scientific investigations.

b. Resources. The Air Force Systems Command will support the program with current resources within the Foreign Technology Division (FTD) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to continue Blue Book effort. Other AFSC resources normally used by FTD for this effort will continue to be made available.

c. Investigation. Each commander of an Air Force Base will provide a UFO investigative capability. When notice of a UFO sighting is received, an investigation will be implemented to determine if the stimulus for

the sighting. An Air Force base receiving the notice of a UFO sighting may not be the base nearest the locale of the sighting. In that event, the reported UFO sighting will be referred to the Air Force base nearest the sighting for action.

EXCEPTIONS: FTD at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, independently or with the help of pertinent Air Force activities, may conduct any other investigation to conclude its analysis or findings. HQ USAF may arrange for separate investigations.

d. Analysis. FTD will:

(1) Analyze and evaluate all information and evidence reported to bases on those UFOs which are not identified at the base level.

(2) Use other Government agencies, private industrial companies, and contractor personnel to assist in analyzing and evaluating UFO reports as necessary.

e. Findings. FTD, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, will prepare a final case report on each sighting reported to it after the data have been properly evaluated. If the final report is deemed significant, FTD will send the report of its findings to AFSC (SFCA), Andrews AFB, Wash D.C. 20331, which will send a report to HQ USAF (AFRDC), Wash D.C. 20330.

f. Cooperation. All Air Force activities will cooperate with UFO investigators to insure that pertinent information relative to investigations of UFO are promptly obtained. When feasible, this will include furnishing air or ground transportation and other assistance.

SECTION B - PUBLIC RELATIONS, INFORMATION, CONTACTS, AND RELEASES

4. Response to Public Interest. The Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information (SAF-OI), maintains contact with the public and the news media on

all aspects of the UFO program and related activities. Private individuals or organizations desiring Air Force interviews, briefings or lectures, or private discussions on UFOs will be instructed to direct their requests to SAF-OI. Air Force members not officially connected with UFO investigations covered by this regulation will refrain from any action or comment on UFO reports which may mislead or cause the public to construe these opinions as official Air Force findings.

5. Releasing Information. SAF-OI is the agency responsible for releasing information to the public and to the news media.

a. Congressional and Presidential Inquiries. The Office of Legislative Liaison will:

(1) With the assistance of SAF-OI, answer all Congressional and Presidential queries regarding UFOs forwarded to the Air Force.

(2) Process requests from Congressional sources in accordance with AFR 11-7.

b. SAF-OI will:

(1) Respond to correspondence from individuals requesting information on the UFO program and evaluations of sightings.

(2) release information on UFO sightings and results of investigations to the general public.

(3) Send correspondence queries which are purely technical and scientific to FTD for information on which to base a reply.

c. Exceptions. In response to local inquiries regarding UFOs reported in the vicinity of an Air Force Base, the base commander may release information to the news media or the public after the sighting has been positively identified. If the stimulus for the sighting is difficult to identify at the base level, the commander may state that the sighting is under investigation and conclusions will be released by

SAF-OI after the investigation is completed. The commander may also state that the Air force will review and analyze the results of the investigation. Any further inquiries will be directed to SAF-OI.

SECTION C - PREPARING AND SUBMITTING REPORTS

6. General Information:

- a. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, USAF and the ADC have a directed immediate interest in UFOs reported within the US.
All Air Force activities will conduct UFO investigations to the extent necessary for reporting action (see paragraphs 9, 10, 11, and 12).
Investigation may be carried beyond this point when the preparing officer believes the scientific or public relations aspect of the case warrants further investigation. In this case, the investigator will coordinate his investigation with FTD.
- b. Paragraph 7 will be used as a guide for screenings and reportings.
Paragraph 11 is an outline of the reporting format.
- c. Inquiries should be directed to SAF-OI (see paragraph 5)
- d. If possible, an individual selected as a UFO investigator should have a scientific or technical background and experience as an investigator.
- e. Reports required by this regulation are excluded from assignment of a reports control symbol in accordance with paragraph 3k, AFR 300-5.

7. Guidance in Preparing Reports. The usefulness of a UFO report depends largely on accuracy, timeliness, skill and resourcefulness of the person who receives the initial information and makes the report. Following are aids for screening, evaluating and reporting sightings:

- a. Activities receiving initial reports of aerial objects and phenomena will screen the information to determine if the report concerns a valid UFO as defined in paragraph 1a. reports not falling within that

definition do not require further action. Aircraft flares,
jet
exhausts, condensation trails, blinking or steady lights
observed at
night, lights circling near airport and airways, and other
aircraft
phenomena should not be reported as they do not fall within
the
definition of a UFO.

EXCEPTION: Reports of known objects will be made to FTD when
this
information originally had been reported by local news
media as a UFO
and the witness has contacted the Air Force. (Do NOT
solicit reports.)
News releases should be included as an attachment with the
report (see
paragraph 8c)

b. detailed study will be made of the logic, consistency, and
authenticity
of the observer's report. An interview with the observer
by persons
preparing the report, is especially valuable in determining
the
reliability of the source and the validity of the
information. Factors
for particular attention are the observer's age,
occupation, and
education, and whether he has a technical or scientific
background. A
report that a witness is completely familiar with certain
aspects of a
sighting should indicate specific qualifications to
substantiate such
familiarity.

c. The following procedures will assist the investigation
officer in
completing the report and arriving at conclusion as
required in
paragraph 11.

(1) When feasible, contact local aircraft control and
warning (ACW)
units, and pilots and crews of aircraft aloft at the
time and place
of the sighting. Contact any persons or organizations
that may
have additional data on the UFO or can verify evidence
- visual,
electronic, or other.

(2) Consult military or civilian weather forecasters for
data on tracks
of weather balloons or any unusual meteorological
activity that may

have a bearing on the stimulus for the UFO.

(3) Consult navigators and astronomers in the area to determine if any astronomical body or phenomenon might account for the sighting.

(4) Consult military and civilian tower operators, air operations units, and airlines to determine if the sighting could have been an aircraft. Local units of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) can be of assistance in this regard.

(5) Consult persons who may know of experimental aircraft of unusual configuration, rocket and guided missile firings, or aerial tests in the area.

(6) Consult local and State police, county sheriffs, forest rangers, and other civil officials who may have been in the area at the time of the sighting or have knowledge of other witnesses.

8. Transmittal of Reports:

a. Timeliness. report all information on UFO's promptly. Electrical transmission with a "Priority" precedence is authorized.

b. Submission of Reports. Submit multiple-addressed electrical reports to:

(1) ADC

(2) Nearest Air Division (Defence)

(3) FTD WPAFB. (First line of Text: FOR TDETR.)

(4) CASF. (First line of Text: FOR AFRDC.)

(5) OSAF. (First line of Text: FOR SAF-OI)

c. Written Reports. In the event that follow-up action requires a letter report, send it to FTD TDETR, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433. FTD will send the reports to interested organizations in the US and to SAF-OI if required.

d. Reports from Civilians. Advise civilians to report UFOs to the nearest Air Force Base.

e. Negative or Inapplicable Data. If specific information is lacking, refrain from using the words "negative" or "unidentified" unless all logical leads to obtain the information outlined in paragraph 11 have been exhausted. For example, the information on weather conditions in the area, as requested in paragraph 11g, is obtainable from the local military or civilian weather facility. Use the phrase "not applicable (NA)" only when the question really does not apply to the sighting under investigation.

10. Comments of Investigating Officer. This officer will make an initial analysis and comment on the possible cause or identity of the stimulus in a supporting statement. He will make every effort to obtain pertinent items of information and to test all possible leads, clues, and hypotheses. The investigating officer who receives the initial report is in a better position to conduct an on-the-spot survey and follow-up than subsequent investigative personnel and analysts who may be far removed from the area and who may arrive too late to obtain vital data or information necessary for firm conclusions. The investigating officer's comments and conclusions will be in the last paragraph of the report submitted through channels. The reporting official will contact FTD (Area Code 513,257-0916 or 257-6678) for verbal authority to continue investigations.

11. Basic Reporting Data and Format. Show the abbreviation "UFO" at the beginning of the text of all electrical reports and in the subject of any follow-up written reports. Include required data in all electrical reports, in the order shown below:

a. Description of the Object(s):

- (1) Shape.
- (2) Size compared to a known object.
- (3) Color.
- (4) Number.
- (5) Formation, if more than one.

(6) Any discernible features or details.

(7) Tail, trail or exhaust, including its size.

(8) Sound.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features.

b. Description of Course of Object(s):

(1) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s).

(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed.

(Use theodolite or compass measurement if possible.)

(3) Angle of elevation of object(s) upon disappearance.

(Use theodolite or compass measurement if possible.)

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).

(Use elevations and azimuth, not altitude.)

(5) How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the North, for example.)

(6) How long were the object(s) visible? (Be specific - 5 minutes, 1 hour, etc.)

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Use one or any combination of the following items:
Ground-visual,
air-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar.)

(2) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, etc.) used
and description thereof.

(3) If the sighting occurred while airborne, give type of aircraft,
identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Greenwich date-time group of sighting and local time.

(2) Light conditions (use one of the following terms:
Night, day, dawn,
dusk).

e. Location of Observer(s). Give exact latitude and longitude coordinates of each observer, and/or geographical position. In electrical reports, give a position with reference to a known landmark in addition to the coordinates. For example, use "2 mi N of Deeville"; "3 mi SW of Blue Lake," to preclude errors due to teletype garbling of figures.

f. Identifying Information on Observer(s):

(1) Civilian - Name, age, mailing address, occupation, education and estimate of reliability.

(2) Military - Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability.

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

(2) Report from nearest AWS or US Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000', if available.

(3) Ceiling.

(4) Visibility.

(5) Amount of cloud cover.

(6) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located.

(7) vertical temperature gradient.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise that might account for the sighting.

i. Interception or identification action taken (such action is authorized whenever feasible and in compliance with existing air defence directives).

j. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any

air traffic or balloon releases in the area that might account for the sighting.

k. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s). (See paragraph 10.)

12. Reporting Physical Evidence:

a. Photographic:

(1) Still Pictures: Forward the original negative to FTD (TDETR), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433, and indicate the place, time, and date the photograph was taken.

(2) Motion Pictures. Obtain the ORIGINAL film. Examine the film strip for apparent cuts, alterations, obliterations, or defects. In the report comment on any irregularities, particularly in films received from other than official sources.

(3) Supplemental Photographic Information. Negatives and prints often are insufficient to provide certain valid data or permit firm conclusions. Information that aids in plotting or in estimating distances, apparent size and nature of object, probable velocity, and movements includes:

- (a) Type and make of camera.
- (b) Type, focal length, and make of lens.
- (c) Brand and type of film.
- (d) Shutter speed used.
- (e) Lens opening used; that is "f" stop.
- (f) Filters used.
- (g) Was tripod or solid stand used.
- (h) Was "panning" used.
- (i) Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true North, and its angle with respect to the ground.

(4) Other Camera Data. If supplemental data is unobtainable, the minimum camera data required are the type of camera, and the smallest and largest "f" stop and shutter speed readings of the camera.

(5) Radar. Forward two copies of each still camera photographic prints per AFR 95-7. Classify radarscope photographs per AFR 205-1.

NOTE: If possible, develop film before forwarding. Mark undeveloped film clearly to indicate this fact, to avoid destruction by exposure through mail channels to final addresses.

b. Material. Air Force echelons receiving suspected or actual UFO material will safeguard it to prevent any defacing or alterations which might reduce its value for intelligence examination and analysis.

c. Photographs, Motion pictures, and Negatives Submitted by Individuals. Individuals often submit photographic and motion picture material as part of their UFO reports. All original material submitted will be returned to the individual after completion of necessary studies, analysis, and duplication by the Air Force.

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AFR 80-17, 19 September 1966, is changed as follows:

3c. EXCEPTIONS: FTD at Wright-Patterson ... for separate investigations.
The University of Colorado WILL, under a research agreement with the Air Force, conduct a study of UFOs. This program (to run approximately 15 months) will be conducted independently and without restrictions. The University will enlist the assistance of other conveniently located institutions that can field investigative teams. ALL UFO reports will be submitted to the University of Colorado, which will be given the fullest cooperation of all UFO Investigating Officers. Every effort will be made to keep all UFO reports unclassified. However, if it is necessary to classify a report because of method of detection or other factors not related to the UFO, a separate report including all possible information will be sent to The University of Colorado.

8b(6). University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80302, Dr. Condon.
(Mail copy of message form.)

8c. Negative or Inapplicable Data. Renumber as paragraph 9.

11k. Position title, name, rank, and official address, telephone area code, office and home phone, and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s). (See paragraph 10.)

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AFR 80-17, 19 September 1966, is changed as follows:

*3c. Investigation. Each commander of an Air Force base within the United States will provide a UFO ... sighting for action.

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The University of Colorado, under a research agreement with the Air Force, will conduct a study of UFOs. This program (to run approximately 15 months) will be conducted independently and without restrictions. The University will enlist the assistance of other conveniently located institutions that can field investigative teams. ALL UFO reports will be submitted to the University of Colorado, which will be given the fullest cooperation of all UFO Investigating Officers. Every effort will be made to keep all UFO reports unclassified. However, if it is necessary to classify a report because of method of detection or other factors not related to the UFO, a separate report including all possible information will be sent to The University of Colorado.

*6a. The Deputy Chief of Staff. ... reported within the United States. All Air Force activities within the United States will conduct UFO ... investigations with FTD.

8b(6). University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80302, Dr. Condon.
(Mail copy of

message form.)

*8c. Reports. If follow up action is required on electrically transmitted reports, prepare an investigative report on AF Form 117, "Sighting of Unidentified Phenomena Questionnaire," which will be reproduced locally on 8" x 10 1/2" paper in accordance with attachment 1 (9pages). Send the completed investigative report to FTD (TDETR), Wright-patterson AFB OH 45433. FTD will send the reports to interested organizations in the United States and to the Secretary of the Air Force (SAFOI), Wash DC 20330, if required.

8c. Negative or Inapplicable Data. Renumber as paragraph 9.

11k. Position title, name, rank, and official address, telephone area code, office and home telephone, and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting. (See paragraph 10.)

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AFR 80-17, 19 September 1966, and change 1, 26 October 1967, are
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8b(3). FTD WPAFP. (first line of text: FOR TDPT (UFO).)

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