

MEMORANDUM FOR "RACKET"

1435(CDT); WED; 02 July 1969

SUBJECT: UFO Report; or: The Credulity, Imbecility, Gullibility and/or Hysteria of Some Jerks of the Current Under-30 Generation (U).

TO: ADF _____ (Copy to ADFE): _____

1. At approx 1900, TUES, 1 July 1969, Sergeant HERRON, ADTC CP (ADPLX), telephoned me at home, re: a UFO Report relayed to him by the SDO, NAS Pensacola (LCDR Walker), to whom the UFO sighting was reported by a Mr RICK [REDACTED], Radio Station WPFA News Bureau (Pensacola; 433-1141). Based on available info, I decided it would "keep" until morning, since the "silver-colored, cone-shaped, object with negative sound was stationary at 1,500' over the Town and Country Shopping Center, next to the radio station in Pensacola". (Reported by civilian Mr Keeble, of NAS Pensacola Base Ops).
2. At 0735 today, I checked with Lt Col BEATTY, O-i-C, ADPX and read the log entry. (At 1430 today, I informed him of the final denouement on this UFO).
3. On the Autovon, I telephoned NAS Pensacola (252-0111; Operator Assistance) and then re-telephoned to the NAS Base Ops (252-2431). I obtained more info from the Duty O, CWO(W-2) Fillet: e.g.: "Temperature 86-F at time of the 1900(CDT) TUES, 1 July 1969 sighting of UFO; Dewpoint: 72; Winds: From 200 degrees azimuth at 10 knots; Altitmeter: 004. At 1855, high, thin, scattered clouds; generally CAVU to 7 miles. Pressure at S/E: 174; Humidity: 68%; Person reporting: Mr Rick [REDACTED], of WPFA; R: 801 North [REDACTED], Pensacola, Florida; 32505." This call was about 0830 today.
3. At 0900, I telephoned the WPFA news-room. A girl (lovely voice) informed me that Mr [REDACTED] would be in post-1200 today. (This was commercial call J-1, approx 6 minutes). At 1300, I made commercial call J-2 to WPFA; negative Mr [REDACTED]. But a man said he would call Mr [REDACTED] to call me. I stressed: "NO collect calls to Eglin AFB, please. Perhaps WPFA can pay for it." Nevertheless, at 1315 Mr [REDACTED] called collect. I informed the operator: tres bien. Mr [REDACTED] sounded like a youngster of about 17 to 21: omniscient, infallible, etc. (CA) (J-3)
4. I informed Mr [REDACTED] that the following had determined that his UFO was a kite, a child's plaything, flown at the end of a long cord, by a child!!!!:
 - a. The SDOs (two of them) of NAS Pensacola, 1-2 July 1969.
 - b. Several employees of his own radio station, WPFA.
5. I asked him if he wanted us to go ahead to report the UFO, in which case we would have to ask him many questions off of a format (AFR 80-17). He replied, twice: "No, I'm fully satisfied. It was a kite".
6. The above cost the government three (3) commercial long-distance calls, totaling about thirteen (13) minutes, two (2) autovon calls, and approximately two hours of my time --- time taken from the Monthly Status Report and four other reports, and time taken from four visitors to the ADFS Data Base, seeking classified Intelligence information urgently.

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7. The relative humidity, in Pensacola, at the time of yesterday's 1900 UFO sighting may have been only 68%. But the relative stupidity of Mr [REDACTED], and others of his gullible WFFA colleagues, had reached saturation-point at 100%. If he had insisted on having his UFO reported, the composition of the UFO message (to about eleven addressees) would have taken about 3 hours of my time, 1 hour of a secretary's time and about 30 minutes of the Eglin AFB Meteorological Section (ADW) to give me information on temperatures, inversions, etc., at various altitudes.

8. The Credulity, Imbecility, Gullibility and/or Hysteria of some Jerks of the Current Under-30 "Omniscient" Generation continues to amaze me. What ever happened to good old, healthy American skepticism: "Show me, I'm from Missouri".

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