

UFO SIGHTING REPORT FORM

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This form is for the reporting of unidentified flying objects. It includes questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation. Please complete the form, trying to answer as many questions as possible. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by the Mutual UFO Network. Please return this completed form in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you.

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Your Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____
Age _____ Occupation _____ City & State Reno, Nevada Zip Code 89501

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- Date of observation Circa 1964 Time 11:00 ± (AM) (PM)
- Location of observation Casitas Dam - North of Ventura, California
- Estimate duration of observation 3 or 4 minutes
- Weather conditions at time of observation Drizzly day - cloudy
- How did you happen to notice the object(s)? _____

Heard a loud noise and water splashing as object was rising into view from beneath the waters behind dam.

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6. Describe what you observed. (If known, please include the object's appearance, size, shape, color, sound, and your interpretations of what you think the object was.) If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form.

See attached statement.

7. Please provide names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Were you interrogated by any federal, state, county, or local officials or newspapers? If so, please provide details. We would like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. ()

Please keep my name confidential. (X)

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Date Report Completed

Signature of Observer

Signature of Investigator

CASITAS DAM SIGHTING

The following is an account of an interview with Mr. _____ conducted November 3, 1973. It began with an account of the time and location of the sighting.

It... "was about ten years ago," (circa 1964) Mr. _____ begins. "It was down behind the hills in Ventura, California, where the government put in a new dam up there." (Casitas Dam.) "It was a drizzly day - cloudy." He estimated the time of day as 11 AM. "My brother-in-law took me up there to show me this new lake and the new dam that the government had put in up there. We were standing there, chatting for about ten or fifteen minutes and then, all of a sudden, I heard sort of a loud noise and water splashing, and I looked out into the lake and here's this object coming out of the water."

"I was so flabbergasted...I was speechless to think I would see something like that which I've never seen before." "And it was a round object and it looked like it had a cone on top, where a person was looking out at us."

"I had a camera around my neck, but I completely forgot the camera due to the fact that I was so astounded to see something like this coming up out of the water. It came out of the water, I'd say about twenty or thirty feet, and hovered..... By that time, my brother-in-law and I got to talking and...I happened to remember that I had my camera...and just as I was getting the camera up to my eyes, this object started moving away, and I just barely got it near the edge of the film; then, within a few seconds it disappeared out over the mountains" which..."I'd say were about ten or fifteen miles away."

"....As it was speeding up, it started changing colors - from a real dark lavender color up to a real bright orange-yellow, and that's the last I saw of it."

Describing the object in more detail, Mr. added that the main body was cylindrical in shape, drumlike, with the "observation cone on top" in which he saw windows or portholes.

Mr. continued, noting that the object appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in height and that inside it "...looked like a being looking out at us..." a humanoid form.

"I could see the eyes staring at us. I happened to have a pair of binoculars with me at the time. I picked them up and looked and could see a person looking out at me."

"It looked like it was a real thick heavy glass of some kind - or maybe it might have been a plastic of some kind - you know, never seeing anything like that before."

Mr. noted that the object or a portion of the object appeared to be rotating rapidly upon its axis.

"What was moving on the object was the outside cylinder. It was turning around at a very high rate of speed....It made an awful loud noise like a jet taking off. The faster it turned, the louder the noise got...it was awful to the ears."

"The center part...up on top that looked like" (it had) "portholes to it, that was absolutely still."

"The faster it turned (the more) it changed color...the faster it rotated, the brighter it got and it started changing color, as though it were transparent and lights were going through it.

"When it came up out of the water, it was like a funnel sucking up water. It brought the water up with it due to the fact that it was whirling so fast."

"...It looked to me as though it were well insulated and well made... It had a gleam to it, it had a shine to it, like nothing I've ever seen. I've

seen a lot of metals here on earth that had a high gloss, but nothing like this that I've ever seen."

"I've kept my mouth shut all these years due to the fact that people ridicule people....."

It should be noted that Mr. [redacted] was an Air Force pilot during World War II. He is a very respected member of the community and a very outspoken and direct individual. In this investigator's opinion, Mr. [redacted]'s familiarity with conventional aircraft and his unquestioned honesty and sincerity provide this report with a high degree of credibility in spite of its very unusual content.

The only other known witness to the sighting (Mr. [redacted]'s brother-in-law) is now deceased.

PHOTO DATA

The following data applies to the picture which accompanies this report:

Time of Day: 11:00 AM (approximately)

Estimated Duration of Sighting: 3 or 4 minutes.

Central Azimuth of Camera's Field of View: Approximately 145° (S by SE)

(Dam runs approximately north and south. Witness stood at north end facing southeast.) Object rose straight up out of water, hovered for what seemed a few minutes, then proceeded rapidly southeast, disappearing in seconds over mountains to the left of those in picture. Picture taken after object had begun to retreat.

Camera: Super D Topcon

Lens: 35mm, 2.8 wide angle

Film: Kodak Infrared

Exposure: 1/25 sec. F8.

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Mr. Robert D. Neville
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Dear Mr. Neville,

As you may know, David Webb and I are co-chairmen of MUFON's Study Group on Humanoid reports (HSG). Recently, I have also been co-ordinating followups on humanoid and occupant cases from the files of the Center. It was in this regard that I learned about your investigation of the Casitas Dam, Calif., observation of 1964, and it would be very useful to follow up some points on the case, with your co-operation.

The question of dating the incident more precisely may be possible. He states that the sighting occurred just after the opening of Casitas Dam, on a drizzly day. I have written to the Ventura Chamber of Commerce to find out what the date of its opening was, and if you are still in touch with the witness in this case, it would be most helpful to find out from him if this took place weeks after the opening, or days, or hours. Also, whether his visit was on a weekend, or during the week. In this way, we may be able to tie in this report with any other nearby activity that may be on file for this period.

Please let me know if you can check further on your end, and I will let you know what I learn from the CoFC in Ventura.

There was a strange humanoid report from Reno on October 28, 1973, reported in NICAP's UFO Investigator (Oct. 1975), that cries out for some followup. If you would be available to check further into this incident, I will send you a copy of the NICAP reference, if you don't already have one. Your help and interest in these matters will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ed Bloecher, Co-chairman, HSG

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UNDERWATER UFO AT CASITAS RESERVOIR, CA.

By

Paul C. Cerny, Western Reg. Dir.

This photograph has been published in a number of publications and a few books, but to my knowledge no story of its origin was ever published, because it was never written! It originated with Robert Neville, MUFON State Director for Nevada, who contacted me several years ago. He had a friend in the Reno vicinity who owned a small business and was also an amateur photographer, (a good one). Neville had known this man for several years and frequented his place of business. Eventually learning that this man was an ex-WW2 bomber pilot in the European theatre, Neville explained his position and interest in UFOs, asking the ex-pilot if he had ever seen anything.

The man, who we will call Jones, just for convenience, said that he had seen something strange in 1964 and had taken a picture of it. This interested Neville all the more and he pressured Jones to locate the photo for him. As with airline captain Joe Mathes, who equally took casual interest in what he had photographed, not knowing what it was and having little or no knowledge of UFOs, this man had tucked the photo away in his massive pile of pictures and forgot about it. This personal lack of interest policy of the average individual, especially after a number of years and the wearing off of the novelty of the experience, would of course be unacceptable to the debunker-buffs. I find it perfectly logical.

Jones told Neville he recalled the experience well, but was not sure at the time that he had caught the entire object in the picture. He was afraid that only part of the object was visible on the photograph, as he remembered it. He did recall that he almost missed it in his haste to get the 35mm camera focused on the then-moving UFO. Neville still insisted he wanted to see it, total image or not, as it was a daylight shot. Jones said that he would have to "dig" to find the picture, but promised he would try to locate it for Neville. In the meantime, Bob contacted me and told me of the communication so far. When he wrote again and said Jones had located the picture,

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I made arrangements to drive to Reno, pick up Neville, and we proceeded to Jones' place of business near Reno to both interview him for the story and procure the picture.

Fortunately the photo turned out to be better than Jones and both of us expected. It was all in the photo as shown here, but was in the very upper left corner. Close!

Jones and his brother-in-law were visiting in the area of Ventura, California in November of 1964 and decided to take a look at the just recently completed Casitas reservoir outside of Ventura, a small coastal town south of Santa Barbara. It was an overcast dismal day at 11:00 in the morning as they both stood at the edge of the water admiring the view. Being a photography buff, Jones had his 35mm camera around his neck along with a pair of binoculars. Strangely enough, he had been experimenting with infra-red film and still had this film in the camera. Suddenly and without warning, the calm water about 150 yards out in front of them exploded into turmoil and a strange spinning object, about 30 feet in diameter, vaulted into the air about 50 feet above the surface and hovered there for 20 to 30 seconds, water spraying off of it.

They were so startled by this strange unknown looking device, that they simply stared in amazement. Finally, gathering his instincts, Jones first grabbed his binoculars and trained them on the object. Through the window in the dome section facing him, which was stationary, he could make out some sort of unfamiliar looking entity staring back at him! The object then slowly began to move away from them. Sensing that he at least should attempt to capture this strange craft on film, he dropped his binoculars hanging from his neck and quickly grabbed the camera.

As the UFO started to accelerate away from him, he snapped the only picture he had time to take.

As the craft sped away from them toward the distant hills inland, it went through all the colors in the spectrum, from violet to red, like a rainbow. It disappeared into the dismal sky in the distance in about 15 seconds.