RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

RESPONSE NUMBER: NRC-2021-000177

RESPONSE TYPE: FINAL

REQUESTER: John Greenewald  
DATE: 07/07/2021

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:
All documents, reports, etc. about Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (or phenomenon) aka Unidentified Flying Objects or UFOs that have been collected since 1975- present.

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

☐ The NRC has made some, or all, of the requested records publicly available through one or more of the following means: (1) https://www.nrc.gov; (2) public ADAMS, https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html; (3) microfiche available in the NRC Public Document Room; or FOIA Online, https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home.

☐ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.

☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (See Part I.D -- Comments) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.

☐ We are continuing to process your request.

☑ See Part I.D -- Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

☐ You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated.

☐ You will receive a refund for the amount indicated.

☑ Fees waived.

PART I.B -- INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

☐ We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. Note: Agencies may treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.

☐ We have withheld certain information pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II.

☐ Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination.

☑ You may appeal this final determination within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. If you submit an appeal by mail, address it to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6 A60M, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. You may submit an appeal by e-mail to FOIA.resource@nrc.gov. You may fax an appeal to (301) 415-5130. Please be sure to include on your submission that it is a "FOIA Appeal." Only a pre-registered user may file an appeal through FOIA Online, https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home. A user who has not registered an account prior to filing the initial FOIA request may still submit their appeal by one of the above mentioned options.

PART I.C -- REFERENCES AND POINTS OF CONTACT

You have the right to seek assistance from the NRC’s FOIA Public Liaison by submitting your inquiry at https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/contact-foia.html, or by calling the FOIA Public Liaison at (301) 415-1276.

If we have denied your request, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NRC’s Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). To seek dispute resolution services from OGIS, you may e-mail OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, send a fax to (202) 741-5789, or send a letter to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. For additional information about OGIS, please visit the OGIS website at https://www.archives.gov/ogis.
Upon receipt of your request, we tasked the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in NRC's headquarters, as well as Regions I, II, III, and IV, to search for any responsive records. Only Region I located responsive documents. We note that the NRC did receive a FOIA request back in 1984 seeking records and found none at that time; our office just processed a more recent request, NRC-2021-000172, for this same matter. The response to this request (which includes a copy of the record and response from 1984) is publicly available in ADAMS as ML 21179A019. Records with an ML Accession Number are publicly available in the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html. If you need assistance in obtaining these records, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) at 301-415-4737, or 1-800-397-4209, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.
This document is made available through the declassification efforts and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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Year Sir:

This is a Freedom of Information Act Request. 5 U.S.C. Sec 552.

Background:

Information has come to our attention that on July 14, 1984 at 10:30 pm Power Authority Police at the INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER STATION AT BUCHANAN, N.Y., began reporting a object coming in towards the Nuclear Station from the Northeast. The object was reported by the Power Authority Police to be the size of a 5 football fields. The object was reported to have a string of lights which were counted by the power authority police to number 12. The object took on the shape of a Boomerang. the object was reported to be flying about 300 ft above the ground. The object came in over the security area crossing over the Con Edison Electric plant close by. the object then came up the east gate of the Nuclear Plant. It then hooked around and hovered over Reactor #3. The Power Authority could not hear any sound coming from the object. The object could not be identified as any flying plane, helicopter, or Blimp. The object hovered 300 ft above the ground and 100 ft from Reactor #3. Computers began to malfunction, the security systems around the perimeter shut down. Personal in the Reactor room began to get unnatural readings on the equipment. The power Authority Police were then armed with shot guns for protection of the plant. A call was placed to Fort Smith for a Helicopter to come and check the object out.

Request:

It is hereby requested that a search be conducted within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for any Report, Records, Documents, Logs, Video tape recordings, and or drawings of the above mentioned incident and that copies be furnished to me. If there is any cost for this request please let me know and I will forward the amount to you.

Respectfully Submitted

Lawrence Fawcett
PDR-FOIA
FAWCETT-B4-854 PDR

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy
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IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-84-854

Mr. Lawrence Fawcett
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Dear Mr. Fawcett:

This is in response to your letter dated November 9, 1984, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, copies of all records pertaining to a UFO sighting on July 14, 1984 by Power Authority Police at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Station.

A search of our files indicates that there are no documents pertaining to your request. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Dick Lavins, (301) 492-9564.

Sincerely,

J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration
GROUP: A

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RECORDS BEING RELEASED IN THEIR ENTIRETY
Thanks Dana; appreciate the follow-up. For the record we don’t regulate UFOs so I assume no need for additional action.

Ray

From: Caron, Dana
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:27 PM
To: Lorson, Raymond; Klukan, Brett; Dimitriadis, Anthony; Cherubini, John
Subject: RE: Pilgrim Drone Spotting

The security manager got back to me. Plymouth PD arrived on site and it turned out that the object was actually much higher (thousands of feet) and indiscernible at that distance. FAA was contacted to no avail. MA State Police sent a helicopter, but even they couldn’t identify the object. They think it might have been a weather balloon of some sort, but no one was definite. They are calling it a UFO.

Nonetheless, it doesn’t appear to have caused any kind of threat to the site (distance) nor was it indicative of any kind of surveillance or suspicious activity that would meet criteria for a SIDS report so one was not made.

That should close this episode out.

From: Lorson, Raymond
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Klukan, Brett; Dimitriadis, Anthony; Cherubini, John; Caron, Dana
Subject: RE: Pilgrim Drone Spotting

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Thanks

Ray

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:44 AM
To: Lorson, Raymond
Subject: Pilgrim Drone Spotting

Ray,

What happened with that? Did they eventually make a report?
Thanks.

Cheers,
Brett Klukan
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All,

Thanks for the responses.

Cheers,
Brett

From: Lorson, Raymond
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 11:14 AM
To: Caron, Dana; Klukan, Brett; Dimitriadis, Anthony; Cherubini, John
Subject: RE: Pilgrim Drone Spotting

Thanks – the air force said that a lot in the 50s as you may recall.

Ray

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Lorson, Raymond; Klukan, Brett; Dimitriadis, Anthony; Cherubini, John
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