

Eglin AFB, FL: 1976, Jan 31.

(The December part of this flap is in the "Objects" file: 1975 Polk, St Johns etc.)

SF Blue-Green UFO Sighted

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EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE — This mammoth Air Force installation sighted its first unidentified flying object Saturday, an object that officials say didn't show up either in more than 40 photographs or on Air Force radar screens.

The UFO hovered over the east end of Duke Field for almost two hours, officials said, giving off a blueish-green color and trailing a light vapor exhaust.

A military policeman was the first to report sighting the object while making his rounds about 4:35 a.m. It was visible until the first light, about 7 a.m., according to Lt. Steve Phalen

of the Eglin Information Office.

An Air Force policeman said the object appeared to be the size of a C-130 cargo plane or a Boeing 707, the base said. About a half-dozen people reportedly saw the object.

Phalen said base radar operators tried to track it "but nothing ever visualized on our screens."

The base called the Okaloosa County Sheriff's office and the Federal Aeronautics Administration in Crestview, but neither reported any sightings. Weather conditions at the time were hazy, Phalen said.

Phalen said, a "normal photographic gear" was used in the futile picture-taking.

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January 1976—Eglin A.F.B., Florida. An object was sighted by an Air Police sergeant and 6 other witnesses. The UFO emitted a blue-green aura, trailed a light vapor exhaust and made no sound. The object hovered over the eastern section of the city for over an hour shortly before dawn. The object's size was estimated to be that of a Boeing 707. A military photographer was dispatched to film the object. The development of 40 frames of exposed film showed the background but failed to capture the UFO on film. The Air Force explained the sighting as an illusion caused by poor weather conditions.

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