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VFO -

One night in about July
or August of 1966 I saw a
VFO.

I was on alert at Edwards
AFB in California and was
the senior ranking officer on
duty. At about 0200 hours I
got a call from the senior
Controller from the SAGE center
in San Bernardino. He said
they had reports of VFO's and
had had some radar contacts.

He ask if I could ~~send~~^{get} one
of our F-106A's airborne. Our
alert aircraft were armed with
nuclear weapons and were
only authorized to fly ~~them~~
by order and proper authentication
with top secret authenticators.
He declined ^{not} to go that far -

The tower personnel at Edwards had reported visual sightings so I went outside and stood by our alert van with radio contact with the control tower. I also had a pair of binoculars 10x50 power.

As I scanned the sky, it being a cloudless starlite night with little or no moon, I observed a ~~light~~ pulsating light to the Northwest of my position moving south at about 1000 feet above the ground ~~at about~~ ^{and approx} 300 knots.

I grabbed the binoculars and got a better look. The UFO was about 10 miles Northwest of my position at first sighting. It continued South until it was almost due West of me. There it made a 90° Right turn and started to climb at a 45 to 50° angle ~~upward~~. All I could see was the pulsating (not rotating) light and what appeared

to be a small cloud pushed by a vehicle I could not see.

The UFO never leveled off - It just continued to climb.

Aircraft always show movement in relation to the stars, but as this light moved higher it seemed to become stabilized with the stars - In other words it appeared to move right out into space until it finally passed out of view -

As soon as it disappeared, I called radar control, ie Edwards approach control and asked if they had seen it on radar - They said they had seen nothing in that area.

Three other people besides myself had seen the light and followed its movement, but no radar contact had been made.

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