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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 17th OSI District (IG)
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

1. Reference is made to your letter transmitting a summary of observations of aerial phenomena, dated 26 May 1950.

2. It is evident that considerable research has gone into your compilation of reported sightings. It is desired that your district office make a limited distribution of the compilation entitled; Summary of Sightings of Unknown Aerial Phenomena. Dissemination to those interested agencies within your district area that have normally received the OSI reports upon which the summary is based, is therefore approved.

3. A cover letter should be utilized which is restricted to a brief explanation that this summary is a recapitulation of data previously forwarded by your district in the form of individual reports of sightings and that the compilation is transmitted only for informational purposes.

4. This headquarters will undertake dissemination to other selected USAF agencies not included in your distribution. In order that this may be accomplished, request that six (6) copies of the compilation referred to in paragraph 2 above be forwarded to this office.

WILLIAM M. TURNER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Actg Deputy Director, Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARROLL

SUBJECT: Studies of "Aerial Phenomena"

1. In accordance with instructions of the Director of Special Investigations, a letter has been prepared to DO No. 17 approving a limited dissemination by that district office of the compilation entitled: Summary of Sightings of Unknown Aerial Phenomena. Additional copies will be forwarded this headquarters for further distribution as is considered to be appropriate.

2. Nearly every OSI district office has submitted reports of investigation concerning sightings of "flying saucers" and after the distribution of AFCSI Letter No. 85 dated 8 February 1950, several districts have forwarded Spot Intelligence Reports concerning unidentified aerial phenomena. However, the preponderance of such reports received in this Directorate have originated in the 17th OSI District Office. Dissemination of all reports in this category with few exceptions have been made to the Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O.

3. The name of Dr. Lincoln LaPaz appears frequently in the material submitted by the 17th OSI District Office and his name is well known to the various agencies of Hq USAF concerned with unidentified aerial phenomena. Dr. LaPaz has carried on considerable correspondence with the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board and the Research and Development Board. Opinions vary among qualified scientists in both of the above agencies as to the motives of Dr. LaPaz and his qualifications as a specialist in the field of celestial phenomena.

4. Pertinent to OSI participation in the investigation and study of aerial phenomena are the conclusions reached by all Services through the JIC that studies of all available data had resulted in the conclusion that only natural or explainable phenomena were involved. These conclusions served to give no credence to reports in the public press that such phenomena may have been of unfriendly origin.

5. In December 1949 the Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O, cancelled all outstanding intelligence requirements for collection of information concerning "flying saucers." As previously mentioned this action was with the concurrence of all Services through the JIC. Official releases were then made to the Press that "flying saucers" had been established to be the result of natural or explainable phenomena and that the USAF would discontinue the investigation and study of reported observations.

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6. The occurrence of unexplained celestial phenomena is still of interest to the Directorate of Research and Development, DCS/O, Hq USAF. That Directorate has requested Hq AMC to continue research involving celestial phenomena, such as green fireballs, at the USAF Upper Air Research Station, on Sacramento Mountain, near Alamogordo, New Mexico. In addition, a USAF contract has been authorized with Land-Air, Inc., to provide additional facilities and personnel for optic and photographic study of unusual celestial phenomena in the area of Holloman AFB, New Mexico. This would appear to represent a scientific approach to a further study of certain celestial phenomena and is unrelated, except in the public mind, to the matter of "flying saucers."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. Recommend that upon receipt of additional copies of the Summary prepared by DO No. 17 that copies of the compilation be disseminated to the Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O, and the Directorate of Research and Development, DCS/D. The last named Directorate to be forwarded sufficient copies to permit their further dissemination to Geophysical Research Division, Air Materiel Command, which staff agency of AMC is concerned with research concerning green fireballs in the New Mexico area. Inasmuch as present Hq USAF policy is to discourage public interest in "flying saucers" it might not appear consistent for OSI to undertake a broader dissemination of material which relates in part to the discredited "flying saucer" reports.

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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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INSTITUTE OF METEORITICS

May 23, 1950

To: Lt. Colonel Doyle Rees, Commanding Officer
17th District, O. S. I.

From: Lincoln LaPaz, Director
Institute of Meteoritics

Subject: Anomalous Luminous Phenomena (Seventh Report)

1. In the second report of this series, dated 1948, December 20, the writer listed ten significant differences between the bright green horizontally-moving fireballs observed in the interval 1948, December 5-20, and typical meteors. These differences were the following:

(1) The horizontal nature of the paths of most of the December fireballs is most unusual. Genuine meteors are rarely observed to move in horizontal paths.

(2) Again the very low height of the December fireball discussed in section 2 above sets it off in sharp contrast from the genuine meteors for which heights of the order of 40 or more miles are normally observed.

(3) The velocity determined for the fireball of December 12 is much less than the velocities determined from typical meteors (and yet is considerably greater than the speeds of the V-2 Rockets or jet planes or of conventional flares).

(4) In the case of meteorites that penetrate to as low levels as that determined for the fireball of December 12, the observed luminous phenomena are always accompanied by very violent noises. No noises whatever have been observed in connection with the various December fireballs so far investigated. (Note added on 1950, May 23: Possible exceptions to the noiselessness of green fireballs are the incidents of 1949, January 30, and 1949, December 4.)

(5) Genuine meteors normally show remarkable variations in brightness, beginning as fine thin hair lines, which are scarcely visible to the observer, and then brightening up to flash out near the end of their paths. In the case of the December fireballs most of the observers have reported that the green balls appeared almost instantly at their full brightness.

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(6) In the case of genuine meteors the paths are directed toward all points of the compass with equal frequency. On the contrary in the case of the green fireballs, plots of admissible approach sectors show that there is a very pronounced tendency for the paths to come in from the north half of the sky.

(7) The three groups of anomalous greenish luminous phenomena show a curious association with well known meteor showers, although none of these meteor showers normally produce extremely bright green fireballs, such as those recently observed. For example, the observation mentioned by Mr. Monnig appeared near the maximum of the Quadrantid shower of early January, Mr. McCullough's observation of August was near the time of the Persid shower and the December observations all fell in the interval covered by the Geminid shower. This relationship might indicate an attempt to render the green fireballs less conspicuous by causing them to appear only when there is considerable meteoric activity.

(8) As noted in an earlier communication, the remarkably vivid green color reported for most of the December fireballs is rarely observed in the case of genuine meteors. By laboratory test this peculiar color seems to be identical with that given off by copper salts in the blowpipe flame. If this identification is correct, the wave length of the radiation from the green fireballs is near λ =5218Å.

(9) The duration estimates of between 2 and 3 seconds reported for the green fireballs are considerably longer than those (0.4 - 0.5 seconds) for the ordinary visual meteors, but shorter than the duration estimates invariably reported in the case of a genuine meteorite fall (5 to 30 seconds or even longer).

(10) For none of the green fireballs has a train of sparks or a dust cloud been reported. This contrasts sharply with the behavior noted in case of meteoric fireballs--particularly those that penetrate to the very low levels where the green fireball of December 12 was observed.

2. In the year and a half since this list was prepared, many additional observations have been made, the total number of objects now accepted as belonging in the green fireball category being 72. (Although this number constitutes nearly 50% of the incidents listed in the accompanying Summary, it constitutes less than 5% of the total number of unscreened observations reported to the writer.) Critical analysis of all green fireball reports now available shows that only one of the statements in the list given in paragraph 1 needs to be modified, namely, item (1). Within the last year, a considerable number of the green fireballs have appeared to fall vertically downward rather than

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to move horizontally. However, a strictly vertical infall is also very rarely observed in the case of genuine meteor falls.

3. An analysis just completed of the time distribution of the green fireballs so far observed permits us to add an 11th item to the list of differences given in paragraph 1 above. The graph of frequency versus local time which accompanies the present report shows that the maximum frequency of sighting of green fireballs (occurring at approximately 2030) coincides in time with neither the frequency maximum for ordinary meteors (occurring at approximately 0300) nor the frequency maximum for meteorite falls (occurring at approximately 1600).

4. Inspection of the graph referred to in paragraph 3 also will show that most of the green fireballs have been sighted in a time interval extending from about 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. (MST). This concentration might be even more pronounced if it were possible to screen out of the secondary maximum, around 2 a.m. (MST), all ordinary meteors which have been mistakenly identified as green fireballs. That such misidentification has occurred is strongly suggested by the near coincidence in time of the secondary maximum of the green fireballs and the well established early morning maximum of the ordinary meteors.

5. Some significance may attach to the fact that the time interval alluded to in paragraph 4 extends from about 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ural region of the USSR. Since missiles moving with velocities of the order of those found for the green fireballs for which real path determinations have been possible would travel from the southern Urals to New Mexico in less than 15 minutes, a possible interpretation of the concentration of sightings referred to in paragraph 4 is that the green fireballs result from guided missiles launched from bases in the Urals in the morning hours before cloudiness due to convection or blinding afternoon dust storms can interfere with non-radar tracking, such as has been used by the Optical Trajectory Section at White Sands Proving Ground.

6. There is also a pronounced concentration of green fireball incidents on the four days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, almost all of the most widely observed incidents having occurred on Saturday or Sunday.

7. It is a curious and fairly well-established fact that there has been a distinct decline in the number of green fireball sightings during the last two months, within which the number of so-called "flying saucer" incidents in this region has attained an all-time high.

8. Although I have recently received from Dr. Joseph Kaplan of the Scientific Advisory Board a letter containing the statement "Frankly, I don't know of any U. S. experiments that would result in the appearance of these unconventional objects, and neither does Von Karman". I still

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consider the most probable explanation of the green fireballs to be the one given in the first of the three paragraphs below which are quoted from my letter of 1950, February 20, to Dr. P. H. Wyckoff, Chief Atmospheric Physics Laboratory, Base Directorate for Geophysical Research. The last two paragraphs quoted below well summarize my recommendations concerning the green fireball problem:

"As a preliminary to setting down the project recommendations which you requested, I have very carefully reviewed all available fireball data (observers' reports, transit measurements, calculated real paths, etc.) covering incidents from those of December 5, 1948 to the extraordinary incident of February 7, 1950, which has been under intensive investigation for the last two weeks. As a result of this comprehensive review, particularly as it relates to the incident of February 7, 1950, I feel compelled to write you in somewhat different terms concerning my own part in the proposed fireball project than I had in mind when we last discussed this matter. In brief, I have come to the conclusion that, on the basis of the evidence now available to me, I would not be justified in recommending a fireball project. In my opinion, this evidence proves conclusively that the fireballs reported on fall into one of two categories: Those of the first category (the majority) are meteorite falls of unusual, but certainly not of impossible, magnitude, frequency and other characteristics; those of the second category (the minority) are U. S. guided missiles undergoing tests in the neighborhoods of the sensitive installations they are designed to defend. This interpretation of the latter category is the one that I proposed in answer to a question raised by Dr. Teller at the first Los Alamos conference on February 17, 1949. It was not taken seriously then and I doubt that it will be taken seriously at the present time. However, even if my interpretation of the unconventional fireballs is the correct one, it is obvious that those in position to confirm it should refuse to do so."

"Only one other point need be stressed, namely, that if I am wrong in interpreting the guided missiles as of U. S. origin, then certainly intensive, systematic investigation of these objects should not be delayed until the termination of the present academic year. Recent international developments compel one to sense the imperative necessity of immediate investigation of the unconventional green fireballs, in case you are in possession of information <u>proving</u> that they are not U. S. missiles."

"If such an immediate investigation were to be undertaken, I would recommend that Dr. Fred L. Whipple, of Harvard College Observatory, be placed in charge of the photographic phase of the investigation; that Dr. Peter M. Millman, of the Dominion Observatory, be placed in charge of the spectrographic phase of the investigation;

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that Dr. L. A. Manning, of Stanford, and Dr. Millman be placed in charge of the radar investigation; and, finally, that Dr. William Crozier, of the New Mexico School of Mines, be placed in charge of dust collection and identification. On the basis of many intensive field surveys, I do not anticipate that ground search will lead to any recoveries, but in case such ground search is to be attempted, it should be carried out on the scale stressed in my conversations with you and Major Oder last month."

9. Although the above paragraphs were written some months ago, the recommendations contained in them are the ones I would urge you to consider at the present time. In conclusion, I should like to repeat the offer made at the end of my letter of February 20 to Dr. Wyckoff, namely to serve, if needed, as consultant on the green fireball project as suggested in Major Oder's letter to me under date of November 29, 1949, with the stipulation, however, that my service be on a voluntary basis rather than on the $40 per day contract specified in Major Oder's letter.

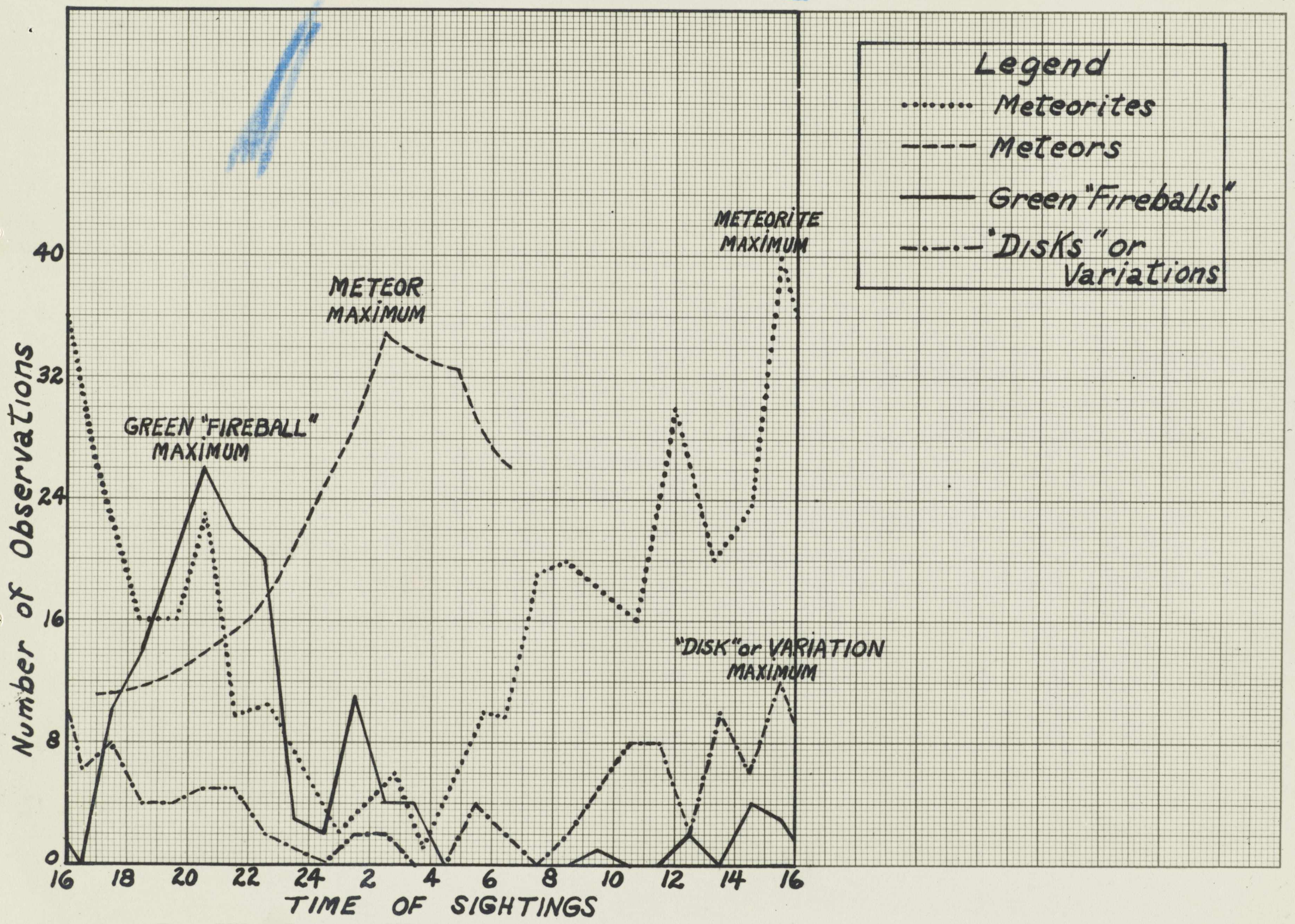
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NR : 2201

Spot report. Object sighted over Phocnix, Arizona aerial phenomena approximately 1745 hours, 29 June 1950. Picked up on radar scope 1830 hours approximate altitude 30,000 feet. B-29 aircraft No 7754, pilot Capt, Lee Francis followed object from Phocnix, Arizona to Blythe, California. B-29 was flying at 25,000 feet and estimated altitude of object 10,000 to 200 feet higher. Object lost in storm over Blythe , Calif at 2035 hours. Report Follows.

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26 May 1950

Brigadier General Joseph F. Carroll
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear General Carroll:

The attached is a summary of observations of aerial phenomena in the New Mexico area submitted in accordance with your directions.

Distribution of OSI reports has been made in all instances to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, and to Air Materiel Command, ATTN: MCIAXO-3, in all instances through 25 February 1950, at which time this office started submitting reports of observations in a Spot Report form. Reports have been submitted to many other interested military and government agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, El Paso and Albuquerque Field Offices; Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico; and USAF, Cambridge Research Laboratories. However, none of these agencies have received all reports submitted by this office.

The distribution of this summary is set forth on page 3 of cover letter. However, the distribution is being held in abeyance pending your approval. All agencies listed are interested in these phenomena, and it is believed that this summary will be of considerable interest to them.

Sincerely,

Doyle Rees

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8-29

DATE 16 June 1950

REPORT MADE BY S/A EDGAR J. BETHART

REPORT MADE AT DO # 17, Kirtland AFB

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 17, Kirtland AFB

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AERIAL PHENOMENA, 17th DO
Amarillo, Texas

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REFERENCE

Rpt. of Inv., DO #11, dated 9 June 1950, File No: 24-42

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 17th District OSI to determine circumstances concerning an alleged aerial phenomena at Amarillo, Texas. Results of investigation set forth in ROI, DO # 11, dated 9 June 1950, File No: 24-42. All investigative leads developed. Case is closed.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Lt. Colonel DOYLE REES, District Commander, 17th District Office of Special Investigations on 16 May 1950 to determine the circumstances concerning an alleged aerial phenomena at Amarillo, Texas, on 12 May 1950.

AT KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO

2. On 16 May 1950, a TWX was dispatched to District Office No. 11, Tinker AFB requesting that an investigation be conducted concerning an aerial phenomena at Amarillo, Texas, on 12 May 1950. The results of this request were set forth in a Report of Investigation from District Office No. 11, dated 9 June 1950, File No. 24-42.

3. Inasmuch as all logical leads have been developed, this case is considered closed.

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File No: 24-8

2 May 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. During the recent visit of Brigadier General Joseph Carroll to the 17th District, he directed that a summary be prepared of aerial phenomena observed within this District. (Our case 24-8.)

2. This summary is at present almost complete and will be forwarded as directed within the next two weeks.

DOYLE REES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Attached for your information is copy of spot intelligence report, subject as above, dated 2 May 1950.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 1 May 1950, at approximately 1510 hours, Sgt JEAN W. ORTMAN, AF-16274854 and Pvt EDWARD B. HITCHCOCK, AF-11202257, both members of the 690th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, observed a silver metallic object of a cylindrical shape. Said object was viewed for a second at which time it disintegrated.

2. DETAILS: On 2 May 1950, Sgt ORTMAN and Pvt HITCHCOCK stated that they had seen a metallic object of a cylindrical shape on 1 May 1950. This observation was made from the Orderly Room, 690th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. The following additional information was furnished by the interviewees:

a. Date of Sighting: 1 May 1950

b. Time of Sighting: 1510 hours, in sight for only a split second

c. Where sighted: Kirtland Air Force Base

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally - about 10 or 12 miles

(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 20° to 25°

(3) Altitude - Undetermined. Apparently a few thousand feet

g. Time in flight - Instantaneous

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h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color - Silver-lucid metallic object

(2) Shape - Cylindrical

(3) Apparent construction - Not distinguishable

(4) Size: Could not estimate. Appeared small from distance

i. Direction of flight: Southwest to Northeast

j. Tactics or Maneuvers: Was angling downward in a straight line at angle of 120 degrees from the upright vertical

k. Evidence of exhaust - None

l. Effect on clouds - None

m. Lights - none

n. Supports - none

o. Propulsion - none

p. Control and Stability - no comment

q. Air ducts - none distinguishable

r. Speed - Appeared to be a tremendous rate

s. Sound - None

t. Manner of Disappearance - Flash of brilliant white light, then disappeared

u. Notes relative to Observers:

(1) Names -	Sgt JEAN W. ORTMAN	Pvt EDWARD B. HITCHCOCK
(2) Address-	690th Aircraft Control and Warning Sq, Kirtland AFB	690th Aircraft Control and Warning Sq, Kirtland AFB
(3) Occupation -	Crew Chief of radar set	Radar Operator
(4) Place of Business -	Kirtland AFB	Kirtland AFB
(5) Pertinent Hobbies -	Horses	Sports
(6) Ability to Determine -	Average	Average
(7) Reliability of observing -	Unknown	Unknown
(8) Former sightings -	None	None

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v. Witnesses - None

3. ACTION: Report furnished Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations.

Doyle Rees

DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 16 March 1950, PACE and BODDY observed a group of flying Discs which was spherical and oblong in shape and bring aluminum in color. Approximately fifteen objects were sighted which appeared to be from one-half an inch to six inches in size. Said objects maneuvered on their axes turning sharply in different directions at an accelerated rate of speed.

2. DETAILS: On 20 April 1950, Mr. HULON PACE, 1014 N. Loma Linda Street, and Mr. CLAYTON F. BODDY, Managing Editor, Farmington Daily Times, both of Farmington, New Mexico, stated substantially that on 16 March 1950, at approximately 1100 o'clock, they observed what appeared to be a group of flying discs. Information listed below was furnished by both interviewees:

Point of Observation:	Downtown, Farmington, N. M.
Altitude:	Not determined
Size:	One to six inches
Shape:	Flat spheroidic
Color:	Bright luminous as tinfoil
Sound or Odor:	None
Trail or exhaust:	None
Weather:	Very clear
Position:	Estimated seventy-five degrees parallel with horizon

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Number:	Twelve to fifteen
Objects in motion:	Turned on their axes and maneuvered up and down, sometimes turning at very sharp angles
Formation:	No specific formation (staggered)
Speed:	Unknown. Faster than conventional aircraft
Direction of Flight:	North to Northeast
Manner of Disappearance:	Did not continue observation until objects went out of sight
Trajectory:	Ascended and descended at about 75° elevation, travelling from north to northeast
Observed for a period of:	Three to five minutes
Observers in immediate area:	Approximately ten
Remarks:	Mr. BODDY asserted that there was a garble in his teletype the three days following said observation

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, Office of USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 16 March 1950, RHEIN and WEBB observed what appeared to be flying discs. Said objects were of a bright aluminum color, flat and oblong in shape. The number of objects observed varied from five to fifteen and their size from one-sixteenth to one-half an inch, if examined at arm's length. Altitude was estimated over 20,000 feet. Their maneuverability was erratic and sometimes turning on their axes at pronounced angles, and unprecedented rates of speed.

2. DETAILS: On 20 April 1950, Mr. ROBERT EDWARD RHEIN and Mr. MARLO L. WEBB, both employees at Perry Smoak Garage, Farmington, New Mexico, stated substantially that they had observed what appeared to be a group of flying discs. This observation took place at Farmington, New Mexico, 1000 o'clock, 16 March 1950. Interviewees afforded the following information regarding said objects:

Direction from Point of Observation:	North to Northeast
Altitude:	Over 20,000 feet
Size:	From one-sixteenth to one-half inch held at arm's length
Shape:	Oval and oblong
Color:	Bright aluminum
Position:	From sixty to eight degrees above
Number:	From three to five
Objects in Motion:	One maneuvered erratically in same area Others at faster speed turned sharp angles
Formation:	Not specific - staggered

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Weather:	Exceptionally clear day (No clouds)
Direction of Flight:	Skyward to 60° - 80° in a Northeasterly direction
Speed:	Not determined (Faster than conventional aircraft).
Manner of Disappearance:	Gradually disappeared to Northeast
Trajectory:	Steady between 60° to 80° above horizon
Sound or Odor:	None
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Observed for period of:	30 minutes
Number of Observers:	Ten
Remarks:	Both observers are officers in the USNR and are engaged in flying

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object(s)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 11 March 1950, at 0100 hours, Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, observed an Unidentified Aerial Object in the sky southwest of Holloman Air Force Base.

2. DETAILS: An interview was conducted with Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, on 11 March 1950, and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 11 March 1950.

b. Time of sighting: 0100 hours, remaining in sight for a period of approximately 5 minutes.

c. Where sighted: At Holloman AFB, New Mexico.
Coordinates: 106° 5' west, 32° 51' north.
Object appeared southwest of Holloman AFB.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Approximately 50 miles.

(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: About 30°

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object(s)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
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1. SYNOPSIS: On 11 March 1950, at 0100 hours, Major WILLIAM J. MAYMOR, AO-3415556, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, observed an Unidentified Aerial Object in the sky southwest of Holloman Air Force Base.

2. DETAILS: An interview was conducted with Major WILLIAM J. MAYMOR, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, on 11 March 1950, and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 11 March 1950.

b. Time of sighting: 0100 hours, remaining in sight for a period of approximately 5 minutes.

c. Where sighted: At Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

Description: Disc of approximately [illegible]

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(3) Altitude: Unable to determine.

g. Time in flight: Approximately 5 minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Changed from light orange to blood red, to amber, to light green.
(2) Shape: Like a ping pong ball.

(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.

(4) Size: Ping pong ball held at arms length.

i. Direction of flight: Traveled on an azimuth of approximately 270° from true north.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Straight flight.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: No clouds.

m. Lights: Object appeared very brilliant itself. No other lights visible.

n. Supports: None visible.

o. Propulsion: None visible.

p. Control and stability: Object appeared to travel in a straight line and in a slight descent.

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Speed: Unable to determine.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Object disappeared from view by diminishing in size to such an extent that it was no longer visible.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB
(3) Occupation: Air Provost Marshal

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(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Fishing and hunting.
(6) Ability to determine: Above average.
(7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable.
(8) Former sightings: 18 February 1950 and 5 March 1950.

v. Witnesses:

There were no other witnesses.

3. ACTION: The Electronics and Atmospheric Branch, Holloman AFB, and the Weather Detachment, Holloman AFB, were contacted and could offer no information or explanation regarding Subject Aerial Object.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 17 April 1950, at approximately 1530, Mr. J. K. HERZOG and Mr. E. W. DOTY, University of California Scientists, Los Alamos, New Mexico, observed a bright object of an undetermined shape. Said object was observed about thirty seconds, North of East from Los Alamos, at an estimated seventy degrees elevation from Observers' position. Its maneuvers consisted of slow up and down and side to side movement.

2. DETAILS: On 20 April 1950, Mr. E. W. DOTY and Mr. J. K. HERZOG, Scientists, University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico, stated that they had seen an object of an undetermined shape which was as bright as tinfoil. This observation was made from outside Security Office Building, Los Alamos, New Mexico at 1530 on 17 April 1950. The following additional information was furnished by interviewees:

Direction from Point of Observation:	North of East from Los Alamos
Altitude:	Not determined
Size:	One-sixteenth of an inch at arm's length
Shape:	Not determined
Color:	Bright as tinfoil
Position:	Seventy degrees North of East from Los Alamos
Number of Objects:	One
Object in Motion:	Slowly maneuvered up and down and from side to side

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Weather:	Clear with small clouds in the vicinity
Speed:	Not determined
Manner of Disappearance:	Gradually went out of sight
Sound or Odor:	None
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Observed for period of:	Twenty to thirty seconds
Number of Observers:	Ten
REMARKS:	Mr. HERZOG and Mr. DOTY not in favor of being interviewed because they were afraid their associates would make fun of them.

3. ACTION: Report furnished Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 17 April 1950, at approximately 1530, Mr. W. E. BUCK, Scientist, University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico, observed through a Bosch and Lamb telescope a circular and flat bright metallic object. This object was observed to a southeast direction from Los Alamos, at an altitude estimated at 2,000 feet. The object appeared to rotate end over end, in a forward tumbling movement at a variable frequency of approximately one second.

2. DETAILS: On 20 April 1950, Mr. W. E. BUCK, Scientist, University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico, stated that at 1530 on 17 April 1950, he observed through a Bosch and Lamb telescope, a bright, metallic, circular and flat object travelling in a southeasterly direction from Los Alamos. BUCK further added that object appeared to be 2,000 feet above the horizon and travelling at an undetermined speed, rotating end over end in a forward, tumbling maneuver at a variable frequency of approximately one second. Additional information afforded by Mr. BUCK is as follows:

Direction from Point of Observation:	Southeast
Altitude:	2,000 feet above horizon
Size:	Estimated nine feet in diameter
Shape:	Roughly circular with no appreciable thickness
Color:	Bright metallic
Position:	2,000 feet above horizon Southeast of Los Alamos, N. M.
Number of Objects:	One

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Object in Motion:	Maneuvered up and down from 15 to 35 degrees and at times slightly to the sides. Object seemed to rotate end over end in a forward tumbling movement at a variable frequency of approximately one second. When edge of object was toward scope, it did not appear to have appreciable thickness.
Weather:	Clear
Speed:	Not determined. Faster than any known conventional aircraft.
Manner of Disappearance:	Lost sight of object behind tree
Sound or Odor:	None
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Observed for Period of:	15 to 30 minutes.

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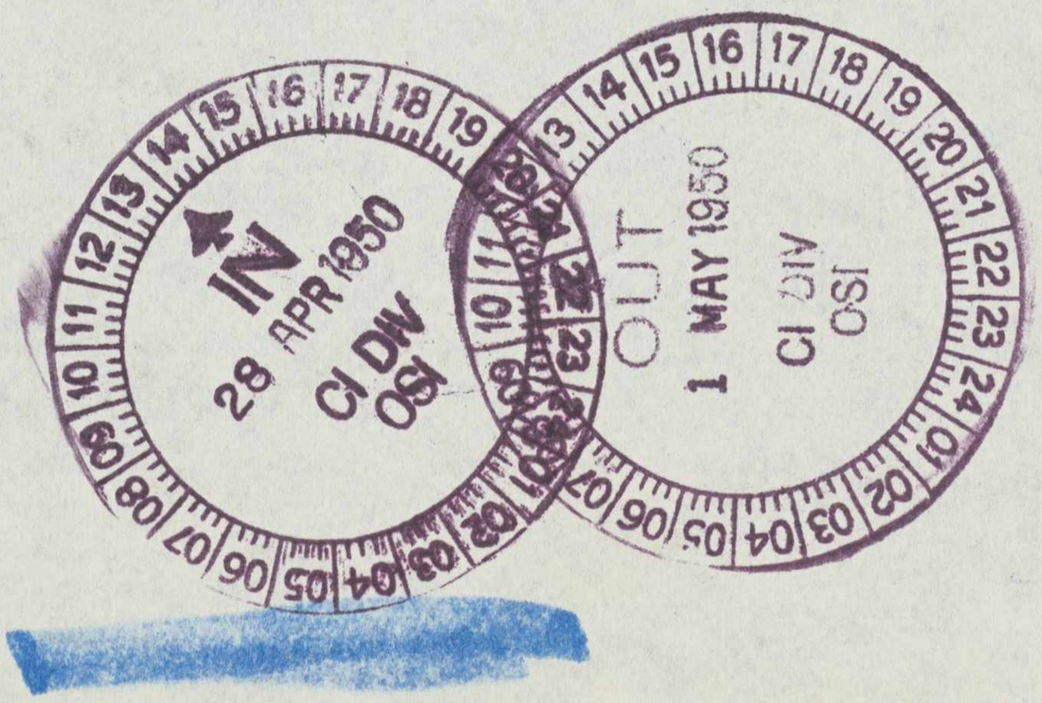
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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial objects were observed over Los Alamos and Sandia Base, New Mexico on 25 February 1950, 4 March 1950, 22 March 1950, and 1 April 1950. Objects were of the general type of those previously observed in the New Mexico area during the day time. Reliability of observers is unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. Correspondence received from Lt Col JOHN A. CARROLL, Chief Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, reflected report of fourteen sightings of an object on 25 February 1950. The concensus of these reports is as follows:

Time Observed:	1545 - 1555 hours
Date Observed:	25 February 1950
Point of Observation:	Los Alamos, New Mexico
Direction of object from Observer:	North
Distance of Object from Observer:	In most instances undetermined. Several estimates were given, ranging from 4 to 10 miles.
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Approximately overhead
Direction of Flight of Object:	Northeast to Southwest
Time in Sight:	Varying from a few seconds to two minutes

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Number of Objects:	One
Shape of Object:	Round
Projections and/or Indentations:	None stated
Apparent construction:	Undetermined
Apparent Means of Support and/or Propulsion:	Undetermined
Size of Object:	Undetermined. Estimates vary from one-fourth inch to size of small aircraft
Luminosity of object:	Reflected the light of the sun
Color of Object:	Silver
Sound:	None
Odor:	None
Speed:	Very fast; estimates vary from 500 to 1500 miles per hour
Evidence of trail or exhaust:	None
Effect on clouds:	Did not approach clouds
Tactics or maneuvers:	Travelled with a fluttering motion
Manner of Disappearance:	Notstated
What attracted attention to object:	Not stated
Additional Remarks of Observer:	One observer sighted a second object approximately one minute after disappearance of first object, possessin g the same characteristics in view for approximately thirty seconds.

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b. Objected observed by Inspector J. G. QUENSENBERRY at 1655 hours, 25 February 1950, is described as follows:

Time and Date Observed:	1655 on 25 February 1950
Point of Observation:	Eight miles above the horizon
Direction of Object from Observer:	South - Southwest of Station 377A
Distance of Object from Observer:	Twenty miles
Direction of Flight of Object:	From East to West
Time in Sight:	Ten to fifteen seconds
Number of Objects:	One
Shape of Object:	Round
Projections and/or Indentations:	Unknown
Color:	Shiny Silvery
Sound:	None
Size:	About size of B-25 fuselage
Additional Remarks of Observer:	I observed this object for about fifteen seconds. The only impressions I got was that it looked like a plane fuselage, except too it tapered to a fine point both fore and aft. Its speed was slow. As it travelled, a tree cut off my view and this object must have changed its course as it did not reappear.

c. Objected observed on 24 February 1950 by WILLIAM T. JONES, is described as follows:

Time and Date of Sighting:	1315 and 1400 24 February 1950
Point of Observation:	Airport Tower
Direction of Object from Observer:	310 degrees from tower - elevation of sixty degrees
Distance from Observer:	Unknown, but was above cloud formations, as clouds sometimes obscured it
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Sixty degrees

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Direction of flight of object:	Circled and then East
Time in Sight:	Two minutes
Number of Objects:	One
Shape of Object:	Spherical
Projections and/or indentations:	Unknown
Apparent construction:	Metallic
Size of object:	I would judge this to be of considerable size as it was at a considerable altitude and s till visible
Color:	Color of aluminum
Luminosity:	Silvery metallic luster
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Speed:	Erratic speed
Evidence of trail or exhaust:	Vapor trail that followed object at times
Effects on clouds:	Clouds appeared to suddenly disperse
Tactics or maneuvers:	Circled, sometimes slow then fast
Manner of disappearance:	Unknown

d. Object observed on 22 March 1950 over Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, by WILLIAM C. HOLLEY, M/Sgt LESLIE JOE CLOUATRE, and Cpl FRANCIS C. HILL, is described as follows:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0010 hours 22 March 1950
Point of Observation:	South Meadow - Sandia Base
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	A blue center with orange exterior
Shape of Objects:	Round like a ball from a Roman candle
Distance from Observer:	Between Area South of Sandia Base and Kirtland Field

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Direction of Flight of Object:	Southeast to Northwest
Time in sight:	One and one-half to three seconds
Speed:	One and one-half seconds, 30° azimuth
Sound and/or odor:	None
Trail or exhaust:	None
Luminosity:	Incandescent
Projections:	None
Maneuvers:	Level flight parallel with a line tangent to the earth
Manner of Disappearance:	Burned out in about one-half second
Effect on Clouds:	None

e. Object observed over Los Alamos, New Mexico on 1 April 1950 by MORRIS S. DAVIS, Inspector, AESS, is described as follows:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0420 hours MST 1 April 1950
Point of Observation:	From Station 303
Direction of object from observer:	West
Distance of object from observer:	Unable to estimate distance, seemed to be travelling over the tech area
Angle of elevation from horizon:	Seventy-five degrees
Direction of flight of object:	From south to north
Time in sight:	Estimate one second or less
Number of objects:	One
Shape of object:	Round white light
Luminosity:	Glaring
Color:	White
Sound and/or odor:	None

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Speed: Can't estimate

Evidence of trail or exhaust: None

Tactics or maneuvers: None

Manner of disappearance: Buildings cut off my view

3. ACTION: Report submitted to the Direction of Special Investigations.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial object observed over Los Alamos, New Mexico, between the hours of 1300 and 1400, 24 February 1950. Object was silvery in color, of undetermined size, fairly maneuverable with no projections noted, at times left vapor trail, and at times seemed to disperse clouds. No odor or sound was detected. Object moved at erratic speeds (from slow to what appeared to be faster than sound). Details of this report set out complete description as given by observers. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 27 February 1950, Mr. RODERICK S. DAY, Chemical Operator, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	1345 Hours, 24 February 1950
Point of Observation:	North side of "M" Bldg, Los Alamos, N. M.
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	White, kept flashing like mirror in sun
Size of Object:	Unknown
Shape of Objects:	Too high to determine
Distance from Observer:	Approximately 25,000 to 30,000 feet
Angle of elevation from Horizon:	Thirty to sixty degrees
Direction from Observer:	North

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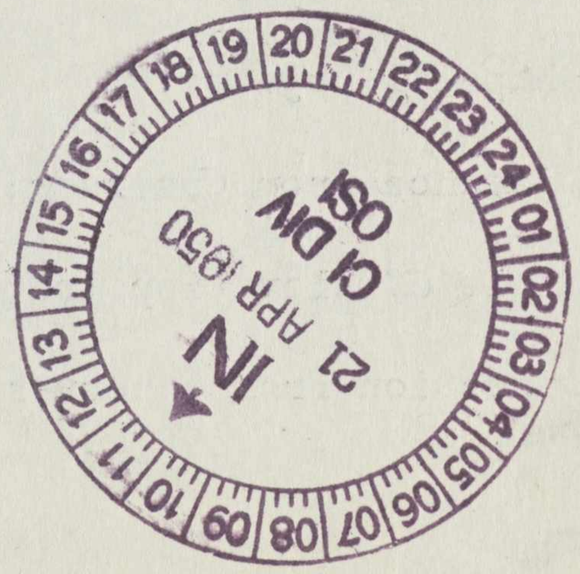
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Direction of Flight:	East when first sighted, then turned and went West
Maneuvers:	None indicated
Trail or exhaust:	None
Effects on Clouds:	None
Luminosity:	Bright white
Projections:	Unknown
Speed:	Very fast
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Twenty minutes
Manner of Disappearance:	Went straight up out of sight

b. On 28 February 1950, Mr. CECIL W. KELLEY, Chemical Operator, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

Time and Date of Sighting:	1340 hours 24 February 1950
Point of Observation:	"M" Bldg., Tech Area, Los Alamos, N. M.
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Silvery white
Size of Objects:	Unknown
Shape of Objects:	Unknown
Distance from Observer:	Approximately 30,000 feet
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Thirty to sixty degrees
Direction from Observer:	North
Direction of Flight:	East to West - West to East Then practically straight up
Maneuvers:	Hovering and moving as if observing and then moving to new location

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Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effects on Clouds:	None
Luminosity:	Glaring, Silvery
Projections:	Unknown
Speed:	Unknown
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Approximately 20 minutes
Manner of Disappearance:	Practically Straight up out of sight

c. On 27 February 1950, Mr. PHILIP C. MACKEY, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and submitted the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	1315 Hours, 24 February 1950
Point of Observation:	Station 322, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Silvery
Size of Object:	One hundred feet across if at 20,000 to 30,000 feet
Shape of Object:	Apparently saucer shaped
Distance from Observer:	20,000 to 30,000 feet
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	About seventy degrees
Direction from Observer:	North by Northwest
Direction of Flight:	Erratic, generally to Northeast
Maneuvers:	Motionless at times, zigzaged when in motion
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effect on Clouds:	None

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Luminosity:	Bright
Projections:	None
Speed:	As fast or faster than sound
Sound and/or Odor:	No odor - distracting sounds in area
Time in Sight:	Approximately fifteen minutes
Manner of Disappearance:	Disappeared to Northeast at angle of about seventy degrees

d. On 4 March 1950, Mr. WILLIAM T. JONES, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Between the hours of 1315 and 1400 24 February 1950
Point of Observation:	Airport, Lower, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Aluminum
Size of Objects:	Undetermined (rather large)
Shape of Object:	Spherical
Distance from Observer:	Unknown above clouds
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Sixty degrees
Direction from Observer:	310° approximately
Direction of Flight:	Circled then East
Maneuvers:	Circled, slow and fast
Trail or Exhaust:	Intermittent vapor trail
Effects on Clouds:	Clouds appeared to suddenly disperse
Luminosity:	Silvery metallic luster
Projections:	Unknown
Speed:	Erratic

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Sound and/or Odor: None

Time in Sight: Approximately two minutes

Manner of Disappearance: Unknown

3. ACTION: Report submitted to the Director of Special Investigations.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial objects observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico, between the hours of 0300 and 0445, 17 March 1950. Object was of reddish-green color, varied in size from quite small to approximately one-fourth the size of a full moon, no projections, maneuvers, trail, exhaust, sound or odor were noted. Details of this report cover descriptions, speed, and angle of elevation of object as related by observers. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 17 March 1950, Mr. KARLE S. GOFF, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and reported the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0310 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	Vicinity Point Zebra, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Object:	Reddish--then Green
Size of Object:	Undetermined - distance unknown
Shape of Object:	Undetermined
Distance from observer:	Unable to determine.
Angle of elevation from horizon:	Low, close to horizon.
Direction from observer:	Easterly
Direction of Flight:	Toward Earth
Maneuvers:	None

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Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effect On Clouds:	None
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None
Speed:	Appeared to be falling
Sound and/or odor:	None
Time in sight:	Approximately one second
Manner of Disappearance:	Appeared to fall to earth

b. On 17 March 1950, Mr. CHARLES LOPEZ, Inspector AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and reported the following:

Time and date of sighting:	0308 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	Approximately 1½ miles NW of Station 350 on Road 2, Los Alamos, New Mexico.
Number of objects:	One
Color of objects:	Greenish-yellow
Size of objects:	About one-fourth size of full moon
Shape of objects:	Round
Distance from observer:	Unknown
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	None
Direction of Flight:	Northeast
Maneuvers:	Level flight
Trail or exhaust:	None
Effect on clouds:	Unknown
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None
Speed:	Moderate

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Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Approximately three seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Like light going out.

c. On 17 March 1950, Mr. GILBERT R. JENSEN, Inspector AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and reported the following:

Time and date of sighting:	0307 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of observation:	One-fourth mile east of Station 340, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of objects:	One or two
Color of objects:	Orange and Green
Size of objects:	No idea
Shape of Object:	Unidentifiable.
Distance from Observer:	Unable to estimate
Angle of elevation from Horizon:	From thirty-five down to ten or five degrees
Direction from observer:	Five or ten degrees North of East
Direction of flight:	Straight down
Maneuvers:	None
Trail or exhaust:	Long green tail of light
Effect on clouds:	No clouds
Luminosity:	Very bright to glaring
Projections:	Indiscernable
Speed:	Tremendous
Sound and/or odor:	None
Time in sight:	Two to two and one-half seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	As if an explosion on impact with earth or disintegration.

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d. On 17 March 1950, Mr. JOHN L. BOZA, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0445 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	Station 107, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Green
Size of Objects:	Quite small
Shape of Objects:	Round
Distance from Observer:	Approximately three or four miles
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Unknown
Direction from Observer:	Due West
Direction of Flight:	Formed an arc
Maneuvers:	None
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effect on Clouds:	No clouds in area
Luminosity:	Bright
Projections:	Not visible
Speed:	Free-fall
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	About five seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Fell toward earth

e. On 17 March 1950, Mr. BERNARD G. GREENE, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

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Time and Date of Sighting: 0310 hours 17 March 1950

Point of Observation:	Spur No. 2, Heading North on 357 Patrol, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color:	Green turning to yellow
Size of Object:	About one-fourth size full moon
Shape of Object:	Seemed spherical
Distance from Observer:	Unknown
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Approximately thirty degrees
Direction from Observer:	Northeast
Direction of Flight:	Undetermined - Seemed to climb, change color, start down and disappear
Maneuvers:	Climbed slowly, reached a certain peak, started down and disappeared
Trail or exhaust:	None
Effect on clouds:	Unknown
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None visible
Speed:	Moderate
Sound and/or Odor:	None apparent
Time in Sight:	Approximately five seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Suddenly

f. On 17 March 1950, Mr. HAROLD W. REID, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0307 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	One-fourth mile East of Station No. 340, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One

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Color of Objects:	Blue, Green and White
Size of Objects:	Approximately one-fourth size of full moon.
Shape of Objects:	Round
Distance from Observer:	Unknown due to lack of relationship with other objects
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Thirty-five to ten degrees
Direction from Observer:	East-Northeast
Direction of Flight:	Earthward
Maneuvers:	None
Trail or exhaust:	Long, white, fiery tail
Effect on clouds:	None noted
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None noted
Speed:	Extremely fast
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Approximately three seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Plunged to earth and two apparent explosions were noted prior to disappearance of object

3. ACTION: Report submitted to Director of Special Investigations.

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Lt Col, USAF
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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial objects observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico, between the hours of 1410 and 1550, 25 February 1950, Object was metallic color, round or oblong in shape, left no trail and apparently had no effect on clouds. Details of this report set out complete description, tactics and maneuvers of object as seen by observers. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 3 March 1950, Mr. HUGH B. MARTIN, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and gave the following information:

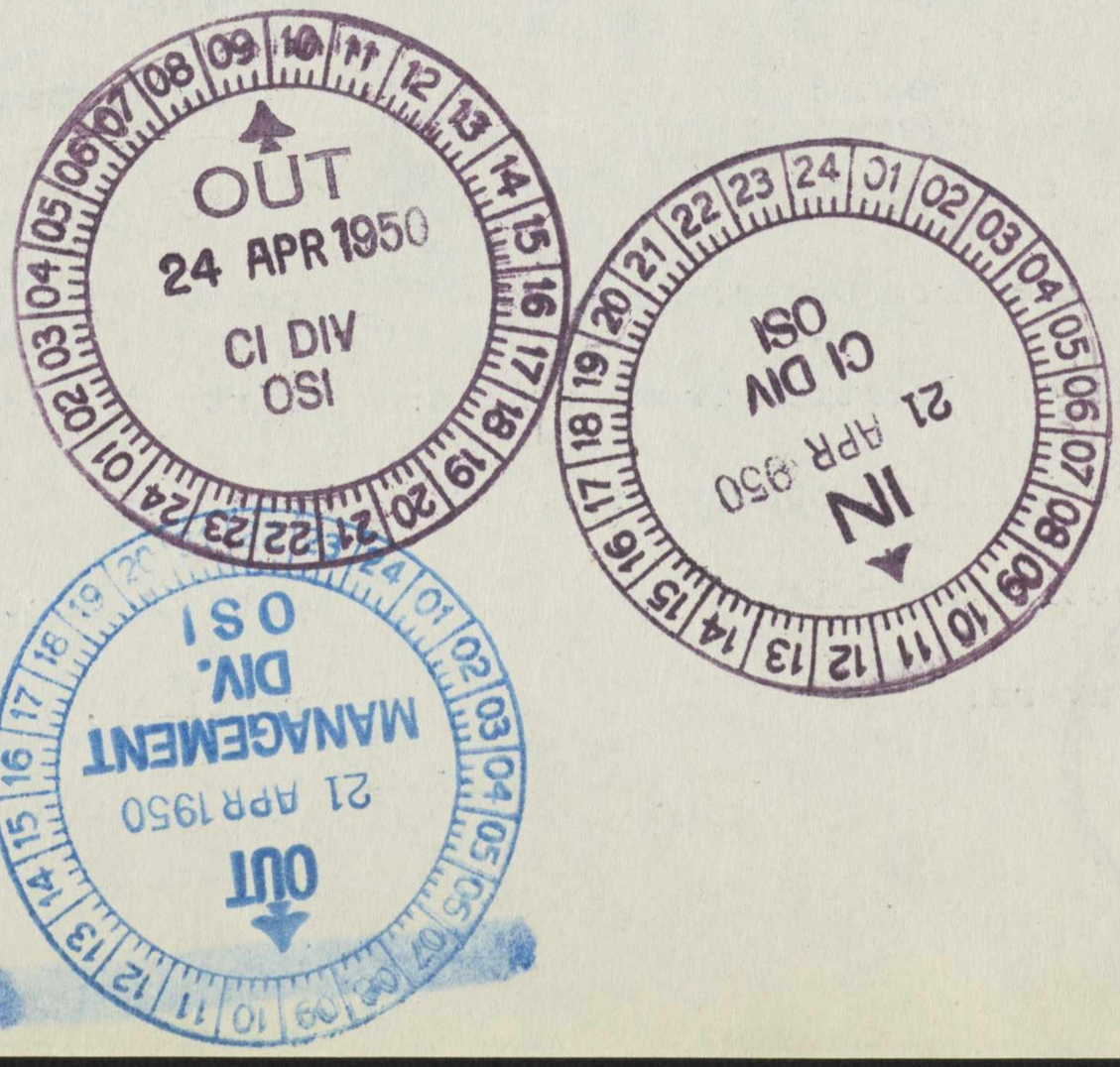
Time and Date of Sighting:	1410 Hours, 25 February 1950
Point of Sighting:	Station 100, Los Alamos, N. M.
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Metallic
Size of Objects:	Ten or fifteen feet
Shape of Objects:	Oblong
Distance from Observers:	One to three miles
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Thirty degrees
Direction from observer:	East
Direction of Flight:	South to North
Maneuvers:	Trembling, rocking motion

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Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effects on Clouds:	None
Luminosity:	Glaring
Projections:	None visible
Speed:	Estimated forty MPH
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Two minutes
Manner of Disappearance:	Went below horizon

b. On 1 March 1950, Mr. GEROLD A. LINDSTROM, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

Time and Date of Sighting:	1545 hours, 25 February 1950
Point of Observation:	"B" Bldg., Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Light (White to Silver)
Size of Objects:	About size of fifty cent piece at its height
Shape of Object:	Circular
Distance from Observer:	No estimate (very high)
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Ninety to forty-five degrees
Direction from Observer:	From overhead to south angling to SW
Direction of Flight:	North to South, to Southwest
Maneuvers:	Seemed to climb very fast and angling to Southwest
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effect on Clouds:	None

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Luminosity:	Light
Projections:	None
Speed:	No estimate - Crossed area very fast
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Approximately thirty seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Into glare of sun

c. On 27 February 1950, Mr. WILLIAM S. ROBINSON, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

Time and Date of Sighting:	1550 Hours, 25 February 1950
Point of Observation:	Station No. 302, Los Alamos
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Metallic
Size of Objects:	Very indefinite - probably as large or larger than average plane
Shape of Object:	Indiscernible
Distance from Observer:	Unknown
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Ninety to fifteen degrees
Direction from Observer:	Directly overhead to South/ Southwest of Project
Direction of Flight:	South or Southwest
Maneuvers:	Wobbling motion
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effect on Clouds:	Did not pass clouds
Luminosity:	Bright

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Projections:	None visible
Speed:	Fast
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Few seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Faded from view

3. ACTION:

Report submitted to the Director of Special Investigations.

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27 March 1950

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 22 March 1950, ROPER and ten others observed what they believed was a flying disc. Disc at 25,000 to 30,000 feet northwest of Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. Shape similar to flying wing aircraft and tan in color, turning to brown around the edges. When first observed, object was traveling in a northwesterly direction then turned north and disappeared with a tremendous burst of speed. Object left no vapor trail, although aircraft in the vicinity were leaving vapor trails. Reliability of informants: Reliable.

2. DETAILS: On 23 March 1950, M/Sgt. JOHN H. ROPER, AF-18038342, 4925th Special Weapons Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, advised that he, together with ten other persons, observed what he believed to be a flying disc at 1100 hours, 22 March 1950. Other members of the party, all of the 4925th Special Weapons Group, were:

Sgt CHARLES B. JILCOTT, AF-13065681
M/Sgt MERLIN D. MARTIN, AF-18022941
T/Sgt WILBUR H. WATT, AF-35352307
S/Sgt JOHN S. CHERNOSKI, AF-13007231
T/Sgt KENNETH H. GOOGE, AF-14040034
Sgt STANLEY L. MOSLEY, AF-18250089
M/Sgt JEWELL L. CASTLEMAN, AF-6568563
S/Sgt ISABELLE GUZMAN, AF-38457295
Sgt YAHOLA SIMMS, AF-38326594
S/Sgt WILLIAM R. COOPER, AF-34267887

All of the above listed personnel were interviewed and all stated substantially the same, that at 1100 hours, 22 March 1950, all of the above listed persons were standing outside of the east hangar in the Kirtland AFB Restricted Area facing south. The party noticed an object in the sky

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which was moving northwest at a great rate of speed, which suddenly turned north and disappeared with a great burst of speed. The following composite description of the object was afforded:

Direction from Point of Observation:	South by 45° west.
Height:	25,000 to 30,000 feet.
Size:	From point of observation, about the size of a golf ball held at arm's length.
Shape:	Approximately shape of the "flying wing".
Color:	Tan to brown on edges.
Position:	Horizontal.
Sky:	Scattered clouds at 23,000 feet. Ref: U. S. Weather Bureau, 22 March 1950.
Object in Motion:	Horizontal flight, no vapor trail, although other aircraft on 22 March were leaving vapor trails.
Direction of Flight:	Northwest, changing to north skyward angle 50°.
Speed:	Extremely high, traveled out of sight in 5 to 6 seconds.
Acceleration:	Almost instant disappearance.
Trajectory:	Horizontal.
Sound:	None.
Action:	Reported to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial objects observed from Kirtland AFB and Sandia Base, New Mexico, between 1300 and 1330 hours, 21 March 1950. Object was silver in color; size approximately that of dime at arm's length; round in shape; more maneuverable than jet aircraft; had no projections; left no trail or exhaust; had no effect on clouds; and there was no sound or odor detected. Details of this report set out the estimated angle of elevation, time in sight, etc., as was observed by various individuals. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 21 March 1950, EARL L. WAMSLEY, S/Sgt, 1100th Special Reporting Group, Sandia Base, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Approximately 1320 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	Checking point 200 yards east of Pit Area, Sandia Base.
Number of Objects:	Two (2).
Color of Object:	Silver.
Size of Object:	Approximately size of dime at arm's length.
Shape of Object:	Round.
Distance From Observer:	Considerable distance, cannot determine.

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Angle of Elevation From Horizon:	Approximately 45 degrees.
Direction From Observer:	East.
Direction of Flight:	East to southwest.
Maneuvers:	No conventional turns, moved up, sideways at great speed.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effects on Clouds:	No clouds noticeable.
Luminosity:	Bright silver (flickering in brightness).
Projections:	None noticeable.
Speed:	Excessive to jet flight.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately ten minutes.
Manner of Disappearance:	Both disappeared in the southwest. Gradually faded out of eyesight.

b. On 21 March 1950, R. D. WOODS, Sgt 1/CL, Hq & Hq Service Co., 8450th M. P. Group, Sandia Base, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Approximately 1300 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	East side of Pit Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico.
Number of Objects:	Four.
Color of Objects:	Varied from shiny silver to shady gray.
Size of Objects:	Size of end of thumb at arm's length.
Shape of Objects:	Round.
Distance from Observer:	Appeared to be great distance, approximately 40,000 to 60,000 feet.

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Angle of Elevation From Horizon:	Approximately 45 degrees.
Direction From Observer:	Northeast.
Direction of Flight:	Northeast to southeast.
Maneuvers:	Appeared more maneuverable than any known aircraft. The tactics used were similar to the change of positions during dog fights involving two airplanes. However, the way the objects changed position there seemed to be no similarity to the maneuverability of a conventional plane. Were very maneuverable, made right angle turns, also appeared to reverse (back up) the direction of flight.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effect on Clouds:	No clouds in vicinity. Clear horizon.
Luminosity:	Very bright.
Projections:	Could not distinguish any.
Speed:	About same as jet aircraft.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately 30 minutes.
Manner of Disappearance:	Observer turned his head for a few seconds and objects had disappeared.

c. On 22 March 1950, Mr. JULIAN SAIZ, Route 4, Box 655, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Approximately 1315 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	From Ordnance Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico.
Number of Objects:	Two (2).
Color of Objects:	White.
Size of Object:	Smaller than fist held at arm's length.

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Shape of Objects:	Round.
Distance from Observer:	Approximately one mile.
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Approximately 75 degrees.
Direction from Observer:	East.
Direction of Flight:	East, after one made complete circle around other.
Maneuvers:	One made a complete circle around the other just prior to disappearing.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effects on Clouds:	No clouds noticeable, only approximately 5 mile per hour wind.
Luminosity:	Bright white with no change in color.
Projections:	None.
Speed:	Approximately 600 to 700 miles per hour.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately 5 minutes.
Manner of Disappearance:	Out of range of vision.

d. On 24 March 1950, the following airmen of the 4925th Special Weapons Group, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, were interviewed:

M/Sgt GUY JOHNSON, AF-6381764
S/Sgt R. E. BIDWELL, AF-17027902
Sgt C. D. BYZEWSKI, AF-37790561
Sgt M. B. WOODWARD, AF-11097829

The above listed airmen offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Between 1300 and 1330 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	From Restricted Area, Kirtland AFB, standing on east side of hangar F-400.
Number of Objects:	Two (2).

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Color of Objects:	Bright silver.
Size of Objects:	Size of dime at arm's length.
Shape of Objects:	Round.
Distance from Observers:	Unable to estimate, but seemed quite distant.
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Estimate 40 to 50 degrees.
Direction from Observers:	Southeast.
Direction of Flight:	Southeast to south.
Manouvers:	Very maneuverable. Zig zag motion up and down. More maneuverable than jet aircraft. Sort of floated like piece of large paper in the air.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effect on Clouds:	No clouds visible.
Luminosity:	Very bright.
Projections:	None.
Speed:	About same as fast moving jet aircraft.
Sound and/or Oder:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately one minute
Manner of Disappearance:	Disappeared traveling south. Out of range of vision.

3. ACTION: Report submitted to the Director of Special Investigations.

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which was moving northwest at a great rate of speed, which suddenly turned north and disappeared with a great burst of speed. The following composite description of the object was afforded:

Direction from Point of Observation:	South by 45° west.
Height:	25,000 to 30,000 feet.
Size:	From point of observation, about the size of a golf ball held at arm's length.
Shape:	Approximately shape of the "flying wing".
Color:	Tan to brown on edges.
Position:	Horizontal.
Sky:	Scattered clouds at 25,000 feet. Ref: U. S. Weather Bureau, 22 March 1950.
Object in Motion:	Horizontal flight, no vapor trail, although other aircraft on 22 March were leaving vapor trails.
Direction of Flight:	Northwest, changing to north skyward angle 50°.
Speed:	Extremely high, traveled out of sight in 5 to 6 seconds.
Acceleration:	Almost instant disappearance.
Trajectory:	Horizontal.
Sound:	None.
Action:	Reported to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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27 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial objects observed from Kirtland AFB and Sandia Base, New Mexico, between 1300 and 1330 hours, 21 March 1950. Object was silver in color; size approximately that of dime at arm's length; round in shape; more maneuverable than jet aircraft; had no projections; left no trail or exhaust; had no effect on clouds; and there was no sound or odor detected. Details of this report set out the estimated angle of elevation, time in sight, etc., as was observed by various individuals. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 21 March 1950, EARL L. WAMSLEY, S/Sgt, 1100th Special Reporting Group, Sandia Base, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Approximately 1320 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	Checking point 200 yards east of Pit Area, Sandia Base.
Number of Objects:	Two (2).
Color of Object:	Silver.
Size of Object:	Approximately size of dime at arm's length.
Shape of Object:	Round.
Distance From Observer:	Considerable distance, cannot determine.

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Angle of Elevation From Horizon:	Approximately 45 degrees.
Direction From Observer:	East.
Direction of Flight:	East to southwest.
Maneuvers:	No conventional turns, moved up, sideways at great speed.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effects on Clouds:	No clouds noticeable.
Luminosity:	Bright silver (flickering in brightness).
Projections:	None noticeable.
Speed:	Excessive to jet flight.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately ten minutes.
Manner of Disappearance:	Both disappeared in the southwest. Gradually faded out of eyesight.

b. On 21 March 1950, R. D. WOODS, Sgt 1/CL, Hq & Hq Service Co., 8450th M. P. Group, Sandia Base, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Approximately 1300 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	East side of Pit Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico.
Number of Objects:	Four.
Color of Objects:	Varied from shiny silver to shady gray.
Size of Objects:	Size of end of thumb at arm's length.
Shape of Objects:	Round.
Distance from Observer:	Appeared to be great distance, approximately 40,000 to 60,000 feet.

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Angle of Elevation From Horizon:	Approximately 45 degrees.
Direction From Observer:	Northeast.
Direction of Flight:	Northeast to southeast.
Maneuvers:	Appeared more maneuverable than any known aircraft. The tactics used were similar to the change of positions during dog fights involving two airplanes. However, the way the objects changed position there seemed to be no similarity to the maneuverability of a conventional plane. Were very maneuverable, made right angle turns, also appeared to reverse (back up) the direction of flight.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effect on Clouds:	No clouds in vicinity. Clear horizon.
Luminosity:	Very bright.
Projections:	Could not distinguish any.
Speed:	About same as jet aircraft.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately 30 minutes.
Manner of Disappearance:	Observer turned his head for a few seconds and objects had disappeared.

c. On 22 March 1950, Mr. JULIAN SAIZ, Route 4, Box 655, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Approximately 1315 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	From Ordnance Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico.
Number of Objects:	Two (2).
Color of Objects:	White.
Size of Object:	Smaller than fist held at arm's length.

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Shape of Objects:	Round.
Distance from Observer:	Approximately one mile.
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Approximately 75 degrees.
Direction from Observer:	East.
Direction of Flight:	East, after one made complete circle around other.
Maneuvers:	One made a complete circle around the other just prior to disappearing.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effects on Clouds:	No clouds noticeable, only approximately 5 mile per hour wind.
Luminosity:	Bright white with no change in color.
Projections:	None.
Speed:	Approximately 600 to 700 miles per hour.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately 5 minutes.
Manner of Disappearance:	Out of range of vision.

d. On 24 March 1950, the following airmen of the 4925th Special Weapons Group, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, were interviewed:

M/Sgt GUY JOHNSON, AF-6381764
S/Sgt R. E. BEDWELL, AF-17027902
Sgt C. D. BYZEWSKI, AF-37790561
Sgt M. B. WOODWARD, AF-11097829

The above listed airmen offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	Between 1300 and 1330 hours, 21 March 1950.
Point of Observation:	From Restricted Area, Kirtland AFB, standing on east side of hangar P-400.
Number of Objects:	Two (2).

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Color of Objects:	Bright silver.
Size of Objects:	Size of dime at arm's length.
Shape of Objects:	Round.
Distance from Observers:	Unable to estimate, but seemed quite distant.
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Estimate 40 to 50 degrees.
Direction from Observers:	Southeast.
Direction of Flight:	Southeast to south.
Maneuvers:	Very maneuverable. Zig zag motion up and down. More maneuverable than jet aircraft. Sort of floated like piece of large paper in the air.
Trail or Exhaust:	None.
Effect on Clouds:	No clouds visible.
Luminosity:	Very bright.
Projections:	None.
Speed:	About same as fast moving jet aircraft.
Sound and/or Odor:	None.
Time in Sight:	Approximately one minute
Manner of Disappearance:	Disappeared traveling south. Out of range of vision.

3. ACTION: Report submitted to the Director of Special Investigations.

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Color of Objects: Bright silver.

Size of Objects: Size of dime at arm's length.

Shape of Objects: Round.

Distance from Observer: Unable to determine, but seemed quite distant.

Angle of Elevation from Horizon: Estimate 40 to 50 degrees.

Direction from Observer: Southeast.

Direction of Flight: Northwest to south.

Maneuvers: Very maneuverable. Flipped motion up and down. More maneuverable than jet aircraft. Sort of floated like piece of large paper in the air.

Trail or Exhaust: None.

Effect on Clouds: No clouds visible.

Luminosity: Very bright.

Projections: None.

Speed: About as fast moving jet aircraft.

Sound Made/or Not: None.

Time Not Visible: Approximately one minute.

Remark of Disappearance: Disappeared traveling south. Out of range of vision.

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The Inspector General, USAF
17th District Office of Special Investigations

20 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 10 March 1950, Duhame and Price together with four others observed what they believed was a flying disc. Disc at 40,000 to 50,000 feet altitude southeast Phoenix, Arizona. Oval or oblong in shape, aluminum or quick silver in color. When first observed object was motionless in the air. Object accelerated upward at a tremendous rate of speed leaving trail of fire 75-100 feet in length behind object. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS: On 13 March 1950, Mr. Elmer W. Duhame, 2250 East Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, Owner of Duhame Construction Company, a general construction firm, advised that he, together with six other persons observed what he believed to be a flying disc at 1800-1830 hours, 10 March 1950. Other members of the party were:

Wesley Duhame, 17 years, son of Elmer Duhame
Peter Duhame, 14 years, son of Elmer Duhame
Robert P. Price, Scottsdale, Arizona
Bruce Price, 17 years, son of Robert P. Price
Leonard Redden, 1616 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona
Bert Owens

Robert P. Price and Elmer W. Duhame were interviewed and both stated substantially the same. That between 1800-1830 hours, 10 March 1950, all of the above listed persons were traveling south on Indian School Road, towards Litchfield Park, Arizona. That the party noticed an object in the sky which appeared to be hovering at a fixed altitude with no perceptible forward motion. This object was observed from the moving automobile for approximately ten (10) minutes but never increased or decreased in size. When the party arrived at the junction of Indian School Road and Litchfield (Goodyear Road) they turned east, stopped the

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automobile, Duhame and Price walked to the edge of Litchfield Road to further observe the object. The following composite description of the object was afforded:

Direction from Point of Observation:	South by 20 degrees east
Height:	40,000 to 50,000 feet
Size:	From point of observation about the size of moon, estimated 200 feet diameter, 30 feet thick, tapering to narrow proportions at rear
Shape:	Oval or oblong
Color:	Aluminum or color of quick silver
Position:	Hovering in a position of approximately 60 degrees to horizontal and 60 degrees above the horizon.
Sky:	Perfectly clear, no clouds and unobstructed visibility
Object at Standstill:	No windows, appendages, smoke, trails of exhaust fumes, or apertures observed.
Object in Motion:	Moved from standstill in the sky upward at 60 degrees angle until out of sight leaving a trail of what appeared to be red fire 75-100 in length. Trail of fire vanished approximately 75-100 feet behind the object and left no condensation trail after object passed through the atmosphere
Direction of Flight:	Skyward 60° angle in southeasterly direction
Speed:	Extremely high. Traveled out of sight in 4 to 5 seconds moving so fast could only be followed by observing trail of red stream of fire behind.

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Acceleration:	Appeared to move from standstill to maximum acceleration observed during first seconds of flight
Trajectory:	Steady 60° climb until prior to object going out of sight trajectory appeared to flatten out slightly
Sound:	None perceptible during standstill, or flight. No delayed sound noticed after object disappeared.
Action:	Intelligence, Air Provost Marshal, and Commanding General, AMC, ATTN: AMCIXI-3 notified 20 March 1950.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Fireball Sighted 1358 hours, 24 February 1950, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Observed by: (See Page 2)

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter No. 85, Hq OSI File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr. LINCOLN La PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aerial phenomena sighted approximately 1358 hours, 24 February 1950. Object sighted by Mr. LUTHER B. McDONALD and Mr. HARRISON S. MANSON, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Reliability of Mr. McDONALD and Mr. MANSON believed unquestionable by Mr. PAUL TAFT, co-worker, and also of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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2. Mr. LUTHER B. McDONALD, Anchor Lodge, 5515 E. Central Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed on 28 February 1950, and submitted the following information concerning object sighted by him on 24 February 1950:

Time and date of sighting: 1555 P.M., 24 February 1950
Point of observation: West end of Terminal Building (Roof TWA Bldg) Municipal Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico, where theodolite is situated.
Number of objects: One
What attracted attention to object: It crossed field of theodolite as observer watched weather balloon.
Color of object: Same as moon in daytime.
Size of object: Compared in size to upper dark portion of moon as it rises in the East.
Shape of object: Round but not spherical - not quite as elongated as an egg. Darkened on top-left side as seen thru theodolite.
Apparent construction: Undetermined
Distance of object from observer: Impossible to determine
Angle of elevation: Between 20° and 25°
Direction from observer: About 110°
Direction of flight: To West - Southwest, between 240° and 270°
Tactics and maneuvers: Straight flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust: None
Effect on clouds: Cloudless sky
Luminosity of object: Apparently none. Any light from it could have been reflection.
Apparent means of support: None apparent.
Projections and/or indentations: None visible
Speed: Took approximately 1½ minutes to cover 2° in theodolite. As seen thru theodolite would be just a crawl compared to speed of shooting star.
Sound: None
Odor: None
Time in sight: 1½ minutes with naked eye.
Manner of disappearance: Finally lost it after having shifted observation to weather balloon.
Notes relative to observer: Has observed weather for five (5) years. Never studied astrology or astronomy. Never before had seen any phenomena resembling this object.

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3. Mr. HARRISON S. MANSON, 4110 E. Central Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed on 7 March 1950, and related the following:

Time and date of sight: 1400 hours, 24 February 1950
Point of observation: Tower on Roof of TWA Building, Municipal Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Number of objects: One
What attracted attention to objects: Mr. McDONALD, observer, called attention to it.
Color: Bright white, as metal reflects light.
Size: Compared with size of weather balloon as it is about to disappear in the distance.
Shape: Round
Apparent construction: Unknown
Distance of object from observer: Very far.
Angle of elevation: About 20°
Direction from observer: About 110°
Direction of flight: East by Southeast
Tactics or maneuvers: None
Evidence of trail or exhaust: None
Effects on clouds: No clouds present
Luminosity: Very brilliant - more than white weather balloon.
Apparent means of support: None apparent
Projections and/or indentations: None visible
Speed: Very slow as seen by naked eye
Sound: None
Odor: None
Time in sight: 20 - 30 seconds
Manner of disappearance: Faded out of sight
Notes relative to observer: Weather forecaster for seven years. Never saw unknown aerial objects before.

4. Mr. PAUL TAFT, 1755 N. Vassar, Albuquerque, New Mexico, also a weather observer, was interviewed on 7 March 1950 and stated that although he was present when Mr. McDONALD and Mr. MANSON sighted the unknown aerial object, he could not see same. He further stated that these two men are entirely trustworthy and believes that they did see object as they described it.

5. All logical leads have been exhausted and this case is being closed.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial objects observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico, between the hours of 0300 and 0445, 17 March 1950. Object was of reddish-green color, varied in size from quite small to approximately one-fourth the size of a full moon, no projections, manuvers, trail, exhaust, sound or odor were noted. Details of this report cover descriptions, speed, and angle of elevation of object as related by observers. Reliability of informants unknown.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 17 March 1950, Mr. KARLE S. GOFF, Inspector, AEBS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and reported the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0310 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	Vicinity Point Zebra, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Object:	Reddish--then Green
Size of Object:	Undetermined - distance unknown
Shape of Object:	Undetermined
Distance from Observer:	Unable to determine.
Angle of elevation from Horizon:	Low, close to horizon.
Direction from Observer:	Easterly
Direction of Flight:	Toward Earth
Manuvers:	None

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Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effect On Clouds:	None
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None
Speed:	Appeared to be falling
Sound and/or odor:	None
Time in sight:	Approximately one second
Manner of Disappearance:	Appeared to fall to earth

b. On 17 March 1950, Mr. CHARLES LOPEZ, Inspector AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and reported the following:

Time and date of sighting:	0303 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	Approximately 1½ miles NW of Station 350 on Road 2, Los Alamos, New Mexico.
Number of objects:	One
Color of objects:	Greenish-yellow
Size of objects:	About one-fourth size of full moon
Shape of objects:	Round
Distance from observer:	Unknown
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	None
Direction of Flight:	Northeast
Manouvers:	Level flight
Trail or exhaust:	None
Effect on clouds:	Unknown
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None
Speed:	Moderate

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Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Approximately three seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Like light going out.

c. On 17 March 1950, Mr. GILBERT R. JENSEN, Inspector AEC, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and reported the following:

Time and date of sighting:	0307 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of observation:	One-fourth mile east of Station 340, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of objects:	One or two
Color of objects:	Orange and Green
Size of objects:	No idea
Shape of Object:	Unidentifiable.
Distance from Observer:	Unable to estimate
Angle of elevation from Horizon:	From thirty-five down to ten or five degrees
Direction from observer:	Five or ten degrees North of East
Direction of flight:	Straight down
Maneuvers:	None
Trail or exhaust:	Long green tail of light
Effect on clouds:	No clouds
Luminosity:	Very bright to glaring
Projections:	Indiscernable
Speed:	Tremendous
Sound and/or odor:	None
Time in sight:	Two to two and one-half seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	As if an explosion on impact with earth or disintegration.

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d. On 17 March 1950, Mr. JOHN L. BOZA, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0445 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	Station 107, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color of Objects:	Green
Size of Objects:	Quite small
Shape of Objects:	Round
Distance from Observer:	Approximately three or four miles
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Unknown
Direction from Observer:	Due West
Direction of Flight:	Formed an arc
Maneuvers:	None
Trail or Exhaust:	None
Effect on Clouds:	No clouds in area
Luminosity:	Bright
Projections:	Not visible
Speed:	Free-fall
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	About five seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Fell toward earth

e. On 17 March 1950, Mr. BERNARD G. GREENE, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

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Time and Date of Sighting: 0310 hours 17 March 1950

Point of Observation:	Spur No. 2, Heading North on 357 Patrol, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One
Color:	Green turning to yellow
Size of Object:	About one-fourth size full moon
Shape of Object:	Seemed spherical
Distance from Observer:	Unknown
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Approximately thirty degrees
Direction from Observer:	Northeast
Direction of Flight:	Undetermined - Seemed to climb, change color, start down and disappear
Maneuvers:	Climbed slowly, reached a certain peak, started down and disappeared
Trail or exhaust:	None
Effect on clouds:	Unknown
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None visible
Speed:	Moderate
Sound and/or Odor:	None apparent
Time in Sight:	Approximately five seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Suddenly

f. On 17 March 1950, Mr. HAROLD W. REID, Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and related the following:

Time and Date of Sighting:	0307 hours, 17 March 1950
Point of Observation:	One-fourth mile East of Station No. 340, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Number of Objects:	One

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Color of Objects:	Blue, Green and White
Size of Objects:	Approximately one-fourth size of full moon.
Shape of Objects:	Round
Distance from Observer:	Unknown due to lack of relationship with other objects
Angle of Elevation from Horizon:	Thirty-five to ten degrees
Direction from Observer:	East-Northeast
Direction of Flight:	Earthward
Maneuvers:	None
Trail or exhaust:	Long, white, fiery tail
Effect on clouds:	None noted
Luminosity:	Very bright
Projections:	None noted
Speed:	Extremely fast
Sound and/or Odor:	None
Time in Sight:	Approximately three seconds
Manner of Disappearance:	Plunged to earth and two apparent explosions were noted prior to disappearance of object

3. ACTION: Report submitted to Director of Special Investigations.

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(Unclassified) UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA SIGHTED BY MAJOR WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, on 5 March 1950 at Vaughn, New Mexico - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Directorate of Intelligence, Air Intelligence
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Attached for your information is copy of report concerning captioned subject, dated 22 March 1950.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No. 24-8-26

21 April 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA SIGHTED BY
MAJOR WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555,
on 5 March 1950 at Vaughn, New Mexico
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, dated 29 March 1950, Subject as above.

2. Inclosed herewith are pertinent points extracted from film originally listed as an inclosure to your office. This film is being retained in the files of this Headquarters.

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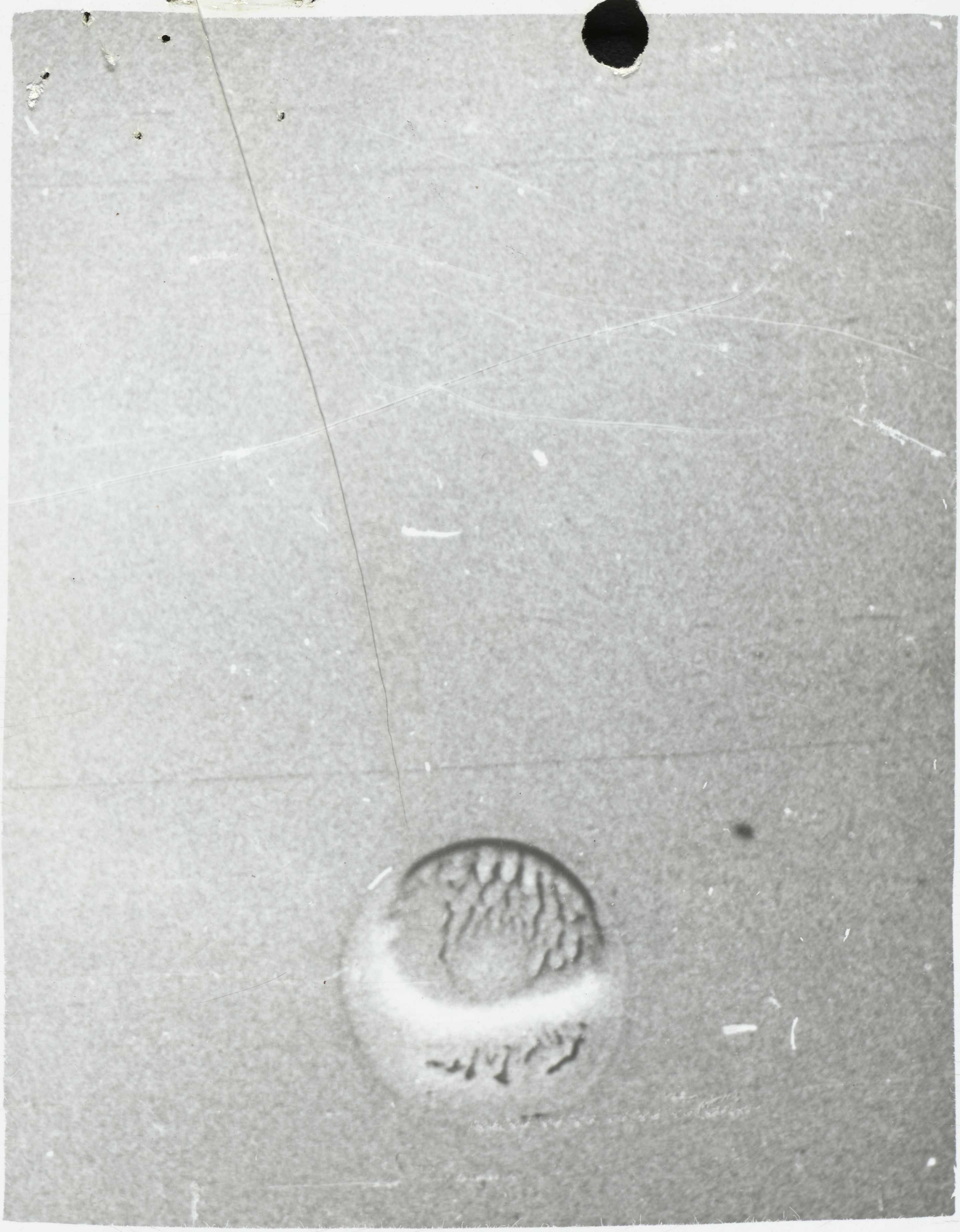
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29 MAR 1950

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unknown Aerial Phenomena Sighted by Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, on 5 March 1950 at Vaughn, New Mexico
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 17th OSI District, IG
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

Attached

1. Reference is made to report of investigation by S/A Robert R. Johns, dated 22 March 1950, concerning captioned Subject.

2. Enclosure listed for this Headquarters apparently did not accompany report of investigation. Request information as to whether enclosure cited in the report was retained by your District Office.

3. AFCSI Letter mentioned in your report of investigation has been superceded by AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 December 1949. Attention has been previously invited to the more recent AFCSI Letter which provides that unidentified flying objects will not be investigated by District Offices unless investigation is requested by competent authority. Information such as is contained in subject report of investigation would have been properly submitted as a Spot Intelligence Report.

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FILE NO. (24-8) - 26

DATE 22 March 1950

REPORT MADE BY S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS

REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 6, 7, 9 March 1950

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UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, at 1135 hours 5 March 1950 at Vaughn, New Mexico

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949; Hq OSI file 24-185

SYNOPSIS

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This investigation submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1135 hours, 5 March 1950, along with five (5) other witnesses. All pertinent information was obtained from Major HAYNOR and is reported herein. Movie film taken by Photo Lab personnel is retained by District Office No. 17.

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DETAILS:

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AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. A personal interview was conducted with Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, at Vaughan, New Mexico, on 5 March 1950, and the following information obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 5 March 1950

b. Time of sighting: 1135 hours to 1300 hours. At 1300 hrs object diminished to such a size that observers ceased looking at it.

c. Where sighted: At Vaughan, New Mexico.
Coordinates: 105° 13' West
34° 35' North
Object appeared on an azimuth of approximately 190° from true North.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observers:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Approximately 75 to 100 miles away.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Approx. 75°

(3) Altitude: Unable to estimate.

g. Time in flight: Approximately 1 hour 25 minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: White, no change in color.
(2) Shape: Round, like a ping pong ball.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Ping pong ball held at arms length.

i. Direction of flight: Object traveled on an azimuth of approximately 195° from true North.

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j. Tactics or maneuvers: Straight flight.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: No clouds.

m. Lights: Object was a very brilliant light. No other lights visible.

n. Supports: None visible.

o. Propulsion: None visible.

p. Control and stability: Movement of object was not erratic but traveled in a straight line.

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Speed: Estimated speed of approximately 180 to 200 miles per hour. Object crossed the lens of a Mitchel camera (4" lens) from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock on the face of the lens in 2 minutes and 55 seconds.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: at 1300 hrs object had diminished in size to such an extent that further observation proved useless.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555
(2) Address: 3024 Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
(3) Occupation: Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB.
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Fishing and hunting.
(6) Ability to determine: Above average.
(7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable.
(8) Former sightings: Yes, on 18 February 1950.

(9) Witnesses:

M/Sgt Gerald E. Holmes, AF-18002572
Sgt. Harold L. Brooks, AF-35527774
Sgt. Calvin R. Porter, AF-13262966

The above personnel are professional photographers assigned to the Holloman AFB Photo Section and are the persons who took the inclosed movie film.

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Witnesses (Continued)

S/Sgt Martin K. Boone, AF-12181101, Air Policeman
TDY Vaughan, New Mexico.

Mr. David W. Smith, Box 261, East Vaughan, N. M.
Employed by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co.

3. The following agencies could offer no logical explanation for the subject object: Electronics & Atmospheric Branch, Holloman AFB; Weather Detachment, Holloman AFB. The one negative which is inclosed herein is designated for Headquarters OSI, as the Commanding Officer, Holloman AFB, and Wright-Patterson AFB will have access to the original film which is maintained at the Base Photo Lab, Holloman AFB.

Inclosures:

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1. Negative of the movie film taken of the subject object at Vaughan, New Mexico, on 5 March 1950.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

1. On 21 March 1950, at 1640 hours, Major JOSEPH J JACKSON, Chief, Security Division, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, telephonically advised the undersigned that his office had received information a short time previous to his call, through Mr. LEE HARGUS, Chief, Press Section, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, to the effect that "aerial phenomena," or flying saucers, had been observed earlier that date over Kirtland AFB, New Mexico and Camp Hood, Texas -- both installations are of pecurliar interest to AFSWP.

2. Major JACKSON was anxious to insure that the information was in proper channels and asked that the writer relay it, whereupon I notified Major NOLD, CI Division, OSI, who related that he would refer the report to Collection Branch, Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF.

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Attached for your information is copy of OSI report of investigation, dated 7 March 1950, concerning captioned Subject.

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DATE 7 March 1950

REPORT MADE BY S/A CRISTINO D. GRIEGO

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland Air Force Base

PERIOD 6 March 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland Air Force Base

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
Fireball Sighted at Los Alamos, New Mexico, at 1555 hours, 25 February 1950

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unidentified Aerial Objects, D.O. #17

REFERENCE

AFCSI letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949 and OSI Hq File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

Atomic Energy Security Service Inspectors R.R. BRAGG, W. D. BURKE, MARCUS BUTLER, H. A. ELLIOTT, R. J. FAUTEK, F.A. FLEEK, H. HELD, P. O. PIERCE, J. G. QUEENSBERRY, J. SHERLOCK, R. H. ST. CLAIR and C. WOLFENBERGER, all of Los Alamos, New Mexico, sighted and observed an unusual aerial object over Los Alamos, New Mexico, between the hours of 1545 and 1555, on 25 February 1950. Information submitted herewith was submitted to this office by Lt Col JOHN A. CARROLL, Chief Inspector, Atomic Energy Security Service, Los Alamos, New Mexico, on 27 February 1950.

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AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. The following is information received from Lt Col JOHN A. CARROLL, Chief Inspector, Los Alamos, New Mexico, which was received by him from observers R.R. BRAGG, W.D. BURKE, MARCUS BUTLER, H.A. ELLIOTT, R.J. FAUTEK, H. HELD, P.O. PIERCE, J.G. QUEENSBERRY, J. SHERLOCK, R.E. ST. CLAIR, and C. WOLFENBERGER, all of Los Alamos, New Mexico:

a. Date of sighting: 25 February 1950
b. Time of sighting: 1545 - 1555 hours
c. Point of observation: Tech area - 340 West Road, Section II
d. Direction of object from observer: Varied from North to South, North East to South West, East to West.
e. Distance of object from observer: Varied from 4 to 20 miles
f. Angle of elevation from horizon: 30° - 35°
g. Direction of flight: Came out of clouds heading toward ground.
h. Time in sight: 3 seconds to 2 minutes.
i. Number of objects: One
j. Shape of object: Circular; or like a plane fuselage - tapered fore and aft.
k. Projections and/or indentations: None
l. Apparent construction: Unknown
m. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion: Not visible
n. Size of object: Varies from "Unknown" to "That of a small airplane"
o. Luminosity of object: Bright and glaring
p. Color of object: Silver and flashing
q. Sound: None
r. Odor: None
s. Speed: From very slow to very fast
t. Evidence of trail or exhaust: None
u. Effect on clouds: None
v. Tactics or maneuvers: Fluttering, wobbling or oscillating motion
w. Manner of disappearance: Faded from view
x. What attracted attention to object: Blinking or reflection of light
y. Additional remarks of observers: Object seemed to be able to change course and to slow down and accelerate.

3. All logical leads have been concluded.

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DATE 15 March 1950

REPORT MADE BY S/A CRISTINO B. GRIEGO

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland Air Force Base

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Fireball Sighted by BROOKS CURREY,
Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2115 hours,
25 February 1950

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft, D.O. #17

REFERENCE

AFCSI letter No. 85 and Hq OSI File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr LINCOLN LaPAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aerial phenomena sighted West of Albuquerque approximately 1358 hours, 24 February 1950.

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AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

2. Mr. E. BROOKS CURREY, University of New Mexico Student, 124½ N. Arno, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed on 1 March 1950. The following information is transmitted as a result of this interview.

Time and date of sighting: 2115 hours, 25 February 1950
Point of observation: 600 N. Vassar, Albuquerque, N. M., residence of Dr. and Mrs. HOWARD DITTMER. Sitting in living-room looking West. DITTMERS did not see object.
Number of objects: One
What attracted attention to object: Brightness of same.
Color: Bright greenish white. Left a reddish glow behind it. Forward end of it also seemed a little red.
Size: About three times the size of a shooting star.
Shape: Tear drop shape with short tail.
Apparent construction: Unknown - appeared to be burning.
Distance of object from observer: Unknown - could have been 5 miles and it could have been 85 or more.
Angle of elevation from horizon: Approximately 20°
Direction from observer: West-southwest
Direction of flight of object: Toward South- 5° off vertical (almost straight down)
Tactics or maneuvers: None fell almost straight down
Evidence of trail or exhaust: Small trail of sky rocket effect
Effect on clouds: Cloudless sky.
Luminosity of object: Greenish-white like a parachute flare
Apparent means of support and/or propulsion: None
Projections and/or indentations: None noticed
Spped: Slightly slower than falling star.
Sound: None
Odor: None
Time in sight: One and a half seconds at most.
Manner of disappearance: Appeared to burn out.
Notes relative to observer: Observer is a student in Journalism and has been interested in writing articles in University newspaper concerning "flying saucers" and other strange air phenomena. [illegible] is why he became so interested at sighting of object.

3. All logical leads have been exhausted and this case is being closed.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
Fireball Sighted by Cpl ROBERT C. J. BURHANS, Sandia Base, New Mexico, at 1530 hours, 15 February 1950

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft, D.O. #17

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85 and Hq OSI File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

Investigation based on information received from Lt Col H. L. CRISLER, J-2, Sandia Base, New Mexico. Unidentified aerial object sighted by Cpl ROBERT C. J. BURHANS, 8456th Military Police Company, Sandia Base, New Mexico, at approximately 1530 hours, 15 February 1950.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon AFOSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949 and OSI Headquarters File No. 24-185.

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. The following information on unidentified aerial objects was transmitted to this office by Lt Col H. L. CRISLER, J-2, Sandia Base, New Mexico, as submitted to him by Cpl ROBERT C. J. BURHANS, 8456th Military Police Company, Sandia Base, New Mexico, on or about 28 February 1950:

a. Date of observation: 15 February 1950
b. Time of observation: Approximately 1530
c. Place of observation: Northwest Gate, Military Technical Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico
d. Position of observer: On ground at entrance to Sentry House located at Gate
e. What attracted attention to object: Flash from Northwest
f. Number of objects: One
g. Apparent size: That of a normal marble.
h. Color of object: Appeared red and green
i. Shape: Appeared round
j. Angle of elevation from horizon: 45° first appearance to downward position
k. Direction from observer: 9
l. Distance from observer: Approximately 2 miles
m. Direction of flight of object: From Northwest to West
n. Time in sight: Approximately 30 seconds
o. Speed: Like shooting star trail
p. Sound and odor: None
q. Trail: Faint trailing edge
r. Luminosity: Not quite as bright as falling star
s. Projections: Did not observe any
t. Maneuvers: Falling toward earth
u. Manner of disappearance: Faded out
v. Effect on clouds: None
w. Additional information concerning object: None
x. Weather conditions: Clear

Name and address of observer:
Cpl ROBERT C. J. BURHANS
8456th Military Police Company
Occupation and Hobbies: Military Police; Golf, horseback riding, shuffle board and swimming.
Reliability of observer certified by Col CRISLER.

3. All logical leads have been exhausted.

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FILE NO. (24-8) - 25

DATE 7 March 1950

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UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Cpl LERTIS E. STANFIELD
AF-38573711, 3024th Air Police Sq,
Holloman AFB, New Mexico, at 1930
hours 24 Feb 1950 and 0200 hours
24 Feb 1950 at Datil, New Mexico

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85; Hq OSI file 24-185

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Cpl LERTIS E. STANFIELD, AF-38573711, 3024th Air Police Sq, Holloman AFB, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1930 hours 24 Feb 1950 and at 0200 hours 25 February 1950. All pertinent information was obtained from STANFIELD and is reported herein. Photographs of the object which were taken by STANFIELD are herein inclosed, numbered 1 to 5 in the sequence in which taken.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

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2. A personal interview has not been conducted with Corporal LEWIS E. STANFIELD, AF-38573711, concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, as he is on detached service at Datil, New Mexico. However, STANFIELD sent the information contained herein in writing to this office.

a. Date of sighting: 24 and 25 February 1950

b. Time of sighting: Object was sighted at 1930 hours on 24 February 1950 and 0200 hours on 25 February 1950. Object remained in view the first time from 1930 to 2200 hours and reappeared at 0200 hours and remained in view approximately 30 minutes.

c. Where sighted: At Datil, New Mexico.
Coordinates: 107° 45' West, 34° 8' North
Object appeared due south of position of observer.

d. Number of Objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None.

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Unable to determine.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Approximately 30°.
(3) Altitude: Not estimated.

g. Time in flight: Approx. 1½ hours - From 2000 hours to 2130 hours.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: White, changing to red and green.
(2) Shape: Object was perfectly round.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Not estimated.

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i. Direction of flight: Object appeared to move northwest.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: None

k. Evidence of exhaust: No evidence of exhaust appeared to the naked eye. However, photograph No. 1 indicates some sort of trail from the object.

l. Effect on clouds: No clouds.

m. Lights: Object itself appeared to be a very brilliant light.

n. Supports: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability: Movement of object was not erratic, but moved in a straight line.

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Speed: 1° per 2 minutes on the azimuth.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: At 2200 hours object disappeared while still high in the sky. Object then re-appeared at 0200 hours 25 February in almost the same position where it disappeared at 2200 hours 24 February.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: Cpl. LERTIS E. STANFIELD, AF-38573711
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
(3) Occupation: Air Police Range Patrol, Holloman AFB.
(4) Place of business: Datil, New Mexico.
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Hunting and fishing.
(6) Ability to determine: Above average.
(7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable
(8) Former sightings: None
(9) Witnesses: No other witness.

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3. Photographs of this object were taken at 1930 hours when it first appeared, by STANFIELD. At 2000 hours the object appeared much brighter than before and had moved west some distance, and appeared much closer. At 2130 hours the object had ceased moving but continued to blink red and green. At 2200 hours object faded from view. Object again appeared at 0200 hours and began a slight movement to the northwest. Object disappeared behind a mountain at approximately 0230 hours, 25 February. Photographs of the object were taken at various times by STANFIELD and are numbered in the order in which they were taken, from 1 to 5.

4. The Electronics and Atmospheric Branch, Holloman AFB, and the Weather Detachment, Holloman AFB, could offer no information which would explain what the object was. Photographs of the object are inclosed herein. A comparison photograph was made by the Photo Lab, Holloman AFB, with the same type of camera, lens, and film, or a round object 3-25/32 inches in diameter. The data regarding this comparison photograph is contained on the back of this photograph, which is No. 6.

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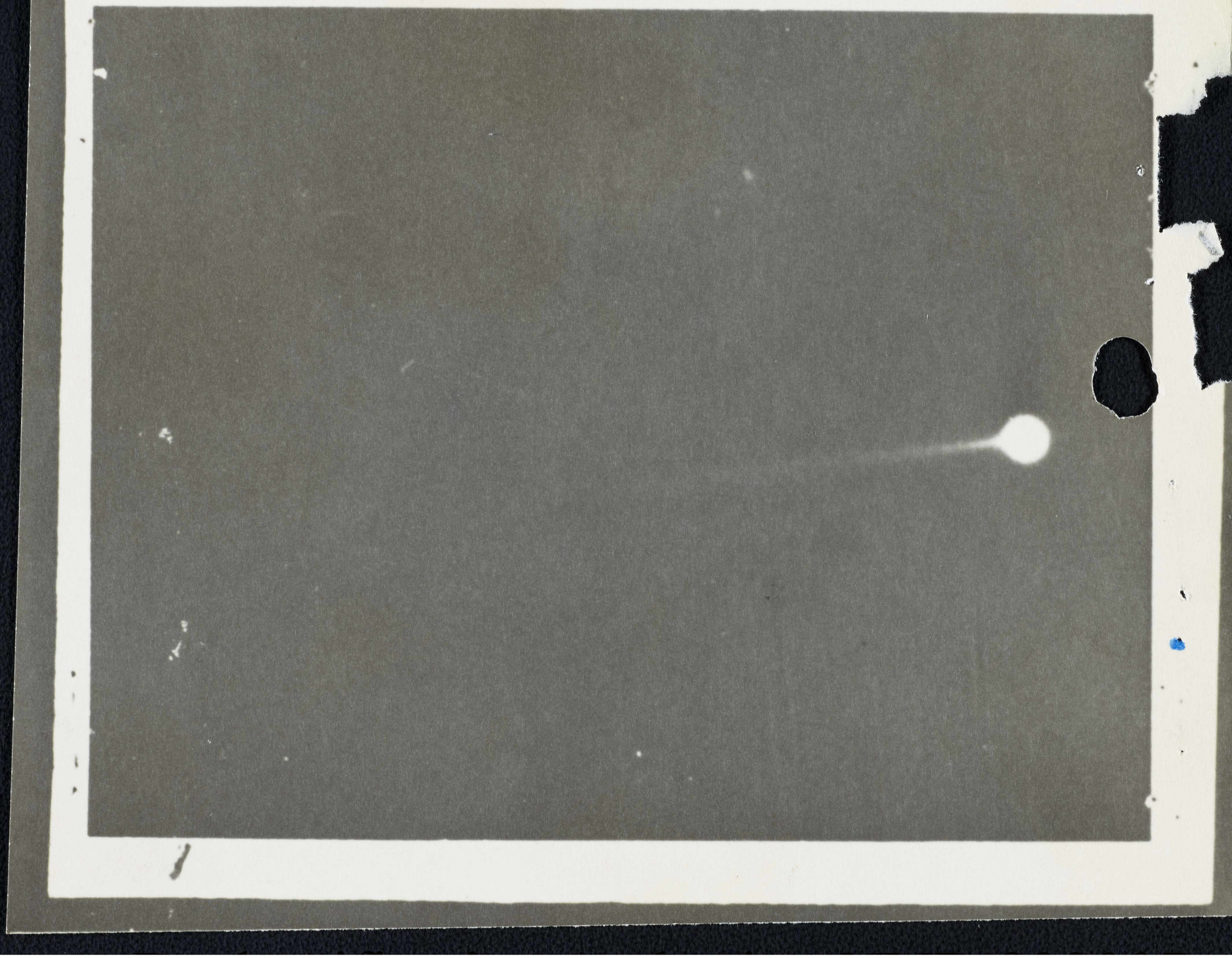
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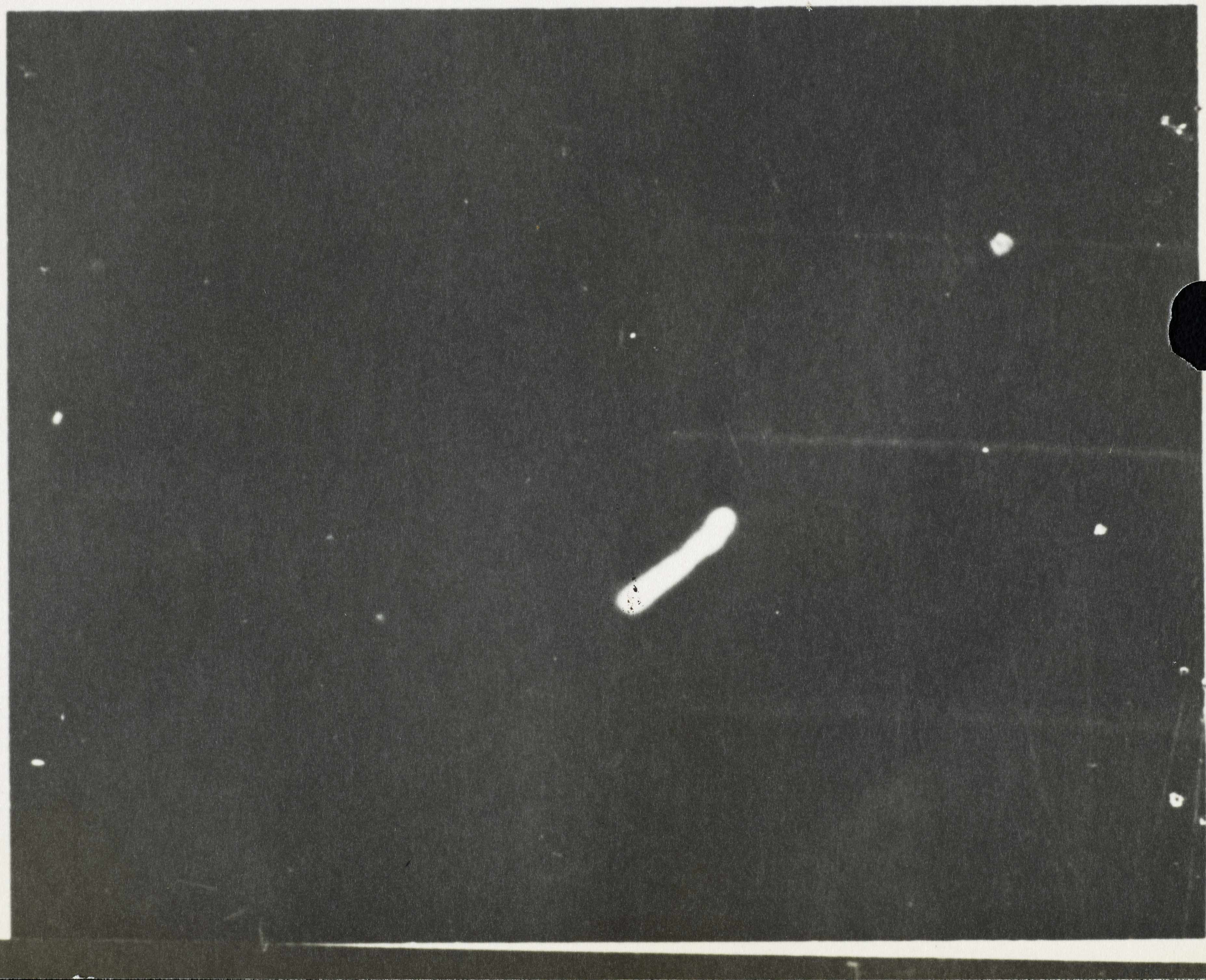
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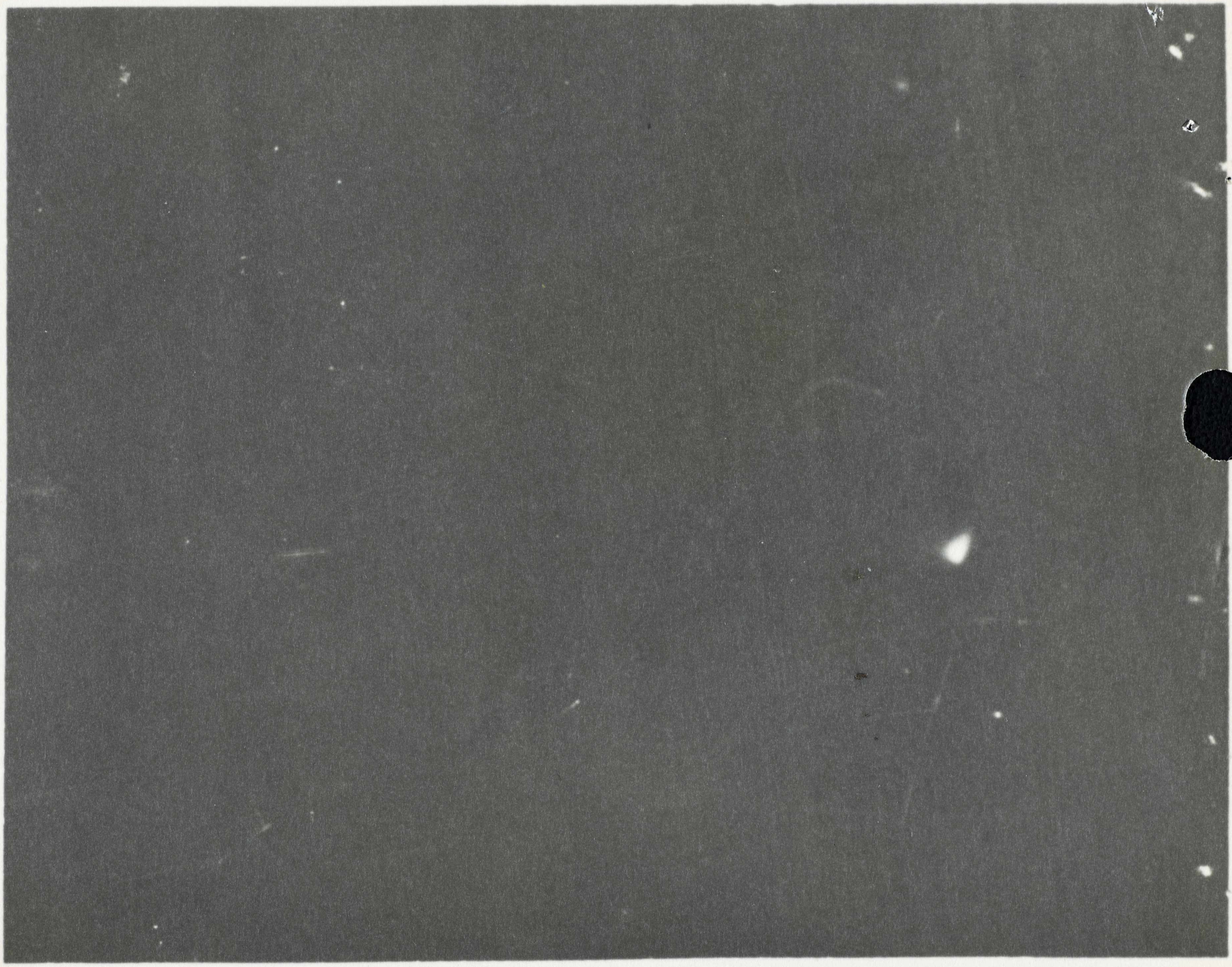
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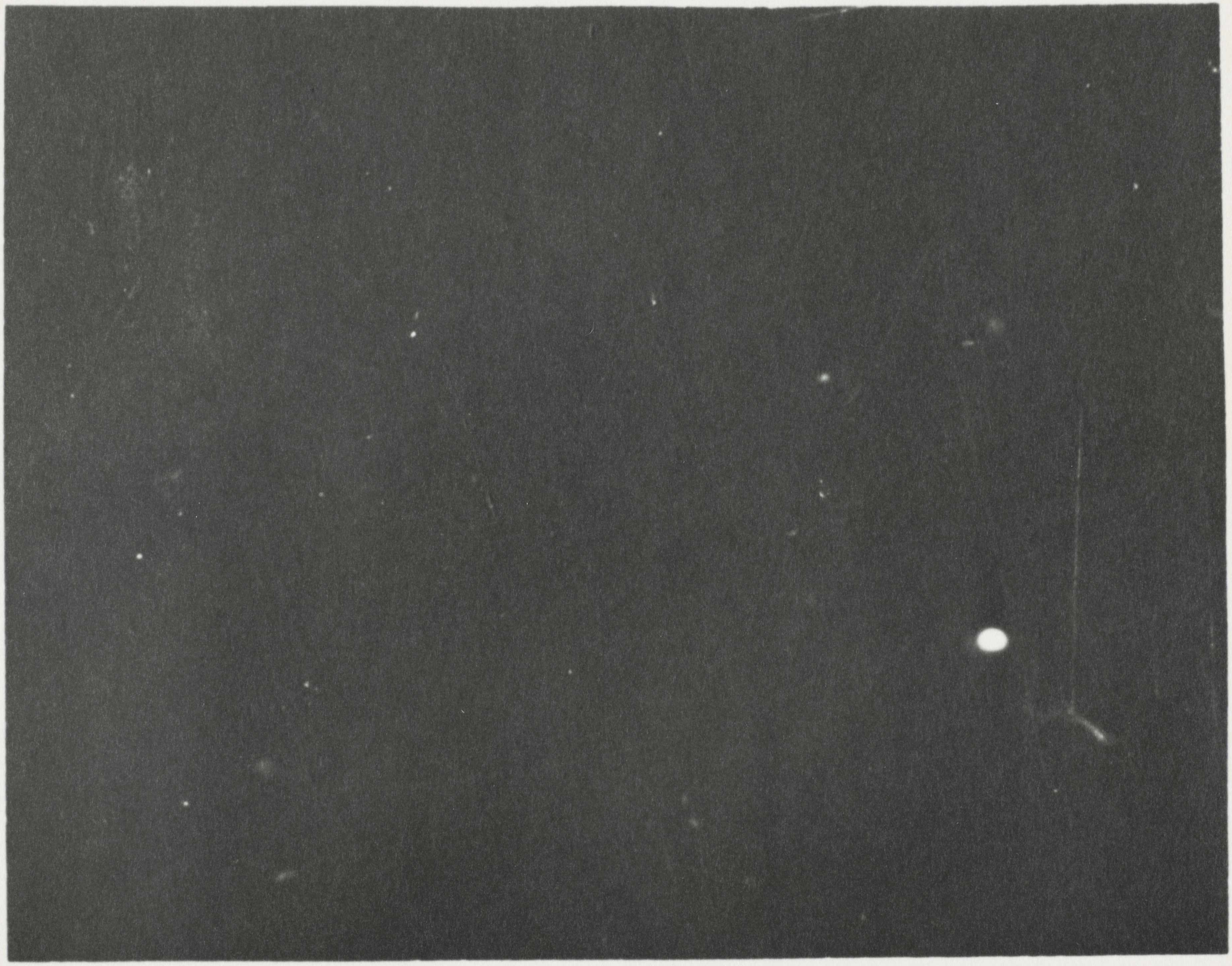
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Distance from Lens to object
is 31 feet.
Size of object photographed
is 3 25/32 inches in
diameter.
Using a standard 100 ft. tin
can used for motion picture
film.
Lens used - 75 mm (3 inch)
24 frames per second

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Attached for your information is copy of letter from OSI DO #17, dated 1 March 1950, which forwarded a letter from Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ to Dr. P. H. WYCKOFF, a copy of which is also inclosed herewith, concerning captioned subject.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Aerial Object, 1955 hours, 7 February 1950, Sighted at Albuquerque, N.M. by: (See Page 2) SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 17th OSI District (IG)
Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. Reference is made to report of investigation your office, dated 23 February 1950, concerning captioned Subject.

2. Attention is invited to AFCSI Letter No. 85, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, dated 8 February 1950 which provides that active investigation of incidents concerning "Unconventional Aircraft" will not be conducted unless a specific request is made by competent authority. Otherwise, information received on this Subject will be reported to Headquarters, OSI through the media of Spot Intelligence Reports.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CP - Czechoslovakian Communist Literature Received by Air Force Consultant

Dr LINCOLN LA PAZ, Professor of Meteorities, University of New Mexico, and an official adviser to the AF on Aerial Phenomena, reported to OSI, DO#17, Kirtland AFB, that he had received Communist literature through the mail from CZECHOSLOVAKIA. This material, entitled "For the Defense of Peace" is printed in CZECH, RUSSIAN, FRENCH and ENGLISH and urges all scientists not to work for arms development, and to follow the dictates of the SOVIET UNION. The material was addressed to "The Institute of Meteorics of the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico", and purports to have been issued by the CZECHOSLOVAK ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETYIN PRAGUE. (A-2)

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TITLE: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by S/Sgt MARTIN K. BOONE, AF-12181101, 3024 Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB, at 0530 hrs MST on 20 February 1950.

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE: AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. S/Sgt MARTIN K. BOONE, AF-12181101, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 0530 hrs. MST, 20 February 1950. BOONE was interviewed and all pertinent informationw as obtained.

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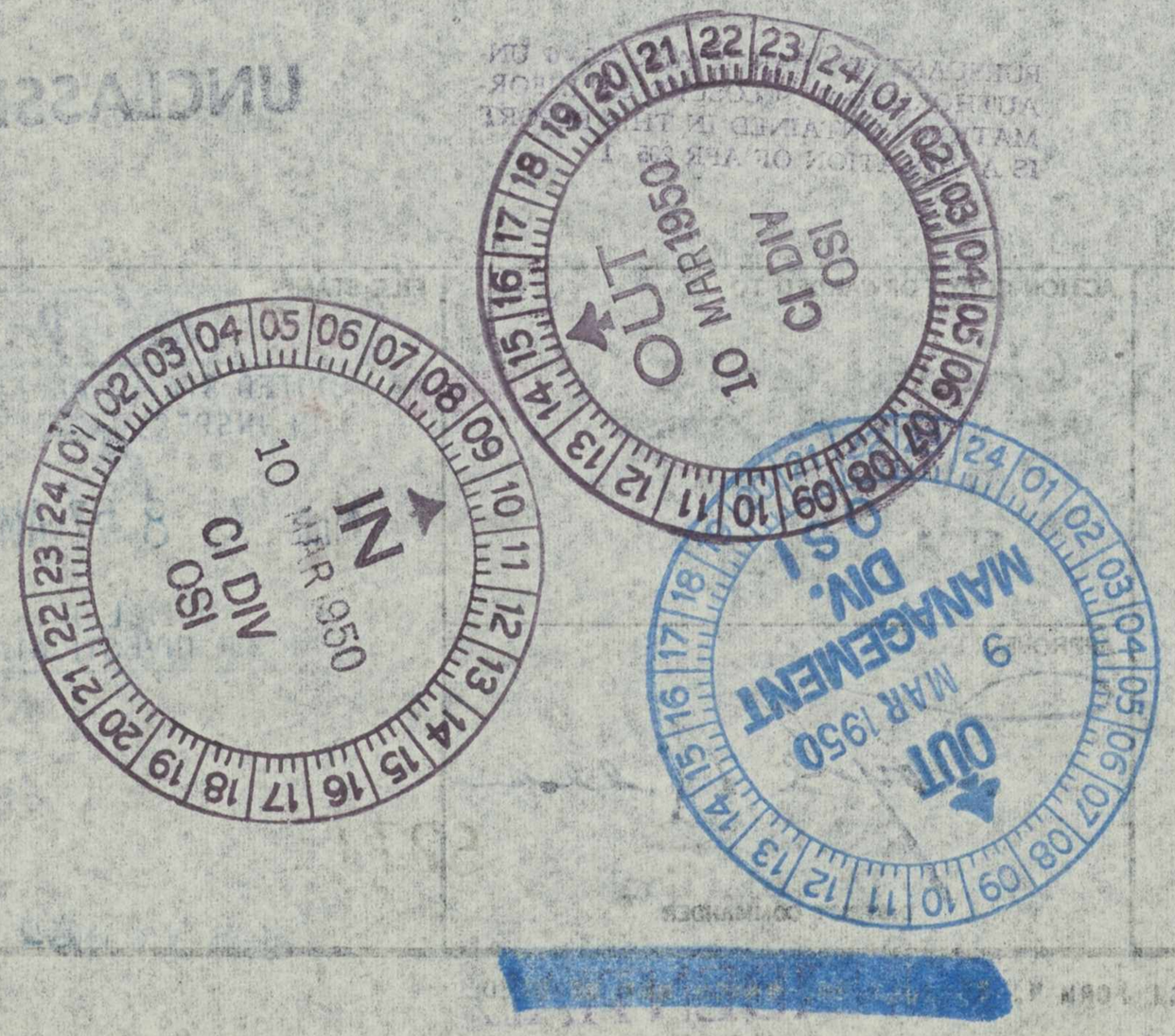
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects:

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. S/Sgt MARTIN K. BOONE was interviewed on 20 February 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 20 February 1950.
b. Time of sighting: Object was sighted at 0530 hrs. MST and remained in view for approximately 5 minutes.

c. Where sighted: One mile south of Tularosa on U.S. Highway 54, while traveling in a truck. Object was sighted directly east of the position of observer.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Unable to determine, however, observer stated it appeared to be about 10 miles east of observer's position.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Observer stated it appeared to be approximately 1000 ft. above Sacramento Mountains, whose national altitude is 9000 feet.

g. Time in flight: Approximately 5 minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: White
(2) Shape: The object was round, but as stated by the observer, was not perfect in its roundness due to the glare of the object.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine

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(4) Size: Approximately the size of a half dollar held at arm's length.

i. Direction of flight: Object did not appear to move.

j. Tactics or Maneuvers: None

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: At the time of disappearance, a cloud moved in front of the object; however, the object did not appear to have any effect on the clouds.

m. Lights: Object itself appeared to be a very brilliant light.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability: Object did not appear to move.

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Speed: Object did not move.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Object disappeared from view due to cloud moving in front of object.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: S/Sgt Martin K. Boone, AF-12181101.
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
(3) Occupation: Air Police Range Patrol.
(4) Vaughn, New Mexico.
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Hunting.
(6) Ability to determine: Average.
(7) Reliability of observer: Reliable.
(8) Former sightings: None
(9) Witness:
Cpl Robert B. Reigle, AF-13263942
3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.

3. BOONE and REIGLE first observed this object directly east of them when they were approximately one mile south of Tularosa, New Mexico, traveling to Holloman Air Force Base on U.S.Highway 54. The thing that

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attracted their attention to the object was its brilliance and extremely large size. This object did not change shape, leave a trail, or emanate any flame or color.

4. Weather conditions at that time were an overcast in the near vicinity, moving toward the object and which finally covered the object. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, Holloman AFB, White Sands Proving Ground, and Biggs Air Force Base, and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting. Checks at the Operations & Projects Section and the Electronics & Atmosphere Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed no pertinent information. There were no local flights scheduled in the vicinity of Holloman AFB or Alamogordo, New Mexico, at that time.

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No. (24-8) - 0

1 March 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed is a letter from Dr. Lincoln LaPaz to Dr. P.H. Wyckoff, wherein, the former has offered an opinion as to certain aerial phenomena.

2. The primary opinion of Dr. LaPaz has been red lined in the inclosure. Your records will reflect that Dr. LaPaz has served as an independent consultant in this particular field of endeavor since its inception in December 1948, primarily for the benefit of the Air Materiel Command.

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24 February 1950

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN: Counter-Intelligence Division

1. Inclosed clipping from the Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque, New Mexico, dated 23 February 1950.

2. This clipping is apparently a news release of the Associated Press from New York, 22 February 1950; however, it was run in the above local newspaper due to the intensified interest of the public in this locale and due to the proximity of White Sands, New Mexico.

3. It is believed that the contents will be of interest to the Counter-Intelligence Division.

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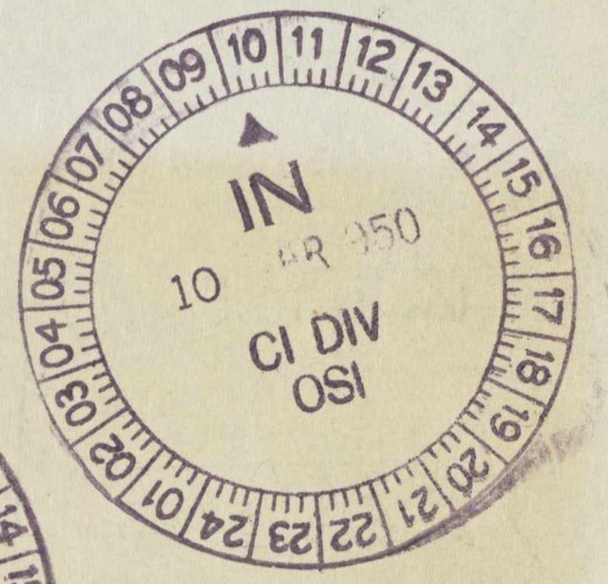
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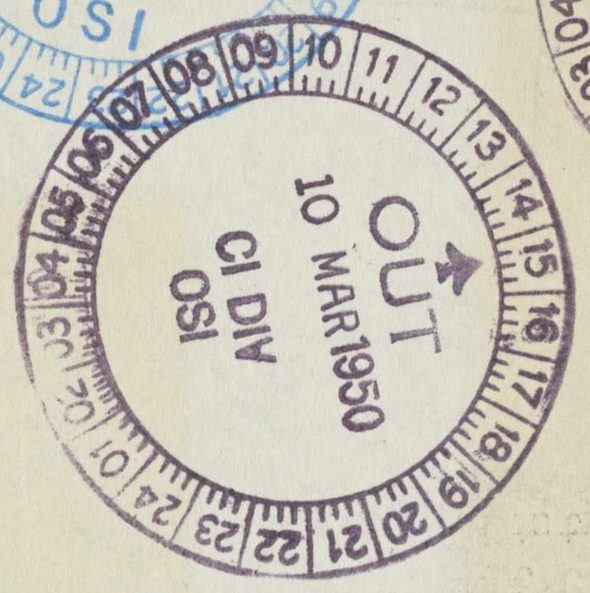
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
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REPORT MADE BY: S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS

REPORT MADE AT: 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD: 20 February 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

STATUS: CLOSED

TITLE:

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Major WILLIAM J. MAYNOR, AO-341535, Air Provost Marshal, HAFB between 0510 and 0654 hours MST on 18 February 1950.

CHARACTER:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE:

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS:

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Major WILLIAM J. MAYNOR, AO-341535, Air Provost Marshal; M/Sgt WILLIAM E. ROYAL, AF-20433639, 3024th Air Police Squadron; and M/Sgt RAYBURN F. GOTZINGER, AF-19018173, 3023 Base Service Squadron, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 0510 hours, 18 February 1950. Witnesses interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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a. Date of sighting: 18 February 1950
b. Time of sighting: 0510 hours MST and remained in sight until 0654 hrs MST when object diminished to such a degree in size that observers ceased looking at it.

c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base, and was in view at all times during trip from Holloman AFB to Oscura, New Mexico. Object was approximately due northeast of the base.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None.

f. Distance of object from observers:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable, however object appeared to be a minimum of approximately 50 miles.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Object was first sighted on the horizon and continued in a straight ascent to an angular elevation of approximate 45° when object disappeared from view.
(3) Altitude: Undeterminable.

g. Time in flight: One (1) hour and 44 Minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: White and orange.
(2) Shape: Appeared to be round for the first 45 minutes, and then gradually changed to the shape of an ice-cream cone.
(3) Apparent construction: Undeterminable.
(4) Size: Appeared to be the size of a coffee cup held at arm's length.

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i. Direction of flight: From horizon to an angular elevation of 45°. Traveled at an angle of 45° from the earth in a straight line with a heading of 10° from true north.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Climbed in a straight line. No maneuvers.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Although there was an overcast in the western part of the sky, the object was sighted in a clear section with no clouds present.

m. Lights: Object itself appeared to be a very bright light, and as the sun arose occasionally reflected the light of the sun from the lower half of the object.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Undeterminable.

p. Control and stability: Appeared to have good control.

q. Air ducts: Undeterminable.

r. Speed: Undeterminable.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Object diminished in size to such a degree that observers ceased looking at it.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341535
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB
(3) Occupation: Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Fishing and hunting
(6) Ability to determine: Above average
(7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable
(8) Former sightings: None

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(9) Witnesses:

M/Sgt William E. Royal, AF-20433639
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3. This object was sighted by the observers as they were leaving the main gate of Holloman Air Force Base. The object remained in view in the north-eastern part of the sky at all times until they arrived at Oscura, New Mexico. This trip was made on U.S.Highway No. 54. The observers stated it definitely was not a star, and further, they stated it could not have been the morning star as they kept the object in view even after the sun arose. During its slow ascent, the object gradually began to take on a pointed shape at the bottom of the object, giving it the appearance of an ice-cream cone. The observers advised that t he lower part of the object slowly swung back and forth in the manner of a pendulum and would occasionally reflect the light of the sun.

4. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, Operations & Projects Section, Electronics & Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB; at the White Sands Proving Ground Research Branch and the Base Weather Squadron, Biggs AFB, and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting. There were no planes in the air from the local civilian airports at that time nor were there any official flights in the air from Holloman AFB or to Holloman AFB.

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2. Report reflects that Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, the recipient of the enclosed Communist material from Czechoslovakia, is an advisor to the USAF in matters pertaining to unidentified aerial phenomena.

3. Attached report and the inclosures are forwarded as being of possible interest to your Directorate.

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TO: District Commander, 5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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2. Letter of transmittal accompanying this report reflects that Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ is an advisor in certain capacities with Air Materiel Command.

3. Report is forwarded for your information with request that the Air Materiel Command office concerned be advised of the information contained therein.

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2. Report reflects that Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, the recipient of the enclosed Communist material from Czechoslovakia, is an advisor in certain capacities with Air Materiel Command, USAF.

3. Attached report and the inclosures are forwarded for the information of your Directorate. Copies have also been forwarded Hq Air Materiel Command through OSI District Office No. 5 and to the Directorate of Air Intelligence.

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT
Los Alamos, New Mexico
10 February 1949

Aerial Phenomena - 1947-50

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Rpt of Inv by S/A George W. McCorkle, DO#5, dated 7 April 1949

SYNOPSIS

DETAILS:

Records of Supply Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, revealed that aircraft number 44-61986 was assigned to McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. TWX from McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, disclosed that subject aircraft was on photographic mapping mission in Southwest United States as per 311 Operational Order #47, dated 6 April 1949.

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16, 17 February 1950

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17th DO, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
1955 hours, 7 February 1950,
Sighted at Albuquerque, N.M.
by: (See Page 2)

Aerial Phenomena 17th DO

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Object sighted between 1950 - 2015 hours 7 February 1950. Colonel M. M. [illegible], Captain SETH A. ARMSTRAD, JR., Corporal EDWARD S. [illegible], and Corporal ROBERT W. [illegible] were interviewed. Special Agent ROBERT R. JOHNS and Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, JR., were contacted by phone. Results of interviews and phone call set out under DETAILS herein.

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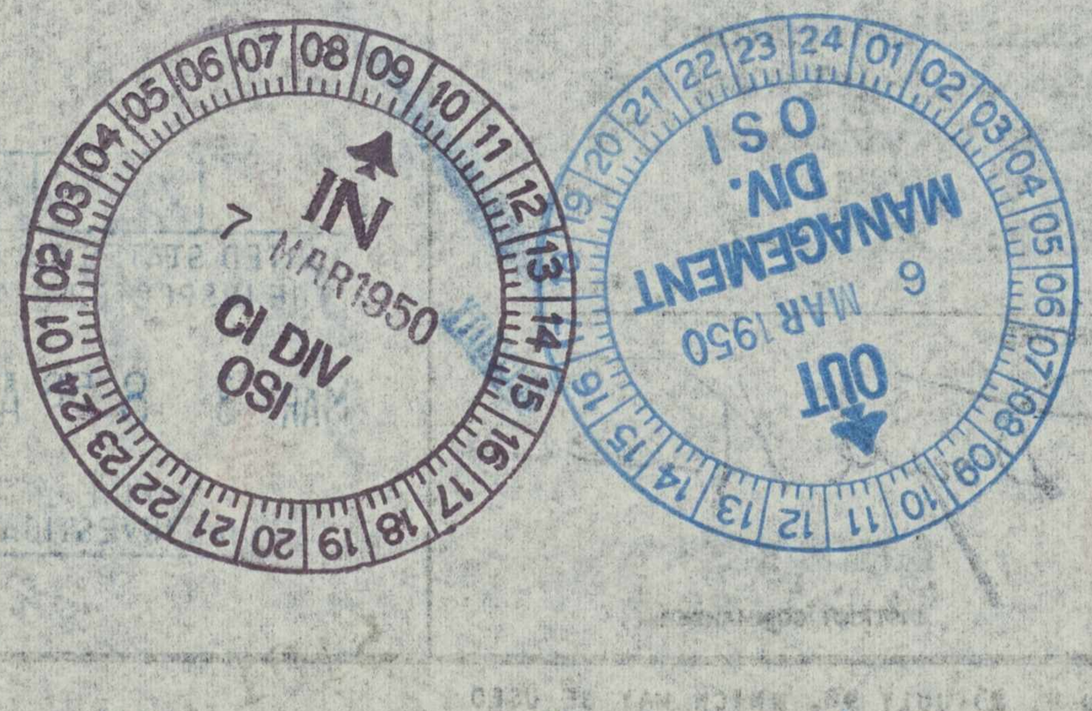
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon verbal information received from Dr. LINCOIN LA PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who, on 8 February 1950, advised that an unidentified aerial object was sighted at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 7 February 1950.

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. On 16 February 1950, EDWARD S. BRUNSKOLE, Cpl, AF-13287295, and ROBERT W. POUND, Cpl, AF-15258332, Hq, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, were interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting: 1955 hours, 7 February 1950.
Point of Observation: In front of Base Theatre, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Number of Objects: One
What attracted attention to object: Unidentified person called attention to it.
Color of object: Reddish-Green.
Size of object: Twice size of evening star.
Shape of object: Apparently round-elongated trail.
Apparent construction: Unknown.
Distance from observers: Unknown.
Angle of elevation from horizon: Estimated 40 to 45 degrees.
Direction from observers: South southeast
Direction of flight: South southeast to East
Tactics or maneuvers: None - Straight line of flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust: No exhaust - bright reddish-trail.
Effect on clouds: No clouds
Luminosity: Very bright.
Apparent means of support: None apparent.
Projections: None visible.
Speed: About same as falling star.
Sound: None
Odor: None
Time in sight: About 4 to 6 seconds.
Manner of Dissappearance: Faded out in atmosphere.

3. On 16 February 1950, SETH A. ARMSTEAD, Jr., Captain, 12947A, Reserve Activities Division, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of sighting: Between 1945 and 2000 hours 7 Feb 1950.
Point of observation: While flying as co-pilot in aircraft between Tucumcari, N. M. and Kirtland AFB. Was flying over Guerro CAA Auxiliary Airport near Otto, N.M.

Number of objects: Apparently one. Saw flash which lit up cockpit.
What attracted attention to object: Brightness and when cockpit lit up.
Color of object: Fireball white.
Size of object: Did not see object, flash only.
Shape of object: Unknown.
Apparent construction: Unknown.
Distance from observer: Unknown.

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Angle of elevation from horizon: Unknown.
Direction from observer: Estimate 10 degrees south of aircraft.
Direction of flight: Flash appeared across sky from East to West.
Tactics or maneuvers: None - flat projectory.
Evidence of trail or exhaust: No exhaust - trail from East to West suddenly disappeared.
Effect on clouds: No clouds visible.
Luminosity: Extremely bright.
Apparent means of support: None apparent.
Projections: None visible.
Speed: Aircraft was heading 260 degrees, altitude of approximately 10,000 feet, traveling approximately 210 miles per hour, and flash appeared to travel 5 or 6 times as fast as aircraft.
Sound: None heard.
Odor: None
Time in sight: Estimate 2 to 4 seconds.
Manner of disappearance: Disappeared suddenly by completely fading out.
Notes relative to observer: Received Air Force training in celestial navigation. Knows main elestial bodies, and main stars for direction. Is able to shoot "fixes" on stars.

4. M.M.MUNN, Colonel, 143A, Reserve Activities Division, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, who was Pilot of the aircraft mentioned in paragraph 3 above, was interviewed on 17 February 1950 and verified the information as given by Captain ARMSTEAD and set out in paragraph 3 above.

5. On 9 February 1950, Special Agent ROBERT R. JOHNS, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Holloman Detachment, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, JR., Chief of Security Operations, Los Alamos, New Mexico, were contacted by phone concerning subject fireball. Neither had any information concerning this fireball, but advised they would notify this Headquarters of any information received. To-date, no information has been received from either Special Agent JOHNS or Mr. NEWBURGER concerning this matter.

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT,
27 January 1950, at 1715 hours EST,
Observed by: Mr. WALTER S. WILLIAMS,
R.F.D.#1, 93A, Marylanding Road,
Scullville, New Jersey

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon receipt of letter from Mr. WALTER S. WILLIAMS, dated 27 January 1950, at Scullville, New Jersey. WILLIAMS advised that on 27 January 1950, he observed a white streak traveling through the sky, and after traveling a distance turned black, went into a zig zag motion and disappeared. White streak did not disappear suddenly or fan out as a cloud, but faded gradually. WILLIAMS observed the phenomena for approximately one half hour, and its speed was about one half that of a fire works rocket at close range. The phenomena appeared to be ascending at about a sixty (60) degree angle. This phenomean had all appearances and indications of a vapor trail. In that there is but one sighting, and the information available concerning this sighting does not contain the necessary technical data required, it is not considered advisable to expend further time toward the investigation of this phenomena.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon receipt of letter from Mr. WALTER S. WILLIAMS, R.F.D. #1, 93A, Marylanding Road, Scullville, New Jersey, dated 27 January 1950. Mr. WILLIAMS advised he saw a white streak traveling northwest through and ab ove the clouds, and after traveling some distance it turned black and went into a sort of zig zag motion until it disappeared.

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. In a letter, dated 27 January 1950, at Scullville, New Jersey, addressed to the Assistant of Lunar and Planetary Observer, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. WALTER S. WILLIAMS advised that while returning to his home in Scullville, New Jersey, from work in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on 27 January 1950, at approximately 1715 hours EST, he observed a phenomena in the southwest sky which lasted for about half an hour. This phenomena was a white streak traveling northwest through and above the clouds. After traveling some distance it turned black and went into a sort of zig zag motion until it disappeared. It did not disappear suddenly or fan out as a cloud, but faded gradually. The speed was about half of that of a fire works rocket at close range. The phenomena appeared to be ascending at about a sixty (60) degree angle.

3. This phenomena has all the appearances and indications of a vapor trail made by high flying aircraft. This is but a single sighting, and the lapse of time between sighting and transmittal of information through regular channels, it is not considered advisable to expend any furhter time on this matter. Further, technical authorities have advised it is positively necessary to have more than one (1) sighting, and that these sightings must of necessity contain a high degree of exactness in technical data required in order to obtain a triangular "fix" upon the object and its path of travel.

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS,
9 January 1950, at 1025 hours,
Observed by: (See Page 2)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

AFOSI Ltr No. 85, Hq. Office of Special Investigations, File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Jr., Chief, Security Operations, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Aerial phenomena sighted between 2220 and 2230 hours on 9 January 1950, at Los Alamos, New Mexico. The object was sighted by Mr. PAUL SPERLING, Mr. HARRIS MAYER, and Mr. ROBERT M. POTTER, all of whom are Scientists at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Interviews with the above individuals are set out in Details herein. Mr. POTTER stated that in his opinion subject object was an extremely bright meteor.

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4501-B Ridgeway
Los Alamos, New Mexico
Observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico

Mr. HARRIS MAYER
1461 - 44th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico
Observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico

Mr. ROBERT M. POTTER
Quarters 784-B, 45th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico
Observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, jr., Chief, Security Operations, Los Alamos, New Mexico. NEWBURGER advised that an aerial phenomena was sighted on 9 January 1950, between the hours of 2220 and 2230.

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

2. On 10 February 1950, Mr. PAUL SPERLING, Scientist, 4501-B Ridgeway, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and the following information obtained:

Time and date of sighting - 2226 hrs, 9 Jan 1950
Point of observation - Sidewalk along westside of Chapel, Los Alamos, New Mexico.
Number of objects - one
What attracted attention to objec t - Brightness of object, and happened to be facing right direction.
Color of object - Incandescent green
Size of object - Impossible to estimate.
Shape of object - Apparently oval. Left trail resulting in sort of teardrop shape overall.
Apparent construction - Could not tell. Seemed to be just a light.
Distance from observer - Impossible to estimate.
Angle of elevation from horizon - Estimate 80 degrees when sighted, 40 degrees when lost sight.
Direction from observer - Estimate 280 degrees when sighted, 320 degrees when lost sight.
Direction of Flight - Same as above.
Tactics or maneuvers - Straight flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust - Slight trail about as long as object itself, resulting in sort of teardrop shpe overall.
Effects on clouds - No clouds.
Luminosity - Incandescent.
Apparent means of support - No apparent means.
Projections and/or indentations - None
Speed - Impossible to estimate. Was in sight about two (2) seconds.
Sound - None
Odor - None
Time in sight - About two (2) seconds.
Manner of disappearance - Trees interfered with vision.

3. On 10 February 1950, Mr. HARRIS MAYER, Scientist, 1461-44th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and the following information obtained:

Time and date of sighting - Approximately 2220 hours 9 January 1950.
Point of observation - Southwest corner of Chapel, Los Alamos, N.M.
Number of objects - one
What attracted attention to object - Mr. Paul Sperling pointed it out.
Color of object - Bluish white
Size of object - No perceptible disk; appeared as a point
Shape of object - Pointed
Apparent construction - Impossible to determine.

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Distance from observer: - Impossible to determine.
Angle of elevation from horizon - Estimate 60 degrees
Direction from observer - West by Southwest
Direction of flight - Due west.
Tactics or maneuvers - Pursued a straight course at constant speed.
Evidence of trail or exhaust - Luminous trail persisting for less than one-half second
Effect on clouds - Not observed
Luminosity of object - Luminosity greater than Venus at brightest much less than full moon.
Apparent means of support - None
Projections and/or indentations - None
Speed - Ten degrees per second (estimate)
Sound - None
Odor - None
Time in sight - About two (2) seconds
Manner of disappearance - Luminosity stopped rather suddenly, although was not obscured by Jamez Mountains on horizon.

4. On 25 January 1950, Mr. ROBERT M. POTTER, Scientist, Quarters 784-B, 45th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexicoo was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and date of sighting - Approximately 2225 hours 9 January 1950
Point of observation - Observed from slow moving car, at intersection of Canyon Road and Daniel Drive, Los Alamos, N.M.
Number of objects - one
What attracted attention to object - Brightness of object while driving towards it
Color of object - Greenish-white
Size of object - Minus 4 to minus 5 compared to Jupiter.
Shape of object - Round
Apparent construction - Unable to determine
Distance from observer - Estimate at least 100 miles away.
Angle of elevation from horizon - 75 to 80 degrees above horizon
Direction from observer - Approximately 300 degrees north of west.
Direction of flight - 300 degrees north of west, followed same pattern
Tactics or maneuvers - None, straight line of flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust - None
Effect on clouds - No clouds
Luminosity of object - Minus 4 magnitude (3rd brightest to sun and moon) (brightest star is only minus 2)
Apparent means of support - None
Projections - None
Speed - Approximately 25 degrees per second
Odor - None
Sound - None
Time in sight - Approximately 3 seconds
Manner of disappearance - Behind horizon
Notes relative to observer - Completed one semester of astronomy in college. Staff member in Chemistry at Los Alamos, N.M. In POTTER's opinion this object was an extremely bright meteor.

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TITLE

Fireball Sighted at Capitan New Mexico, on 4 December 1949
Blue-green object

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Lead Sheet, Hq. 17th DO, dated 6 December 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 17th District, Office of Special Investigations, Inspector General, United States Air Force, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, upon receipt of information in his office regarding a falling gree-blue object in the vicinity of Capitan, New Mexico. A search of the designated area was conducted with negative results.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon receipt of report by District Commander, 17th District, Office of Special Investigations that a fireball was reported to have fallen in the vicinity of Capitan, New Mexico.

AT CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO

2. Mr. PHIL BLAISE, Deputy Sheriff, Lincoln County advised the writer telephonically on 5 December 1949 that a falling fireball had been observed in this vicinity by a Mr. ANNARATONE.

3. Mr. JOHN ANNARATONE, Owner, Rusty Anchor Bar, was contacted on 5 December 1949 and related the following information: At 1930 to 1945 hours while driving east from Carrizozo, New Mexico accompanied by his wife their attention was attracted to an intense bluish-green light at about an angle of 40° as viewed from inside their car. This light appeared as one (1) object and in shape appeared to resemble a teardrop or raindrop. As this object neared the ground it appeared to increase greatly in size. The ANNARATONE'S position at this time was 33° 37' North and 105° 45' West. This object disappeared at approximately 2° True at the horizon from this position. No sound or odor was noted. A trail of bluish-green light in width the same size as the fireball and tapering off to a point was observed. The luminosity was very brilliant. The distance from the observer according to his estimation was about five (5) miles. The speed was very slow. No projections or pins were in evidence. At the time of sighting the object was in a dive and disappeared either into or behind a mountain peak. The weather at this time was very clear, no clouds. The date of this observation was 4 December 1949.

4. The writer ascertained that the reputation of ANNARATONE is good in this community. The persons interviewed regarding ANNARATONE were all local citizens and it appeared from their remarks that his character and reputation for veracity are excellent.

5. In a check of the community for possible other witnesses to this phenomenon, Mr. ROBERT GAYLOR, Patient, United States Marine Hospital, stated to the writer that he observed this strange light at the same time as ANNARATONE. Questioning of GAYLOR elicited substantially the same information obtained from ANNARATONE with the exception of location. GAYLOR'S location at the time of sighting was 33° 30' North and 105° 34' West. First seen at an elevation of about 40° and disappeared at 330° from his position. Inasmuch as GAYLOR is a patient in the hospital and not known in Capitan, no attempt was made to check his reputation for veracity.

6. A careful scrutiny of the location from where the object disappeared was negative in regards to any evidence.

AT CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO

7. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was notified to contact the writer upon receipt of any information pertaining to any object on the ground in this vicinity.

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8. Mr. F. C. ATWOOD, Deputy Sheriff, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office informed the writer that riders of various ranches covered this region at regular intervals. These riders were instructed by ATWOOD to report anything unusual.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Sighted by Rev. GEORGE A. STRACKE
Farmington, New Mexico
1330 hours, 16 December 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on a letter from the Reverend GEORGE A. STRACKE, Box 626, Farmington, New Mexico, dated 9 December 1949, in which STRACKE stated that at 1330 hours, 6 December 1949, he sighted an object at approximately 500 feet altitude and approximately 5 miles distant which appeared to be a charred parachute or cargo net dropping rapidly, such as a partially deflated parachute would. Due to shortage of Agent personnel, large work load, distance and expense of travel involved, indicated lead will not be developed by this office.

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

DR/ACM/ms

File No: 33-31

6 February 1950

SUBJECT: Communist Matters

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed are photographs of Communistic matters received by Dr. Lincoln La Paz, Professor of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, and also an advisor in certain capacities with Air Materiel Command of the United States Air Force.

2. These data were received by Dr. Lincoln La Paz from Czechoslovakia and are apparently attempts to propagandize certain scientific affiliates of the Astronomical Society in the United States.

3. A copy of this report and the inclosures are being transmitted this date to the Special Agent in Charge, Percy Wiley, II, Federal Bureau of Investigation Field Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DATE 27 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY
S/A RODNEY A. LUDEMAN

REPORT MADE AT
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17th DO, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

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TITLE

Communist Material Received From Czechoslovakia by Dr. LINCOLN/LA PAZ

CHARACTER
COMMUNIST MATTERS

REFERENCE
None. This is an intial report.

SYNOPSIS

Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, advisor in matters pertaining to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and Professor of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, received Communist material through the mail from Czechoslovakia. This material is marked Exhibit A, B, and C, and urges all scientists not to work on arms development and to follow the dictates of the Soviet Union.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated on a verbal report by Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, Professor of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, and official advisor in matters pertaining to Aerial Phenomena. Dr. LA PAZ received, through the mail from Czechoslovakia, printed Communist material urging all scientists not to work for arms development and to follow the dictates of the Soviet Union. Dr. LA PAZ turned over this material to Lt Col DOYLE REES, District Commander, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base.

2. Photostatic copies of subject material, marked Exhibit A, B, and C, are attached to this report. The originals of subject material are in the possession of Dr. LA PAZ.

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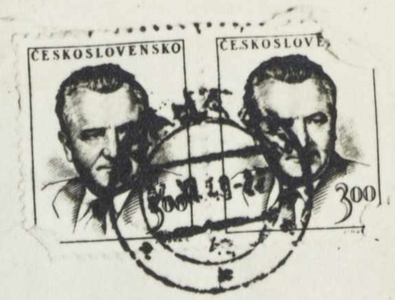
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TITLE

Fireball Sighted by JAMES D. McADAM, ROBERT M. POTTER and J. H. PARSONS, at 1935 hours MST, 4 December 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, Hq OSI File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. JAMES D. McADAM, Salesman, New York Life Insurance Company, 1309 Los Lunas, Albuquerque, New Mexico. McADAM advised that at 1935 hours MST, on 4 December 1949, he had observed a green Fireball in the northeastern sky.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. JAMES D. McADAM, New York Life Insurance Company, 1309 Los Lunas, Albuquerque, New Mexico. McADAM advised that at 1935 hours MST, on 4 December 1949, he had observed a green Fireball in the northeastern sky. It was visible for only two or three seconds and was the size of a marble at arms length.

2. This is a joint investigation conducted by S/A JAMES N. KERRICK and the writer.

3. On 5 December 1949, Mr. JAMES D. McADAM, Salesman, New York Life Insurance Company, 1309 Los Lunas Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed and the following information was obtained:

a. Time and date of lighting: 1935 hours MST, 4 December 1949.
b. Point of observation: 106° 36', 35° 4'
c. Number of objects: One (1)
d. What attracted observer's attention: The movement of the object.
e. Direction from observer: 40° from true North
f. Angle of elevation: Unknown
g. Distance from observer: 8 to 10 miles.
h. Time in sight: 2 to 3 seconds.
i. Color of object: green
j. Size of object: marble at arms length.
k. Shape of object: Round
l. Apparent construction: Unknown
m. Direction of flight: Nearly horizontal, East to West.
n. Tactics or maneuvers: Slopping descent
o. Evidence or trail or exhaust: None observed
p. Effect on clouds: No clouds
q. Luminosity: Very bright
r. Projections and depressions: None
s. Means of propulsion: control and stability: Unknown
t. Speed of object (MPH): Unable to estimate.
u. Sound and oder: None
v. Manner of disappearance: Appeared to go out like a person blowing out a candle.

4. On 5 December 1949, the following information was received through Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Chief, Security Operations, Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos.

a. Time and date of lighting: 1935 hours MST, 4 December 1949.
b. Point of observation: 106° 20' West, 36° 6' North
c. Number of objects: One (1)
d. What attracted observer's attention: Movement of the object

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e. Direction from observer: 30
f. Angle of elevation: unable to estimate
g. Distance from observer: unknown
h. Time in sight: one-fifth of a second
i. Color of object: green
j. Size of object: unknown
k. Shape of object: round
l. Apparent construction: unknown
m. Direction of flight: East to Northeast
n. Tactics or maneuvers: sloping descent
o. Evidence or trail or exhaust: none observed
p. Effect on clouds: not stated
q. Luminosity: very bright
r. Projections and depressions: not stated
s. Means of propulsion: control and stability: not stated
t. Speed of object (MPH): Unable to estimate
u. Sound and oder: none
v. Manner of disappearance: just disappeared behind mountain.

5. The observers, Mr. ROBERT M. POTTER, and J. H. PARSONS, are employees of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. It is believed that their observations are reliable.

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S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS

REPORT MADE AT
17th DO, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

PERIOD
13 December 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
17th DO, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

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TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENON
Sighted by S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS
Holloman AFB, 2005 hours, 13 December 1949.

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85; Headquarters OSI file 24-185

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. The writer observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 2005 hours, 13 December 1949.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. The following information was obtained on a sighting of an unidentified object by the writer on 13 December 1949:

a. Date of sighting: 13 December 1949.
b. Time of sighting: From 2008 to 2017 hours.
c. Where sighted: From ground, traveling in automobile, in a southwesterly direction from Alamogordo, New Mexico, to Holloman AFB, on US Highway No. 70.
Position when first sighted: 32° 52' North 105° 58' West.
Position when object faded from view: 32° 51' North, 106° 2' West.

d. Number of objects: One
e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Estimated maximum of 75 miles.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 15°
(3) Altitude: Estimated maximum of 5000 ft above ground.

g. Time in sight: Approximately 9 minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Object changed color from white to amber, to red, and to green; however not in the order as listed. During entire sighting a flame appeared to shoot out from various positions of object. When object disappeared from view, it faded out in a bright green color.
(2) Shape: Circular; e.g. Street light.
(3) Apparent construction: Undeterminable.
(4) Size: One and one-half times the size of the average street light at a distance of 8 miles.

i. Direction of flight: During first five (5) minutes, the object did not appear to be moving. Then it began to slowly move downward and to the right.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: The last estimated 3/4 second in view the object definitely suddenly picked up great speed while taking on this bright green color.

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k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: No clouds

m. Lights: The hour preceeding this sighting, while in the drive-in theater at Alamogordo, New Mexico, the writer and his sister-in-law, Miss Ramona Dahl, and Mrs. John Frampton, sighted several (approximately 6) brilliant shooting stars, some appeared to be a light green color and some appeared to travel much slower than others. Approximately 10 seconds before the Subject Object faded from view, another "shooting star" came from behind the automobile in which the writer and his companions were traveling, moving in the direction where the Object faded from view. This "shooting star" was of a slightly green color also, however, very bright, and traveled almost parallel to U.S. Highway 70, in a southwesterly direction. This "shooting star" appeared to fade from view before reaching the Subject Object.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Undeterminable.

p. Control and stability: Very good.

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Speed: There was no definite movement the first five minutes in view. Object then began to move downward, which might have been forward movement away from the writer, giving the appearance of downward movement. However, this movement was very slow. The descent was at a rate of approximately 1^{o} per minute. As mentioned before, object picked up speed within the last 3/4 of second in view. The writer cannot estimate speed at that time.

s. Sound: No sound audible.

t. Manner of disappearance: Object took on brilliant green color, picked up speed, and faded from view. Reason for disappearance in this case was definitely not due to the object traveling behind a mountain range, building, or any other obstacle.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS

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(2) Address: Holloman AFB Detachment, Alamogordo, N.M.
(3) Occupation: Special Agent, OSI.
(4) Place of business: Holloman AFB
(5) Pertinent hobbies: None
(6) Ability to determine: Average
(7) Reliability of observer: Reliable
(8) Former sightings: The writer has observed several "shooting stars" of a green color within the past year, and at this time was acutely conscious of obtaining correct information during the Subject sighting.
(9) Witnesses:
Miss Ramona N. Dahl, 315 - 14th St, Alamogordo, N.M.
Mrs. John F. Frampton, Alamogordo, New Mexico (Wife of S/A John F.Frampton).

3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that no information was obtained by them during the period the object was in view. Further check with the Base Weather Station, Holloman AFB, revealed that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting nor had they any balloons or other free flying objects in the sky at that time. Check with the Operations & Projects Division, Holloman AFB, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground, revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the sighting. Further inquiries of personnel of Holloman AFB revealed no other witnesses.

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REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

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TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Pfc JOHN M. GUSICH
AF-57501418, Holloman AFB
at 0605 hours, 13 January 1950

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Pfc. JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, File Clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon, at 0605 hours 13 January 1950. GUSICH was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. Pfc. JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 13 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 13 January 1950.
b. Time of sighting: 0605 hours 13 January 1950, at which time the object was in the same general vicinity in the sky as one sighted the evening before. Re: (24-8)-15.

c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base. Object was approximately due north of base.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable; however, object appeared to be further away from observer than the sighting of this observer at 1030 6 January 1950. Re: (24-8)-13.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 10 to 15°.
(3) Altitude: Undeterminable, due to unknown size of object.

g. Time in sight: Observer did not observe object for a very great length of time.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Predominately white - very bright, comparable to Venus; changed erratically to green and red.
(2) Shape: Starlike shape; unable to determine specific shape.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Appeared to be about the same size as the planet Venus.

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i. Direction of flight: Observer did not keep object in sight long enough to determine overall movement of the object. When sighted at 0605 on 13 January, the object had moved to the east a small number of degrees beyond the point where it was observed at 1900 the previous evening, (24-8)-15. Object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left in its general path of movement from east to west.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path; changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: Although it was extremely cloudy in the west, east and south, there were no clouds to the north. The object was clearly visible in the north and had no effect on the clouds that were in the sky.

m. Lights: Object itself was a light.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability: Apparently poor.

q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.

r. Speed: Unable to determine.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Object disappeared 0605, 13 January, due to the on-coming daylight.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, Pfc.
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
(3) Occupation: File clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office.
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.

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(5) Pertinent hobbies: None
(6) Ability to determine: Average
(7) Reliability of observer: Reliable.
(8) Former sightings: Observer saw a like object on 6 January 1950, which object was reported by this agent, and also on the evening of the previous day, 12 January 1950.

(9) Witnesses:
Cpl. Gailen K. Greseth, AF-17238126,
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.
Pfc. Sidney C. Autenberry, AF-18280978
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

3. This agent was unable to make an attempt to get a definite "fix" on the object due to the fact that it was not reported until after it had disappeared. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, the Operations and Projects Section, Holloman AFB, and the Research Branch at White Sands Proving Ground, and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting.

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DATE 13 January 1950

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TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Pfc JOHN M. GUSICH,
AF-57501418, Holloman AFB, at
1900 hours, 12 January 1950.

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Pfc JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, File Clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon, at 1900 hours, 12 January 1950. GUSICH was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. Pfc. JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 13 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 12 January 1950.
b. Time of sighting: Observed for 5 minutes at 1900 to 1905 and at 2100 hours on 12 January 1950.

c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base.
Azimuth at 1900 was 5 to 7° west of north.
At 2100 azimuth was about 35° west of north.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable; however, object appeared to be further away than the sighting of this observer at 1030 6 January 1950. Re: (24-8)-13.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 10 to 15°.
(3) Altitude: Undeterminable, due to unknown size of object.

g. Time in sight: Observer did not observe object for a very great length of time. Approximately 5 minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Predominately white - very bright, comparable to Venus; changed erratically to green and red.
(2) Shape: Starlike shape; unable to determine specific shape.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Appeared to be about the same size as the planet Venus.

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i. Direction of flight: Observer did not keep object in sight long enough to determine overall movement of the object; however, at 1900 hours the object was moving to the west, and when sighted again at 2100 it was still west of where it was first observed. Object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left in its general path of movement from east to west.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path; changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: Although the night of 12 January 1950 was extremely cloudy in the west, east and south, there were no clouds to the north. The object was clearly visible in the north and had no effect on the clouds that were in the sky.

m. Lights: Object itself was a light.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability: Apparently poor, trajectory was very erratic.

q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.

r. Speed: Unable to determine.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Discontinued watching due to length of stay in the sky.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, Pfc.
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.

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(3) Occupation: File clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office.
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
(5) Pertinent hobbies: None
(6) Ability to determine: Average
(7) Reliability of observer: Reliable.
(8) Former sightings: Observer saw a like object on 6 January 1950, which object was reported by this agent.

(9) Witnesses:
Cpl. Gailen K. Greseth, AF-17238126,
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.
Pfc. Sidney C. Autenberry, AF-18280978
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

3. This agent was unable to make an attempt to get a definite "fix" on the object due to the fact that it was not reported until after it had disappeared. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, the Operations and Projects Section, Holloman AFB, and the Research Branch at White Sands Proving Ground and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting.

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DATE 18 January 1950

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TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Blue Fireball Sighted by 1st Lt JOHN W. RAPP and Mr. W. W. JONES, Kirtland AFB, on 27 November 1949.

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, Hq OSI, File 24-185

SYNOPSIS

At 1730 hours MST, 27 November 1949, 1st Lt JOHN W. RAPP sighted a blue-white Fireball near Winslow, Arizona. Sighting was made from aircraft. Object was visible from three to four seconds. At 1749 hours MST, 27 November 1949, Mr. W.W. JONES sighted a blue-white Fireball from the Kirtland Control Tower. Object was visible from one to two seconds, during which time the light went off, came on, and went off again.

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DETAILS:

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

1. An interview with 1st Lt JOHN W. RAPP, Detachment "B", Sandia Base, New Mexico, revealed the following information concerning an observation made by him of a blue-white object in the sky.

a. Date of sighting: 27 November 1949
b. Time of sighting: 1730 hours MST
c. Place of observer: In aircraft between meteor crater and Winslow, Arizona, object approximately 80° from North.
d. Number of objects: One
e. What attracted observer's attention: Bright flash
f. Direction from observer: 80° from North
g. Distance from observer: Unknown
h. Angle of elevation: 30°
i. Time in sight: Three to four seconds.
j. Color of object: Bright, blue-white
k. Size of object: egg held at arms length
l. Shape of object: egg shaped
m. Apparent construction: unknown
n. Direction of flight: East to West
o. Tactics or maneuvers: None
p. Evidence of Trail or exhaust: Orange trail of sparks
q. Effect on clouds: None. Clear sky.
r. Luminosity: Resembled a phosphorous flare.
s. Projections and impressions: None
t. Means of propulsion, control and stability: Unknown
u. Speed of object: 3 - 4 seconds to cover 15° - 20° of horizon
v. Sound and odor: None
w. Manner of disappearance: Dwindled out.

2. An interview with Mr. W. W. JONES, Chief, Air Force Traffic Control, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Kirtland Control Tower, New Mexico, revealed the following information concerning an observation made by him of a blue-white object in the sky.

a. Time and date of sighting: 1749 hours, 27 November 1949
b. Point of observation: Control Tower, Kirtland AFB, near intersection of NS and EW runway.
c. Number of objects: One
d. What attracted observer's attention: Flash of light
e. Direction from observer: 165° - 172° from North
f. Distance from observer: Unable to estimate
g. Angle of elevation: 3° - 5°
h. Time in sight: One to two seconds
i. Color of object: Blue-white
j. Size of object: Pencil eraser at arms length

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k. Shape of object: Round
l. Apparent construction: Unknown
m. Direction of flight: East to West
n. Tactics or maneuvers: Sloping descent
o. Evidence of trail or exhaust: None
p. Effect on clouds: None. Clear sky.
q. Luminosity: Bright as magnesium flare
r. Projections and depressions: None
s. Means of propulsion, control and stability: None noted
t. Speed of object: 5° - 7° for one to two seconds
u. Sound and odor: None
v. Manner of disappearance: Went out, then came on again, then out again.

3. Inasmuch as no further objects were reported on this date, this case is considered closed.

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DATE 18 January 1950

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REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 6 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

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TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Mr. RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR., Holloman AFB, 2230 Hours, 6 January 1950

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This investigtion is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Mr. RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR, Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 2230 hours, 6 January 1950, and reported all pertinent information regarding the sighting.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive, AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. Mr. RUSSELL C. NOMACK, JR, Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, observed an unusual Aerial Phenomenon on 6 January 1950 at 2230 hours, and the following information is submitted:

a. Date of sighting: 6 January 1950
b. Time of sighting: 2230 hours
c. Where sighted: 1607 Hawaii Ave., Alamogordo, New Mexico
105° 58' West Latitude
32° 55' North Longitude
Azimuth: Approximately 175°
d. Number of objects: One
e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable (due to unknown size of object).
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Approx. 15°.
(3) Altitude: Undeterminable. (Due to unknown size of object).

g. Time in sight: Was observed for a period of 45 minutes, at the end of which time it was still in sight.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Predominately white-bright, comparable to Venus. Changed erratically to green and red.
(2) Shape: Star-like shape. Unable to determine specific shape.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Slightly larger than the planet Venus.

i. Direction of flight: Generally, East to West; however, object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left, in its general path from East to West.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path from East to West. Changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

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l. Effect on clouds: Extremely clear moonlight night, no clouds in sight.

m. Lights: Object itself was a light.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability: Apparently poor, trajectory was very erratic.

q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.

r. Speed: Object moved approximately 15° to 20° from East to West during the 45 minutes it was under observation.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Observer did not see object disappear.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: RUSSELL O. MOHACK, JR.
(2) Address: 1607 Hawaii Ave, Alamogordo, New Mexico
(3) Occupation: Detachment Commander, OSI.
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
(5) Observer has reported numerous sightings of like phenomena.
(6) Observer in this instance has observed no previous like phenomena.
(7) Witnesses:

Sgt. John J. Ritchie, AF-15400043
Occupation: Airman, very reliable.
Cpl. Gailen K. Gresseth, AF-17238126
Occupation: Airman, reliable.
Cpl. Vincent M. Hamilton, AF-19311560
Occupation: Airman, reliable.
Pfc. John M. Gusich, AF-57501418
Occupation: Airman, reliable.
Pvt. Thomas M. Leroy, AF-57149267
Occupation: Airman, reliable
Sgt. Harold J. Rollins, AF-34766989
Occupation: Airman, reliable

3. This agent contacted the Base Weather Station, Holloman Air Force Base, in an attempt to get a "fix" on the object with a theodolite. However, due to an obstruction between the fixed theodolite

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and the object no data was obtained. A CPS-13 type radar set was used in an attempt to pick up the object on radar. This attempt met with negative results. Checks were made with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman AFB, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground and it was determined that there have been no testing devices sent aloft in this vicinity which could account for this sighting.

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REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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1. Reference is made to letter your District, file 1-00, dated 14 April 1952, subject as above.

2. It is not the intention of this Headquarters that OSI engage in extensive inquiries in regard to reports of unidentified flying objects. However, in view of the continuing interest of the Air Force in these phenomena, it is desired that OSI report any information received concerning these incidents, whether such information appears in the press or is furnished to OSI from other sources.

3. Usually, investigations by OSI in these matters should be limited in scope to interviews with individuals reporting sightings of unidentified flying objects when these reports are made directly to OSI. However, OSI may, occasionally, be requested to conduct inquiries into these matters by the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and Air Force field commanders having no qualified personnel to report the incident as required by Air Force directive. Inquiries conducted pursuant to such requests should also be limited to interviews of individuals having observed the object, and perhaps in isolated cases inquiry to establish the reliability of the person making the observation.

4. For your information there is attached a copy of a letter, AFOIN C/CC-2 dated 19 December 1951 which governs Air Force commands in making reports on these objects. In this respect your attention is invited to the fact that Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, has replaced AMC as the agency responsible for analyzing information regarding these objects. Therefore, copies of your reports should be furnished that Headquarters rather than AMC. A numbered Air Force Letter on this subject is currently being prepared within the Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters U. S. Air Force, which, it is understood, will be published within the immediate future. Following publication of this Air Force Letter, AFCSI Letter No. 85 will be

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TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Captain ROBERT H. R. RISLEY, AO-404163, Holloman Air Force Base at 2215 hours, 7 January 1950.

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft.

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Captain ROBERT H. R. RISLEY, AO-404163, Assistant Motor Maintenance Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon, at 2215 hours, 7 January 1950. RISLEY was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. Captain ROBERT H.R.RISLEY, AO-404183, Assistant Motor Maintenance Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 10 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 7 January 1950
b. Time of sighting: 2215 hours.
c. Where sighted: From ground, traveling in automobile, south of Corona, New Mexico.
34° 13' North Longitude
105° 35' West Latitude
d. Number of objects: One
e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon:
When first sighted - 45°.
Object descended at approximately 60° angle from horizontal to a position just above horizon caused by the mountain range where it leveled out and traveled approximately 10° East, at which time it dropped behind the mountain range out of sight.
(3) Atlitude: Undeterminable.

g. Time in sight: Approximately 10 seconds.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: First appearance was yellowish white. During its travel downward at 60° angle, object appeared to be more orange than originally with a trail of flame projecting out to its rear or oposite the direction it was traveling. When it reached position where it leveled out it becsme a bright blue-green in color and remained that color until it passed out of sight.
(2) Shape: Round - ball shaped.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: It appeared to be the same size as a cup 6" in diameter at arm's length.

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i. Direction of flight: Was traveling from Southwest to Southeast.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: None, other than the ones described above.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sight.

m. Lights: The object itself was a light.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Object's tail of fire could possibly be the result of its mode of propulsion.

p. Control and stability: Good

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Speed: Object descended at approximately the same speed as a fast jet fighter. However, it seemed to slow down upon leaveling off over the crest of the mountain.

s. Sound: No sound audible.

t. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind a mountain range.

u. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: Captain ROBERT H.R.RISLEY, AO-404163
(2) Address: Officers Quarters, Holloman AFB
(3) Occupation: Assistant Motor Maintenance Officer, Holloman AFB.
(4) Place of business: Holloman AFB
(5) Pertinent hobbies: None
(6) Ability to determine: Average
(7) Reliability of observer: Reliable
(8) Former sightings: Observer has noticed objects prior to this instance but had assumed that they were some natural phenomenon and of no significance.
(9) Witnesses:

Mr. Warren Ratliff, Manager of Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., at Carrizozo, N.M. - Reliable.

3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that they had no radar in operation at the time of this sighting. Further check with the Base Weather Station revealed

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that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Check with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman Air Force Base, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the sighting.

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"FIREBALL", 27 November 1949, at 1749 Hours, Observed By: (See Page No. 2).

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter No. 85, Hq Office of Special Investigations, File No. 24-185.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is based upon information received from Lt Col CHARLES E. LANCASTER, Jr., Deputy Base Commander, Kirtland Air Force Base. Persons sighting subject interviewed and information set out in Details herein.

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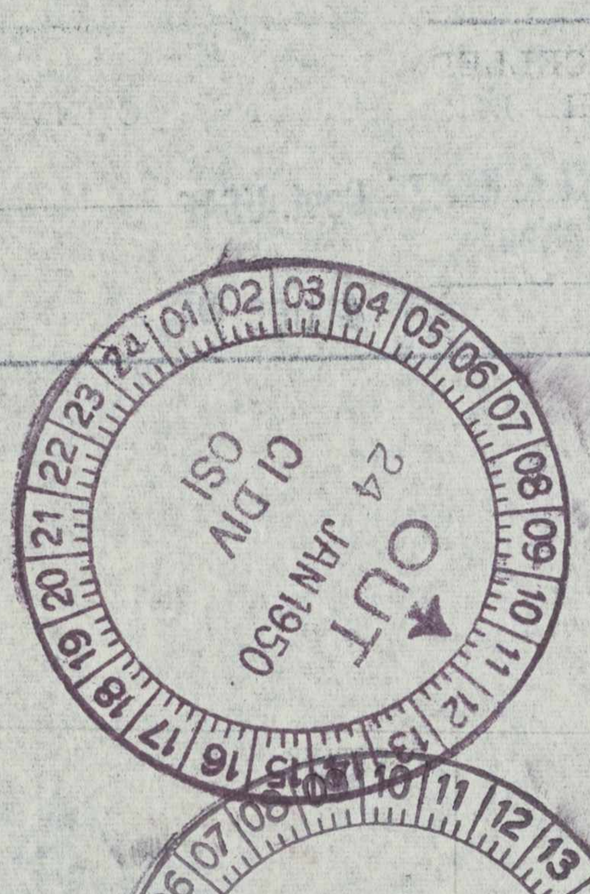
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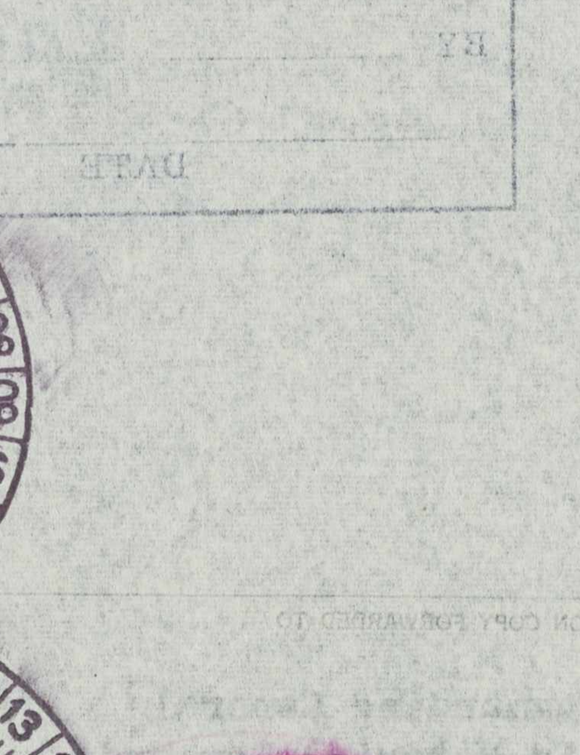
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Deputy Base Commander, Kirtland Air Force Base, N. M.
Observed from Socorro, New Mexico.

W. W. JONES
Chief Controller
Air Traffic Control
Civil Aeronautics Administration
Observed from Control Tower, Kirtland Air Force Base, N. M.

1st Lt JOHN W. RAPP
230½ N. Solano Street
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Observed from Winslow, Arizona.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon information received from Lt Col CHARLES E. LANCASTER, Jr., Deputy Base Commander, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. LANCASTER advised that while enroute to Albuquerque from El Paso, Texas, in the vicinity of Socorro, New Mexico, on 27 November 1949, at 1749, he observed a green "Fireball" that appeared to fall near Albuquerque.

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

2. This is a joint investigation conducted by Special Agent JAMES N. KERRICK and the writer.

3. On 5 December 1949, Lt Col CHARLES E. LANCASTER, Jr., Deputy Base Commander, Kirtland Air Force Base, was interviewed and the following information obtained.

a. Sighted at 1749 hours, 27 November 1949.
b. Sighted from Socorro, New Mexico.
c. One object observed.
d. Driving in general direction of observation.
e. Direction from observer -

Appeared	-	10° True	(EST)
Disappeared	-	5° True	"

f. Angle of elevation -

Appeared	-	40°	"
Disappeared	-	10°	"

g. Approximately 75 miles from observer.
h. Time in sight - 5 seconds, possibly longer.
i. Color - pale green to pale blue.
j. Size of object - compared to shooting star the size of a match head. It was as large as a washtub.
k. Shape - round.
l. Construction - unknown.
m. Direction of flight - arced, East to West.
n. Maneuver - none.
o. Trail - 10 - 15 miles in length.
p. No clouds.
q. Luminosity - Bright.
r. No apparent projections or depressions.
s. No visible means of propulsion.
t. Speed - Slower than meteor.
u. No sound or odor.
v. Faded out gradually.
w. Colonel LANCASTER studied astronomy while in college and is considered very reliable. He stated this object was definitely not a meteorite.

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4. On 30 November 1949, 1st Lt JOHN W. RAPP, 230½ N. Solano Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed and the following information obtained:

a. Object sighted at 1749 hours, on 27 November 1949.
b. Object observed from 35° 05' N, 110° 50' E.
c. One object observed.
d. Attracted by bright flash.
e. Direction from observer - 3 o'clock.
f. Angle of elevation - 30°
g. Distance from observer - unknown.
h. Time in sight - 3 - 4 seconds.
i. Color - bright blue white.
j. Size - egg at arms length.
k. Shape - egg shape, large end foremost.
m. Construction of object - unknown.
n. Direction of flight - East to West.
o. No tactics or maneuvers.
p. Long orange trail of sparks.
q. No clouds.
r. Luminosity - like a phosphorus flare.
s. No projections or depressions observed.
t. No visible means of propulsion.
u. Speed - 3 - 4 seconds to cover 15° - 20°.
v. No sound or odor.
w. Manner of disappearance - dwindled out.
x. Lt RAPP is considered to be reliable and appears self-assured.

5. On 12 December 1949, Mr. W. W. JONES, Chief Controller, Air Traffic Control, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Kirtland Air Force Base, was interviewed and the following information was obtained:

a. Object was observed at 1749 hours on 27 November 1949.
b. Object was observed from 106° 36' E, 35°4' N. control tower at Kirtland Air Force Base.
c. Only one object was observed.
d. Attention attracted by flash of light.
e. Direction from observer -
Appeared - 165°
Disappeared - 170°
f. Angle of elevation -
Appeared - 5°
Disappeared - 3°
g. Distance from observer - unknown.
h. Time in sight - 1 - 2 seconds.
i. Color of object - blue white, magnesium flare.
j. Size of object - lead pencil eraser at arms length.
k. Apparent construction - unknown.
l. Direction of flight - 165° to 170° from North.

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m. Tactics or maneuvers - Sloping descent.
n. Evidence of trail or exhaust - none observed.
o. Effect on clouds - no clouds.
p. Luminosity - bright as magnesium flare.
q. Projections and depressions - none observed.
r. Means of propulsion - none observed.
s. Speed of object - 5 to 7 degrees per second.
t. Sound or odor - none.
u. Manner of disappearance - went out, then came on in smaller size, same brilliance, then sputtered out.
v. Mr. W. W. JONES has in the past proven to be a very reliable observer.

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SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
on 24 June 1949 at Mesa, Arizona
by WILLIAM A. CRISMON

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

Report of S/A ELMER M. NEVILLE, DO # 18, dtd 27 Sep 1949

SYNOPSIS

Interview with LEO, GEORGE and WILLIAM CRISMON indicated that their reliability is questionable. Mr SAMUEL HOOD was undecided as to whether objects were conventional aircraft or if they were something else. JOHN and DAVID THOMAS age 7 and 9 could not be induced to make mention of the alleged unidentified objects because they had been threatened with sever punishment by their parents if they spoke of seeing flying discs.

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DETAILS:

AT MESA, ARIZONA

1. Mr. WILLIAM A. CRISMON, Box 217, Mesa, Arizona, was interviewed on 28 December 1949. CRISMON revealed that the reason he reported the sighting of the unconventional aircraft in California instead reporting it here in Arizona was because every one that made mention of seeing strange objects in the sky was considered to be psychopathic cases and CRISMON was afraid this would harm his chances of serving on juries during sessions of court in Arizona. Prior to verifying any of the information CRISMON gave to Agent NEVILLE, CRISMON went to great lengths determining if this Agent was an Agent of the Air Force or whether this Agent was some reporter connected with a publication. Still prior to making any statements concerning the Subject of this investigation CRISMON informed this Agent that his brother, GEORGE CRISMON same address, who also saw the objects was an alcoholic and that LEO CRISMON another brother same address, was just a little slow mentally and that any thing either one of them said would have to be evaluated, taking into consideration the aforementioned weaknesses. Then Mr. WILLIAM A. CRISMON called for LEO and GEORGE CRISMON to verify his statements concerning the unconventional aircraft. All of above stated substantially the same: That the objects were sighted 24 June 1949 at 1545 to 1650 hours from their back yard at Box 217, Mesa, Arizona. This residence is located in West Mesa, Arizona one and one half blocks south of Main Street which is the north and south dividing line in Mesa, Arizona. All of above stated the same as reported by Special Agent NEVILLE with two exceptions. One was that the fifth object which was traveling from west to east remained in sight for exactly twenty-three (23) minutes instead of twenty-five (25) seconds. The other exception was the distance of objects from observers. This distance was judged to be approximately twenty-four (24) miles. During the conversation with the CRISMON's an offer was made by Mr. WILLIAM CRISMON to manufacture this Agent a working model of the unidentifiable objects.

2. Mr. SAMUEL HOOD, Supervisor of Water Association, Mesa, Arizona, was interviewed and stated that on 24 June 1949 he was at the CRISMON's residence and that they were excited about some objects in the air; there were three objects hovering around a small cloud high in the sky; that these objects were at an extreme altitude in the northwest. Two of these objects traveled to the northeast, one to the southwest and then turned to the southeast. They appeared to be of bright aluminium and HOOD would judge that they were approximately the size of a DC-6 aircraft. Mr. HOOD further stated that it was impossible to determine if they were conventional aircraft or some other objects. Mr. HOOD did not observe the objects through the binocular because at that time the objects did not appear to be unusual enough to warrant any undue excitement. Mr. HOOD could not determine the exact size or shape or any other information that would assist in establishing what the unindentified objects were.

3. The two stepchildren of LEO G. CRISMON, JOHN and DAVID THOMAS had been frightened by their parents so badly that no amount of questioning or conversation could get them to mention anything about the alleged objects. The children's mother and father had threatened them with so much punishment if they spoke about it to anyone that no amount of inducement either

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by this Agent or the parents would get them to talk about the alleged objects.

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TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Green Fireball
Sighted by Mr FRANK R. VLASIC, near
McIntosh, New Mexico, on 27 Nov 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85; Headquarters OSI file 24-185

SYNOPSIS

At about 1800 hours MST 27 November 1949 Mr FRANK R. VLASIC observed a green fireball Near McIntosh, New Mexico. At the time of the sighting Mr VLASIC was in an aircraft at approximately 2000 feet altitude. The object, which appeared to resemble a signal flare and was visible for about one second, descended to the earth in a vertical path and apparently burned out.

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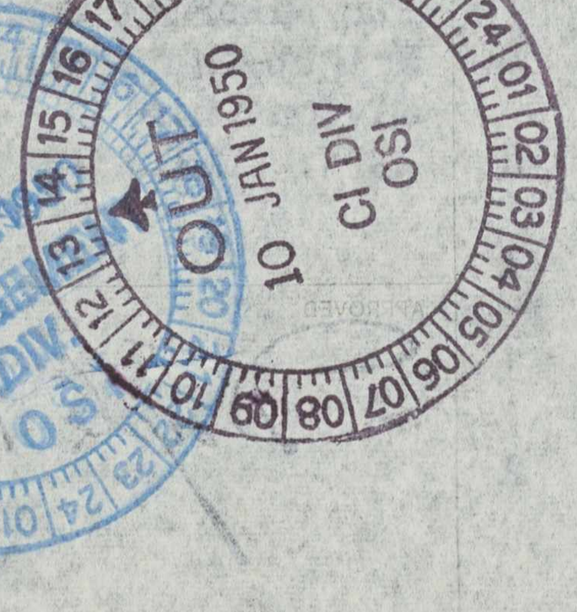
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DETAILS:

AT HOLLOMAN AFB, NEW MEXICO

1. Interviewed Mr. FRANK R. VLASIC, Parachute Engineer, Headquarters, AMC, regarding an observation by him of a Green Light in the sky. VLASIC furnished the following information.

a. Date of sighting: 27 November 1949.
b. Time of sighting: Approximately 1800 hours MST
c. Place of observer: In aircraft at 105° 47' longitude and 35° 10' latitude.
d. Number of objects: One
e. Observable Celestial Phenomena: Nothing unusual.
f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Horizontally: 10 to 20 miles; 190° Azimuth
(2) Angle above Horizon: Unable to determine; observer was above object.
(3) Altitude: Less than 2000 ft (altitude of plane at time of sighting - 2000 ft).

g. Time in Sight: Approximately 1 second.
h. Appearance of Object:

(1) Color: Green like a one-star signal flare.
(2) Shape: Same as flare above.
(3) Apparent construction: None
(4) Size: Same as signal flare.

i. Direction of Flight: Vertical
j. Tactics or maneuvers: Vertical Descent.
k. Evidence of Exhaust: None
l. Effect on Clouds: No clouds.
m. Lights: None, except it appeared to be the same intensity as a one-star signal flare.
n. Supports: None
o. Propulsion: Falling
p. Control and Stability: Not applicable.
q. Air ducts: Not applicable.
r. Speed: Same as falling signal flare.
s. Sound: None
t. Manner of disappearance: Same as signal flare.

2. The following are this agent's observations concerning the observer:

a. Name: FRANK R. VLASIC
b. Address: 407 Madison, New Carlisle, Ohio.
c. Occupation: Parachute Research Engineer; formerly Chief of Rescue and Survival Research, Hq, A.M.C. and as such has had great amount of experience with signal flares.

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d. Place of business: Headquarters, AMC.
e. Hobbies: Boating
f. Ability to determine: Excellent
g. Reliability of observer: Apparently excellent.
h. Former sightings: None
i. How attention was drawn to object: Falling light.
j. Degree of fatigue: None

3. VLASIC stated that there were no other witnesses.

4. A check with the Base Weather Detachment, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, revealed that weather conditions in the vicinity of McIntosh, New Mexico, were normal at 1800 hours on 27 November 1949.

5. A check with the Operations & Projects Division, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, revealed that there had been no unusual radar sighting nor had there been any testing devices released which could account for the phenomenon, on 27 November 1949. Captain PHILIP J. MAHER, 14761-A, Pilot of the aircraft from which the object was observed, stated that they received no radar inductions or unusual noises on the radio circuits.

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UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENON
Sighted by Mr. ENRIQUE FLORES,
Civilian Employee, Holloman AFB,
At 1040 hours, 5 December 1949.

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENON)

REFERENCE: AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Mr. ENRIQUE FLORES, Civilian Employee, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1040 hours, 5 December 1949. FLORES was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive, AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects:

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. Mr. ENRIQUE FLORES was interviewed on 6 December 1949, concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 5 December 1949

b. Time of sighting: 2240 hours MST

c. Where sighted: 105° 58' West, 32° 57' North.
Observer was driving in a vehicle and observed object through the windshield.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Horizontally: Appeared to be about 8 miles.
(2) Angle of elevation above horizon: Unable to determine in degrees but stated it was very low over mountains to the east of Tularosa.
(3) Altitude: Unable to determine.

g. Time in sight: One second.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Blue with yellowish red toward the tail.
(2) Shape: Streak of light.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Appeared to be a little longer than the length of a new lead pencil viewed from 6 feet.

i. Direction of flight: East to West.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Described a smooth arc downward from East to West.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None (Tail of object had a yellowish red appearance and seemed to be quite long.)

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l. Effect on clouds: No clouds visible.

m. Lights: None (Luminosity was greater than that of Venus).

n. Support: None

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability: Described a smooth arc, was not erratic in its flight.

q. Air ducts: None visible.

r. Sound: No sound.

s. Manner of disappearance: Appeared to hit the ground in the northern part of Tularosa, New Mexico. Stayed bright until it appeared to hit the ground.

t. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name of observer: Mr. ENRIQUE FLORES
(2) Address: Tularosa, New Mexico
(3) Occupation: Engineering Aide with Geodetic Survey Section.
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
(5) Pertinent hobbies: None
(6) Ability to determine: Questionable.
(7) Reliability of observer: According to his supervisor, Mr. Bagley, he is a very reliable individual.
(8) FLORES has never before observed a phenomena of this nature and he was not suffering from fatigue at the time of sighting.
(9) Witnesses: None

3. Check with authorities at Holloman AFB revealed that there was no radar in operation at the time of this sighting, that weather conditions were normal, and that there had been no testing devices released which could account for the sighting.

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REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter No. 85

SYNOPSIS

This report consists of reports of Aerial Phenomena received from Los Alamos, New Mexico, Atomic Energy installation, during October and November, 1949. AFCSI Letter No. 85 has not been complied with inasmuch as these reports were received from Mr. Sidney Newburger, Chief, Security Operations, USAEC, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

TITLE

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena
RANDOM SUBJECTS

This report consists of reports of Aerial Phenomena received from Los Alamos, New Mexico, Atomic Energy Installation, during October and November, 1949. AFOSI letter No. 88 has not been completed with finalization as these reports were received from Lt. Grundy Hemphill, Intel, Security Operations, ADEC, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 7 October 1949 Date of Interview: 13 October 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local): 2120 hours

3. Place of Observation: 300 yards West of Veterans Hospital on Gibson Ave.

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
Car traveling East.

5. What attracted attention to object: Direct line of vision.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, ie., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length: Half a moon.

8. Color of object: Yellow to green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Round.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead): 35° above horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 4 o'clock.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object appeared to be): Over Sandia Mountains.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): Straight vertical drop.

14. Time in sight: 1 second.

15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance): Dropped 15° in 1 second from point of observation.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescense, other - degree of brilliance): Very bright.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, conopies, etc.): None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): None.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Behind Sandia Mountains.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear and light.

Name and address of observer: 1st Lt. John W. Bloomfield
8456th M.P. Company, Sandia Base

Occupation and hobbies: Professional solder.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
"Q" cleared by FBI in 1949.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window or other transparent Material?
No glasses.
Windshield of automobile.

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Date 17 October 1949

TO: Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM: Donald L. Sutton, Sgt., Protective Force, AESS
SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: Approximately 1410 or 1415
DATE OBSERVED: 14 October 1949
POINT OF OBSERVATION: Anchor Utilities (near Fire Sta. #2 on West Road)
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: West
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Unable to determine
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From South to North
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 3 to 4 seconds
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: Unable to determine.
ESTIMATED SPEED: 500 M.P.H. or more - dependent on actual distance.
COLOR: Front two thirds, green and silver (luminous) - rear third, and tail, pale blue.
SOUND: None
SIZE: Approximately 1/8 the size of a full moon.
OBSERVER: Jackson E. Hillogos, Zia Co., employee, 758-B Pine St., Los Alamos, N. M.
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: Object had a tail approximately the same length as it's diameter.

Date 22 October 1949

TO: Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM: Inspector J. W. Fisher
SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 0220
DATE OBSERVED: 10-22-49
POINT OF OBSERVATION: 303
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: South of sta 303
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Doubtful but I think about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From up to down
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: About one second
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: 50 to 100 feet
ESTIMATED SPEED:
COLOR: Green
SOUND: No
SIZE: Small
OBSERVER: Inspector J. W. Fisher
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: Light was apparently from a flare gun and was just at the top of its arc when seen. Close watch kept on the area for the next few minutes but no further lights appeared.

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Date October 22, 1949

TO : Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM : Inspector F. V. Cotner

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 0228

DATE OBSERVED: October 22, 1949

POINT OF OBSERVATION: Western end of foundry in Tec Area.

DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Estimated 170 degrees

ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: 15 Miles

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From N-west to S-east

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2 seconds

ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: On horizon

ESTIMATED SPEED: 150 MPH

COLOR: Bright green

SOUND: None

SIZE: Four times the size of a flare

OBSERVER: Insp. F. V. Cotner

STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: At 0228, as I was rounding corner (SW) of the foundry, the light was observed to be just above the horizon. As the light was under observation for only 2 seconds the direction, speed, etc, are approximated. However, just as the light seemed to be at its lowest point in flight, it wavered as though it had either been affected by a reduction in speed or had hit something on the ground. To all appearences, this object did NOT disappear behind the horizon but behind a hill.

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Date 11-19-49

TO : Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM : Inspector William G. Putman, AESS

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 2152
DATE OBSERVED: 11-19-49
POINT OF OBSERVATION: Anchor Site
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: East
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Unknown
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From Vertical to Straight down
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2 seconds
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: - - - - -
ESTIMATED SPEED: - - - - -
COLOR: Green
SOUND: None
SIZE: - - - - -
OBSERVER: Inspector William G. Putman
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: First glimpse was green then turned yellow or white

Date 11-19-49

TO: Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM : Inspector Thomas R. Roche, Jr., AESS

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVERVED: 2152
DATE OBSERVED: 11-19-49
POINT OF OBSERVATION: Anchor Site
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: - - - - -
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: - - - - -
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: Vertical
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2 seconds
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: - - - - -
ESTIMATED SPEED: - - - - -
COLOR: Green
SOUND: None
SIZE: Unknown
OBSERVER: Inspector Thomas R. Roche, Jr.
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: -----

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Nov. 25, 1949

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Captain Melvin E. Neef
17th District OSI
Kirtland Field
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Subject: AERIAL PHENOMENA

Dear Sir:

This office has been informed by John F. Kalbach, scientist with Group P-9 of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, of the following celestial phenomena observed at approximately 1950 hours, November 16, 1949, at Los Alamos:

> Two bluish-green lights (similar to that given off by burning zinc) in tandem were seen overhead, slightly south of the zenith. They appeared to be stationary, but suddenly curved around and disappeared to the north with the speed of a meteor. No sound was heard in conjunction with this observation.

Mr. Kalbach said that his attention had been called to the sky by some children who reported having seen erratically moving green lights, and it was while he was looking, in response to their questions, that he observed the phenomena described above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidney Newburger, Jr.
SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Jr.
Chief, Security Operations

CC: Francis Hammack
USAEC, Washington, DC

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Nov. 29, 1949

Captain Melvin E. Neef
17th District OSI
Kirtland Field
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Subject: AERIAL PHENOMENA

Dear Sir:

On November 25, 1949, at approximately 2000 hours, a light yellowish-green object was observed for about two seconds, from a point on the northern part of the project, by the following staff members of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory: H. T. Gittings, W. J. Masilun, S. Simmons, H. Parsons, and G. Jarvis. The object appeared as a point of light, much brighter than any star, at about 350 degrees and 15 degrees elevation, moving from east to west, for approximately 50 degrees, and downward at about 10 degrees from the horizontal. It was first seen by Gittings, who yelled "There it is, there it is." The other observers turned around in time to see the latter part of the trajectory as it disappeared behind the Jemez Range. Distance from the point of observation, altitude, and speed could not be estimated, and there was no sound heard in connection with this phenomenon.

These observations are being reported for your information in coordinating such reports in this area.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidney Newburger, Jr.
SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Jr.
Chief, Security Operations

CC: Francis Hammack
USAEC, Washington

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. (24-8)-6

DATE 12 December 1949

REPORT MADE BY S/A RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.

REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 3, 5 December 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

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TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Mr. C. S. BAGLEY
Holloman Air Force Base
1805 hours 3 December 1949.

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA)

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Mr. CHARLES S. BAGLEY, Civilian Employee, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1805 hours, 3 December 1949. BAGLEY was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive, AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

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2. Mr. CHARLES S. BAGLEY was interviewed on 5 December 1949 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 3 December 1949.
b. Time of sighting: 1805 hours, MST.
c. Where sighted: 105° 58' West Latitude
32° 52' North Longitude
(On the ground, walking)
d. Number of Objects: One
e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Laterally or horizontally: Appeared to be one block away.
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 2°
(3) Altitude: Unable to determine.

g. Time in sight: 2 seconds.
h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Green, except for fringe of orange light.
(2) Shape: Circular.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
(4) Size: Somewhat larger than Venus.

i. Direction of flight: East to West.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object was traveling in an arc downward; seemed to prescribe a small loop about midway in its visible travel.



k. Evidence of exhaust: None

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l. Effect on clouds: No visible clouds.

m. Lights: None. (Sparks were emanating from object and were more pronounced in the lower rear edge of object. These sparks were orange to white in appearance. Intensity of the center part of the object remained the same, however, the intensity of the sparks along the edges varied.

n. Support: None observed.

o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.

p. Control and stability. Not applicable.

q. Air ducts: None.

r. Sound: None

s. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind building.

t. Notes relative to observer:

(1) Name: Mr. CHARLES S. BAGLEY, Civilian Employee, Holloman AFB.
(2) Address: 1314 Ohio Avenue, Alamogordo, New Mexico
(3) Occupation: Geodetic Engineer (well versed in astronomy).
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Study of astronomy
(6) Ability to determine: Above average
(7) Reliability of observer: Observer extremely reliable and has aided this office on numerous occasions in obtaining readings on other observations.
(8) Former sightings: BAGLEY has observed no sightings prior to this and was not suffering from fatigue at the time of this sighting.
(9) Witnesses: None

3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that they had no radar in operation at the time of this sighting. Further check with the Base Weather Station revealed that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Check with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman Air Force Base, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the sighting.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-28

DATE 22 NOV 1949

REPORT MADE BY
EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER

REPORT MADE AT
DO #3, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa.

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(Aerial Phenomena)

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REFERENCE
Ltr, DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N.M., File 17DO 24-6, dtd 15 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
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Investigation requested by District Commander, 17th OSI District, Kirtland AFB, N.M., 15 Aug 1949. Mr. BRANDON BARRINGER, Treasurer, Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa., interviewed and formal statement obtained regarding Subject. Files revealed Sunday, 26 June 1949 edition, "The Philadelphia Inquirer", Philadelphia, Pa., carried article regarding Subject Phenomena. Dr. CHARLES P. OLIVIER, Director, Flower Observatory, Upper Darby, Pa., advised Aerial Phenomena was a fireball. Dr. OLIVIER in receipt of letters pertaining to Subject incident. Dr. EDMUND PURVES, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects, observed Subject Phenomena and classified it as a fireball. Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT A. ROSENGARTEN, Conshohocken, Pa., substantiated in detail statement given by Mr. BARRINGER.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from District Commander, DO #17, Kirtland AFB, dated 18 August 1949, subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) (Aerial Phenomena), requesting pertinent information in reference to the attached copy of letter from BRANDON BARRINGER, then Vice President, Pennsylvania Company, Phila, to Dr. LINCOLN LaPAZ, University of Mexico, dated 8 August 1949, in reference to aerial phenomena sighted 26 June 1949 at Media, Pa.

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

2. On 14 September 1949 Mr. BRANDON BARRINGER, Treasurer, Curtis Publishing Co, Independence Square, Phila, Pa., and member of American Meteor Society, was interviewed at the 3d District OSI Detachment. A formal statement was signed by Mr. BARRINGER on 21 Oct 49 to include additional details of the aerial phenomena and is attached as an inclosure.

3. Files of "The Philadelphia Inquirer" were examined on 22 October 1949 and revealed that article titled "Meteor Soars Over Philadelphia and Explodes", was contained therein in the Sunday, 26 June 1949 edition.

AT UPPER DARBY, PA.

4. On 22 October 1949 Dr. CHARLES P. OLIVIER, Director, School of Astronomy, University of Pennsylvania, for the past twenty-eight (28) years; Director, Flower Observatory, Upper Darby, Pa.; and President, American Meteor Society; was interviewed at the Flower Observatory and stated that with the information gathered he was very sure in his own mind that the aerial phenomena seen on the night of 26 June 1949 was a fireball. The director stated that reports coming to him revealed that the fireball appeared 5° below the star Alcor and approximately in the middle of the Big Dipper, the diameter of the object being 1/4 of a degree. During course of interview with Dr. OLIVIER it was learned that he was in receipt of other letters pertaining to this incident. Copies of these letters are attached as inclosures. Dr. OLIVIER is the Consulting Astronomer for the Hydrographic Department of the U.S. Navy, and for a number of years all irregularities in meteor forms have been forwarded to the observatory director for analysis. Dr. OLIVIER stated that he handles approximately 15,000 reports per year.

AT MEDIA, PA.

5. It was learned through Mrs. EDMUND PURVES, Plum Creek Road, Media, Pa., on 24 October 1949, that Mr. PURVES, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects, was on an extended trip and that it would be best to contact Mr. PURVES via letter to Washington, D.C. In Mr. PURVES' reply

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of 26 October 1949, he stated that he and his wife were present with Mr. and Mrs. BARRINGER at their home in Media, Pa., sitting outdoors when the fireball appeared. Although not familiar with astronomical phenomena, PURVES unhesitantly classified the object as a fireball. It was seen for approximately four (4) to five (5) seconds and appeared to be, in size, about equal to a full moon seen at the Zenith and not at the horizon. It was very bright being slightly green in color; moving very fast; appearing to follow a curved course; giving off smaller pieces of light in the same manner as a sky rocket. The ridge of the house obstructed the view making it impossible to see whether or not the object retained its brilliance until it struck the earth. The object distinctly lit up the country side and PURVES did not recall that there was any sound whatsoever. Mr. PURVES stated he would guess the object was probably fifty (50) miles away. This letter is being retained in files of 3d District OSI.

AT CONSHOHOCKEN, PA.

6. Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT A. ROSENGARTEN, were interviewed on 21 October 1949 and substantiated in detail the statement given by Mr. BARRINGER.

Inclosures:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, KIRTLAND AFB

1. Statement of BRANDON BARRINGER, dated 21 October 1949, at Philadelphia, Pa.

2. True copy of letter from CLARENCE R. BENNETT to Dr. I. M. LEVITT, Franklin Institute, Phila, Pa., dated 27 June 1949.

3. True copy of letter from J. TOWNSEND SETTERS to Dr. I. M. LEVITT, Franklin Institute, Phila, Pa., undated.

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FOR CG, AMC, W/P AFB, DAYTON, OHIO, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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FOR DO #5, W/P AFB, DAYTON, OHIO

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FOR DO #3, 1612 S. CAMERON ST, HARRISBURG, PA.

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5. Letter from EDMUND R. PURVES, Executive Director, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, NW, Washington 6, D.C., dated 26 October 1949.

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

October 21, 1949

I, BRANDON BARRINGER, of Villa Nova, Pennsylvania, prior to making the statement contained in the following paragraphs, have been advised by EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, USAF, that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I may make may be used against me in a court of law. I have also been informed of my right to have an attorney. With such understanding, I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, and in no threat or fear of punishment and without inducement and promise of immunity or reward.

On the night of 26 June, 1949, at approximately 0005 hours, I sighted what appeared to be a fireball (an exceptionally large meteor). I was seated on the lawn of my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund R. Purves, whose home my wife and I were visiting, and was looking toward the northwestern sky. There were no clouds and visibility was good. The lawn is within 20 feet of the Media Reservoir belonging to the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company, and southeast of the Purves house. It is about 20 feet above the Reservoir.

The object appeared as a blue-green "moon" and was, I would estimate, between 1/2 and 2/3 of the size of the diameter of the moon. It appeared 5 degrees below the star Altair in the bend of the handle of the Big Dipper. Unlike the usual fireball, it did not appear as a streak, or light steadily growing brighter, but at its full size. There was no question of any confusion with the moon or a planet, as it was many times larger than any planet, and as, of course, the moon or a planet could not be in this direction.

The object moved in a southerly direction through about 20 degrees of arc in 3 to 3 1/2 seconds, and disappeared behind the roof of the Purves house. It was also seen by Mr. and Mrs. Purves, but my wife, who looked around, only saw a bluish green glow above the hill, which blocked the view to the West.

Unlike the usual fireball, the appearance was not accompanied by a hissing sound nor was it followed by any thunder sounds. It was not followed by any lighted trail.

As to its actual size, height or speed, I can make no statement, as, of course, any one of these factors would be dependent on the other. As noted above, its diameter was about 1/2° of arc and it moved through about 20 degrees of arc in 3 to 3 1/2 seconds. Calculating very roughly, if it was 50 miles away, the altitude would be about 20 miles and the speed about 7 miles a second; if the distance was greater, both altitude and speed would also be greater, and the reverse would apply if it was nearer. It was about 30 degrees above the horizon when it appeared and about 15 degrees when it disappeared behind the house.

As noted above, it was a circular disc and there was no sign of any exhaust. I have never previously seen a large fireball and was somewhat surprised that it was not blinding, but gave out a little less light than the full moon.

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Its path was entirely regular, with no change of course or speed. There was no variation in the amount of light or any "blinking". No rotation could have been observed as no features of the disc were visible.

Mr. Purves thought he saw it leave behind some red sparks, but neither Mrs. Purves or I saw these.

My friend, Mrs. Albert H. Rosengarten and some guests, from their lawn at Conshohocken, ten miles north of Media, at about the same time of the night, saw what was undoubtedly the same object, traveling, they think, from northwest to southeast. They at first thought it was a rocket and then realized that it was a meteor.

I reported the sighting promptly to The Franklin Institute, who furnished an account which was published in the late edition of the Sunday Bulletin on 26 June, 1949. The following day I wrote to Dr. C. P. Olivier of the University of Pennsylvania Flower Observatory at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and gave them a detailed account of the phenomenon. I sent copies of this letter to Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Director of the Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and also to Dr. Frederick S. Leonard, Astronomer, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Olivier is President of the American Meteor Society and as such collects accounts of all meteors. He tells me that he has not obtained enough other accounts to enable him to trace the actual course of the object by triangulation. Dr. LaPaz wrote me a series of questions about the phenomenon, which I have answered, and I understand that the Office of Special Investigations, USAF, has a copy of this answer.

I have read this statement, which consists of two pages. I have signed this statement and initialed all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

BRANDON BARRINGER

Witness:

EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, S. A.
Philadelphia, Pa.

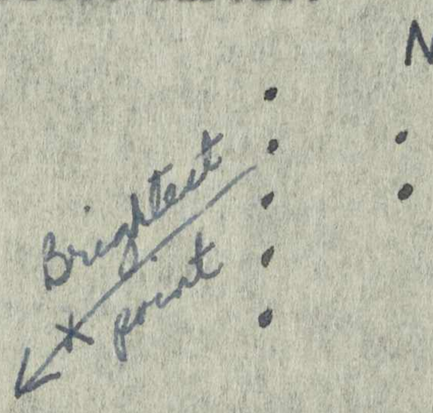
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3503 Race Street
Phila 4, Pa.
June 27, 1949

Dr. I. M. Levit
Franklin Institute
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you my observation of what appeared to be a meteor of a very bright intensity which I observed while sitting in my back yard on Sat. night. The time was approximately midnight. The duration of visibility for me was very short, probably no more than 2 to 3 seconds as it disappeared from view behind a house to the west of me. The color was a bright blue and the intensity was enough to light up the area around us as if a Fourth of July Rocket had gone off several hundred feet in the air. The duration of fall - it seemed to come from the area in the vicinity of the handle of the Big Dipper and fall to the southwest. I was facing north and when it disappeared from my view it was almost straight northwest of me. The angle seemed to be a perfect circle.



I hope my very amateur observations may be of some help to you.

Respectfully yours,

A TRUE COPY: /s/ Clarence R. Bennett

Eugene L. Zechmeister

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West Washington Square
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Dr. I. M. Levitt
The Franklin Institute
Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Dear Dr. Levitt:

Confirming our phone conversation, here is my impression of the meteorite seen on the night of June 25.

I am not sure of the time, but it was around 12:30. The meteorite looked unusually large and unusually bright - at least as bright as the full moon. I saw it in the western sky - perhaps a little south of the west - from my home in Gladwyne. Its horizontal direction was not from right to left but from northwest toward southwest.

I saw it through trees and can not tell the length of its visible travel. It was visible to us for perhaps a second to a half.

Physically it was large primarily, while with a rather short thick trail that had definite blue color. A sort of parallel trail, thinner, was definitely red and yellow.

I would say that its angle with the horizon was about 45°.

I would be interested in hearing if it landed and has been discovered.

Sincerely,

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ J. Townsend Setters
Bryn Mawr

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1125 Somerville Ave
Phila 41, Pa.
June 27, 1949

Dr. I. Levitt
Fells Planetarium
20th Parkway
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Dr. Levitt:

Mrs. Esther B. King of Aldin Park Manor told me that she has been in touch with the Planetarium and that you would like to have a report of what I saw in the heavens shortly after midnight Saturday night, June 25th. Mrs. King and I were sitting on the steps in front of my house at 1125 Somerville Ave (Logan) and I was facing toward the west. As we talked, my attention was suddenly caught by a ball of fire sweeping across the western sky. It moved from the north, turned south, in a line slanting earthward, not so rapidly as a shooting star, but at a speed that gave me five or six seconds to observe it before it dropped behind the trees. It was a very bright flaming ball, red-gold in color, and behind it streamed a wife firey path which gradually diminished in breadth until it tapered away. The ball of fire did not appear to be as high in the sky as were the lights of a plane that shortly afterwards passed overhead. No sound accompanied the display which took place less than 10 minutes after midnight.

Sincerely yours,

A TRUE COPY: /s/ ETHEL M. DUNCAN

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Alleged Sighting of Flying Discs, White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, dates unknown, as per Newspaper Los Angeles Times, dated 30 August.

CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

DO #17 report of S/A JOHN F. FRAMPTON, dtd 21 Sept 49, file 24-8

SYNOPSIS

Capt. EDWARD D. DETCHEMENDY, on 25 August 1949, assisted Naval Authorities, at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, orientate, accommodate and transport reporters of press media invited by the Navy to witness the firing of the "Viking" rocket. DETCHEMENDY was with one or more members of the press during their one-day visit and overheard no member discuss, interview or converse concerning the sighting of flying discs. No Army Senior Officers were present on the occasion of the visit of the reporters. DETCHEMENDY spent much time with CLETE ROBERTS, who, he stated, carried on his person a portable type recording machine. DETCHEMENDY could not recall MARVIN MILES. DETCHEMENDY reported that IRVY KOVERMAN spent several hours at one of the tracking telescope stations. DETCHEMENDY declared that the members of the press had ample opportunity to converse with and interview White Sands Proving Ground personnel out of his hearing and observation. DETCHEMENDY was aware of the publication of the 30 August 1949 article and its contents and he stated that the Army PIO at White Sands Proving Ground branded information concerning flying discs as classified. The Army PIO at White Sands Proving Ground, unofficially was aware of the sighting of a flying disc reported 25 April 1949 by Naval Personnel. Captain WILLIAM A. CORRY, U. S. Navy, White Sands Proving Ground, after the appearance and publication of the article by ROBERTS and MILES told DETCHEMENDY that the article concerned the Navy tracking in the Spring and that they got the story from the Navy.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon undeveloped lead request set forth in the report of Special Agent JOHN F. FRAMPTON, of the 17th OSI District (IG), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, dated 21 September 1949, file number 24-8.

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2. Captain EDWARD D. DETCHEMENDY, O-45117, Ordnance, U. S. Army, Former Public Information Officer, White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, enroute from White Sands, New Mexico, to Bremerhaven, Germany, was interviewed 12 October 1949, and stated he had been the Public Information Officer from August 1948 to 12 September 1949.

Captain WILLIAM A. GORRY, U. S. Navy, White Sands Proving Ground, in preparation to test-firing the "Viking" rocket during the period 22--26 August 1949, requested the presence of DETCHEMENDY from the Commander of White Sands Proving Ground to assist the Navy in the accommodation of press reporters being sent to cover the firing of the Navy rocket. He was to assist Naval Public Information Officers of the 12th Naval District, San Diego, California, who were in charge of the party of press representatives. DETCHEMENDY assisted in the billeting, transportation and orientation of the press representatives on the rocket firing facilities of White Sands Proving Ground. DETCHEMENDY stated he was with the members of the press from the time they descended from their plane at about 1700 hours, 24 August 1949, at Conron Field, until their departure, 25 August 1949.

DETCHEMENDY recalled being present at two press conferences at which all members of the press were assembled. The first conference occurred at the Navy Officers' Mess and last 45 minutes. GORRY made a short introductory talk and Dr. NEWELL of the Navy Research Laboratory, gave a short talk on the "Viking" rocket. A second conference took place in the Lounge of the Army Officers' Club and movies of the "Viking" rocket and the German "V-2" rocket were shown. (At conferences reporters were advised that certain phases of the "Viking" rocket were classified and any information they might happen to run across was not to be printed and that the Navy following the firing would hold a conference for all press representatives at which conference all the phases of the firing would be covered and the press given data they could use for publication). DETCHEMENDY stated he was with one or more members of the press at all times during the period of their visit and neither at the conferences or elsewhere heard, either directly or indirectly, any mention or discussion of flying discs.

DETCHEMENDY asserted that he found certain of the photographers and reporters were interested in various phases of the Proving Ground itself. He recalled that when he escorted the reporters to the Ballistic Measurement Section, certain reporters and photographers were interested in photographing a tracking telescope and simulating the tracking of a rocket in flight. The tracking telescopes are located five to forty five miles from the White Sands Proving Ground Headquarters. The reporters and photographers therefore because of the short length of their visit and the distance involved decided to pool their coverage of the tracking. Thus, according to DETCHEMENDY, reporters and photographers had ample opportunity out of the hearing of both himself and Naval Information Officers to talk to technicians and others on their tour of the Proving Grounds, the

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Ballistic Measurement Section and at the tracking telescope sites. Anyone of the afore-mentioned personnel who knew of the reported incident of last Spring may have revealed information concerning that incident to the reporters.

In order to refresh his memory DETCHEMENDY was shown a list of the reporters who were present for the Naval firing. DETCHEMENDY was able to recollect CLETE ROBERTS and IRVY KOVERMAN. DETCHEMENDY stated he spent considerable time with reporter CLETE ROBERTS, mainly becasue ROBERTS had returned from Germany in June 1949 and DETCHEMENDY had just received orders assigning him to Germany and therefore DETCHEMENDY was interested in obtaining all the first-hand information he could from ROBERTS regarding life in Germany. Mr. ROBERTS, he related, was a free-lance radio commentator who sells anything of news value he can pick up. ROBERTS would only publish that which he had proof of. ROBERTS carried with him at all times, both in the field and at press conferences, a portable hand-carried electronic recorder and therefore may have an actual recording of the conversation with the person from whom he obtained the information regarding flying discs. DETCHEMENDY stated it was not unusual conduct for reporters like ROBERTS to carry recording machines. ROBERTS, according to DETCHEMENDY, always turned on his mikes for sounds and firings on the White Sands Proving Ground range which are directed by a firing officer on public address system. DETCHEMENDY alerted ROBERTS when to turn on his radio during the rocket launching preparation at the launching site. DETCHEMENDY related that at the launching site he was with twelve (12) photographers and reporters of the press and radio and at this time also he heard no mention of flying discs.

DETCHEMENDY did not see ROBERTS converse with or interview any of the Senior Army Officers of White Sands Proving Grounds. Brig. General BLACKMORE was absent from White Sands and Lt. Colonel RIFLER appeared on the scene only briefly to welcome the reporters to White Sands. DETCHEMENDY did see ROBERTS in the presence of two Naval Information Officers, one of whom was a Lieutenant and the other a Commander. DETCHEMENDY did not see ROBERTS talk to any White Sands Naval Officers; however, ROBERTS could have done so without his knowledge when he, DETCHEMENDY, was otherwise engaged. DETCHEMENDY was unable to recall MILES for he had no individual contact with him that enabled him to remember and distinguish MILES from the others.

IRVY KOVERMAN, according to DETCHEMENDY, was one of the individuals who went to one of the tracking telescope stations the afternoon preceeding the scheduled firing. He was accompanied by personnel from the Ballistic Laboratory and went to the station closest to the Camp. KOVERMAN would have been with the personnel at the tracking telescope from about 1500 hours to 1700 hours. DETCHEMENDY did not know the personnel who manned that particular telescope on that date because he remained with the main group of the press at the Block House.

DETCHEMENDY asserted that as part of his duties as Public Information Officer he maintained clipping files on information of all kind referring to White Sands Proving Ground that appeared in various news media. DETCHEMENDY first learned of the publication of information regarding flying discs at White Sands upon reading the article published by the El Paso, Texas newspaper on or about 30 August 1949. DETCHEMENDY took the article to Brig. General BLACKMORE together with what he considered appropriate remarks; the impropriety for making such a release without naming the individual giving the information; that the release was questionable; that it was material the Army treated as classified. General BLACKMORE advised DETCHEMENDY to

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see Captain GORRY since the release had been made to newspapers covering the Navy rocket firing. DETCHEMENDY recalling the content of the article stated that it did not mention any specific branch of the Armed Forces as having been the source of information but stated it mentioned that two high ranking officers had discussed the information. The Sunday after the appearance of the story, DETCHEMENDY met Capt. GORRY and asked him about the release of the story regarding flying discs at White Sands Proving Ground. GORRY told DETCHEMENDY, "it was that same old thing of the Navy tracking of discs in the Spring and that they got this story from us" (the Navy). DETCHEMENDY judged from Captain GORRY'S manner and attitude that he did not consider the release of the story to the news as anything very serious. It is DETCHEMENDY'S opinion that GORRY does not believe the tracking of so-called flying discs as anything unusual.

DETCHEMENDY revealed that from 7 April 1949 to 30 May 1949, he was in attendance at the Radiological Defense School at Biloxi, Mississippi. Upon his return to White Sands Proving Ground he resumed his duties as Public Information Officer and while reviewing the activities of White Sands during his absence, Sgt. FELDMAN verbally informed DETCHEMENDY that he had heard of the actual tracking by telescope at White Sands Proving Ground of what was believed to be a flying disc. DETCHEMENDY stated he followed this information up and interviewed Mr. CLYDE TOMBAUGH, Chief, Ballistic Measurement Section, White Sands Proving Ground, who informed him that the object in question had been reportedly tracked by Naval Personnel. DETCHEMENDY said no official report had been made of this to the Public Information Officer of the White Sands Proving Ground and he saw nothing in the newspapers concerning it.

On or about 6 July 1949, Mr. SCHOLIN, Public Information Officer, National Military Establishment, Washington, D. C., made a one day visit to White Sands Proving Grounds on a general orientation tour of White Sands and to gather information on possible leads for future releases. SCHOLIN and DETCHEMENDY visited the Naval Operations Office and there met Commander McLAUGHLIN,who, during the visit revealed to SCHOLIN and in his (DETCHEMENDY) presence, information regarding the tracking of the flying discs in the Spring by Naval White Sands Proving Ground personnel. DETCHEMENDY said he interrupted McLAUGHLIN and advised him the Army Public Information Officer at White Sands considered the information classified. DETCHEMENDY did this to protect the classification of the material and to call the attention of SCHOLIN to the position of the Army in the matter. McLAUGHLIN replied to DETCHEMENDY that this was all known information. DETCHEMENDY stated that he did not know what McLAUGHLIN intended to imply by that statement. Nevertheless McLAUGHLIN proceeded to go into the details for SCHOLIN of the tracking accomplished by his personnel. DETCHEMENDY again took occasion to interrupt McLAUGHLIN and reiterated to him the position of the Army and the manner it treated the subject. After leaving McLAUGHLIN'S office, DETCHEMENDY told SCHOLIN that the White Sands Proving Ground'S Public Information Officer considered all information gathered on flying discs classified and any release regarding them would stem from official information channels in Washington.

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AFCSI Letter No. 85, Headquarters CSI, File No. 24-185.

SYNOPSIS

This report consists of the report of an observation at Walker Air Force Base, by M/Sgt. BURNELL S. JONES, AF-6951540, Headquarters Squadron, 509th Air Base Group, Walker Air Force Base. Object sighted at 2130 hours, 21 October 1949, photograph taken thereof and attached hereto.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted by S/A JACK B. WILLIAMS.

2. Photograph of Unidentified Object:

Date of photograph: 21 October 1949.

Exact time of photograph: 2130 hours.

Place of photograph: 1600 block, West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Camera mounted on tripod and pointed approximately 230° (true).

Cameraman's attention was attracted to object by its brightness.

There was one object.

Appeared to be a white light atop water tower or telephone post.

The color appeared a very bright white.

No shape was distinguished.

Altitude: Above the horizon approximately 30° clockwise from north, object appeared about 7:30 o'clock.

Distance from cameraman: Unknown.

Description of flight was southeast to northwest, if any. (Doubtful whether moved.)

Remained visible approximately 20 to 30 minutes (that he knows of).

Speed: Unknown.

No sound or odor was detected.

No trail was observed.

Luminosity appeared small and very bright.

No projections were noted.

No maneuver was noted.

Cameraman departed area prior to object's disappearance.

No clouds were observed.

Weather conditions were clear.

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Cameraman was M/Sgt. BURNELL S. JONES, AF-6951540, Headquarters Squadron, 509th Air Base Group, whose duty assignment is in the Walker Air Force Base Photography Laboratory as a photographer laboratory technician.

3. Sgt. JONES is a former Army Air Force Navigator who has had experience in celestial navigation. He states that in his opinion it was improbable that the object photographed could have been a celestial body. He felt that possibly it was a recognition or some light mounted on some man-made structure in the distance until he searched the entire area to the southwest of the position of his camera the following day and could not find anything to bear out his opinion. He states the distance from him is unknown by him in that it could have been one-half mile, twenty miles, or many, many miles away. The camera used was a speedgraphic camera mounted on a tripod set at F 4.5 and infinity with an exposure of thirty seconds. The row of lights visible to the left of the unknown object are said by JONES to have been a car traveling from right to left before the camera, which is thought by JONES to have been approximately two blocks in the distance. To his naked eye the unknown object appeared brighter than the automobile headlights but definitely much smaller. JONES states the reason no stars are visible in the picture is that he developed the print specifically to bring out the object in question. With reference to the slight fuzziness appearing from eight to twelve o'clock and from two to six o'clock on the edged object, JONES states that his tripod and camera were quite securely mounted and he is certain no movement of the camera would account for this afore-mentioned fuzziness on the image. Base Photo Officer feels fuzziness may be traceable to heat emitted by object.

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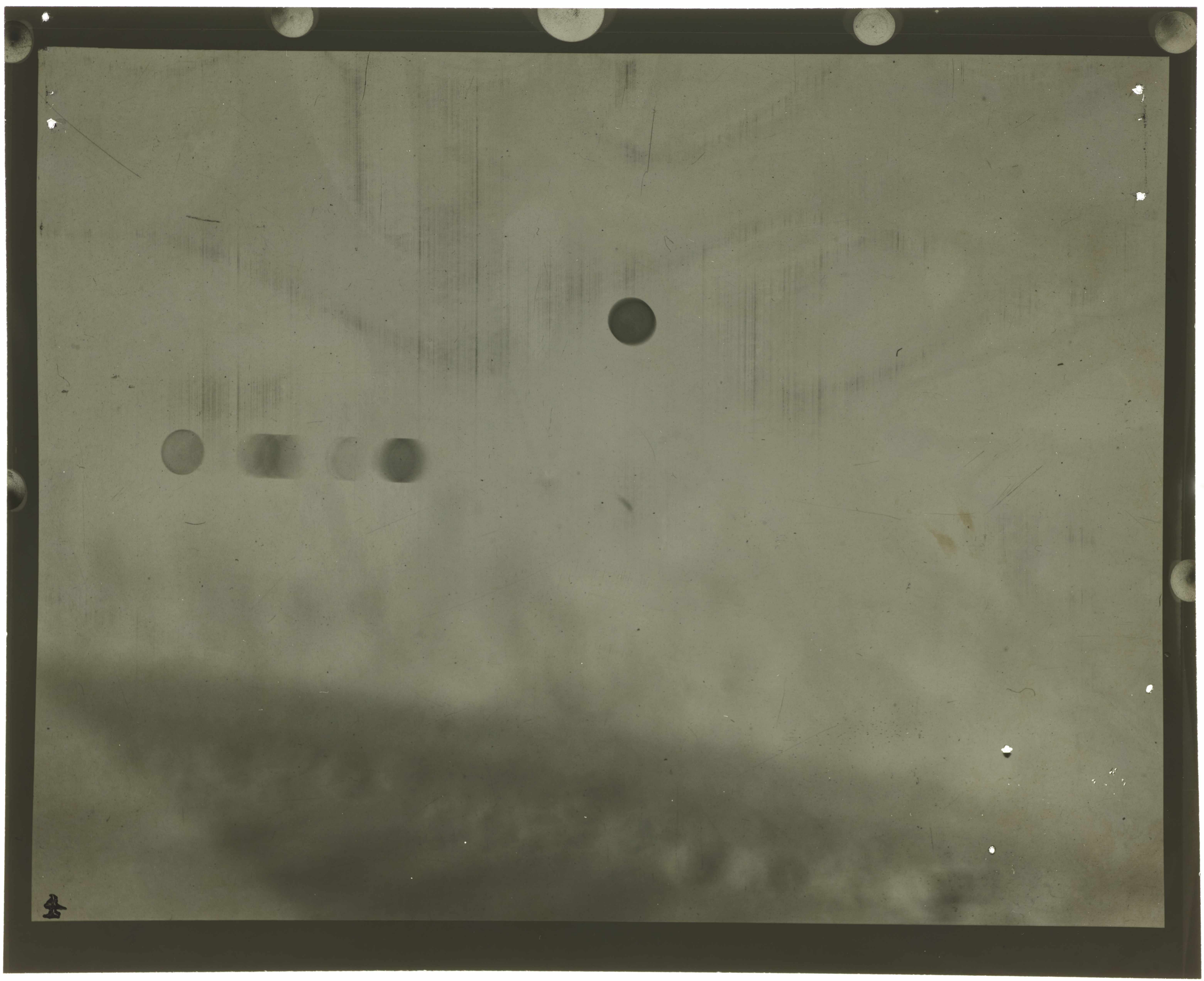
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Alleged Sighting of Flying Discs, White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, dates unknown, as per Newspaper Los Angeles Times, dated 30 August.

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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REFERENCE
Report of S/A JOHN F. FRAMPTON, DO #17, 21 September 1949

SYNOPSIS

MARVIN MILES, Aviation Editor, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, California, refused to reveal source for his story appearing in 30 August 1949 issue of the Times wherein it was stated that an object was sighted in the sky at White Sands Proving Ground as late as Friday (26 August 1949). MILES did state, however, that he was in the Captain's office of the USN when he overheard part of the verbal report on the sighting of the object. MILES said the Captain (believed to be Capt. GORRY) knew origin of the report since it was made to him. MILES would not elaborate other than to state that the source was also an officer at the USN, WSPG, and was not an official visitor nor an enlisted Navy man. CLETE ROBERTS, Newscaster, Station KFWB, Hollywood, California, stated that much of the information contained in his newscast was obtained from remarks made by Commander McLAUGHLIN, USN, WSPG. Commander McLAUGHLIN mentioned, according to ROBERTS, the fact that an object had been sighted in the sky recently and that the photographs thereof "didn't turn out." ROBERTS said that he believed that MILES' source for the recent sighting of an object in the sky was a Naval Commander, believed to be named JANSEN. AUSTIN CONOVER, Reporter, Hollywood Citizen-News, Hollywood, California, also published an article concerning the sighting of "flying disks" or "flying saucers" at WSPG, and stated sources were USN Commanding Officer at WSPG (believed to be Captain GORRY) and others cited in his article: Commander ROBERT McLAUGHLIN and HOMER E. NEWELL, JR.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted in order to determine who had furnished information at White Sands Proving Ground regarding the sighting of flying disks to MARVIN MILES, Reporter, Los Angeles Times, and CLETE ROBERTS, Newscaster, Radio Station KFWB.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

2. Prior to interview with MILES, a copy of his article released in the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday, 30 August 1949, was secured and is being forwarded to DO #17 with copies of this report. The article reads as follows:

"U. S. OFFICERS SEE FLYING SAUCERS

BY MARVIN MILES

"WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N.M., Aug. 29--Flying saucers--or at least mysterious flying "objects"--have been sighted by service personnel at this vital center of America's upper air research.

"I talked with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, who reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight.

"In all fairness, it must be pointed out that other officers and engineers at White Sands scoff at the reports and put them down to imagination, weather balloons, dual images in high-powered optical equipment, or possibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

"Experienced Observers

"Yet the men who gave these reports presumably are familiar with such possibilities and well acquainted with the appearance of balloons and planes and the quixotic results of staring at a fixed point in the sky for long moments.

"One officer believes, sincerely, that the objects seen are space ships and declared that a ballistic formula applied to one observation through a photo theodolite showed the 'ship' was 35 to 40 miles high--an 'egg-shaped' craft of fantastic size and traveling at incredible speeds of three to four miles a second!

"The observer in this case, he said, was tracking a balloon into the upper air when the object swept across the balloon's path and cavorted for some 10 seconds--taking turns up to 22 times the force of gravity--before it disappeared. It had no visible means of propulsion.

"The enlisted technician reported seeing an object at 3:35 p.m., last June 14, as he was tracking the course of a V-2 test rocket in a 20-power

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elevation telescope, an instrument that can follow a missile to altitudes of 100 miles or more.

"'I don't know what it was, but I had never seen anything like it before,' he told me. 'It seemed to be metallic, but I couldn't tell its size, its speed or its altitude. It would be impossible unless you knew one of the three factors.'

"He added he had informed his superiors of the incident and was told the next morning he had seen a 'disk.'

"Weather Balloon?

"A check of one officer elicited the response: 'It was probably a weather balloon,' but he declared the enlisted technician is considered 'a reliable man.'

"Last Friday's object was seen by a senior officer shortly after 11 a.m. and reported to the unit commander. The observer was preparing for a missile firing and scanning the skies through binoculars.

"'I don't know what it was, but it came out of the north in a shallow dive and turned west. No. I wouldn't guess at speed or size.'

"He hastened to explain he is a 'skeptic.'

"Proof for Skeptic

"'Isn't seeing such a thing the best proof for a skeptic,' he was asked.

"'I should say it was,' he smiled. 'But I just saw something and reported it.'

"In all, some five reports have been made in the last six months, one officer said, with only one last year.

"On one occasion, he told me, three of four officers saw a flying object with the naked eye, and at another time two smaller objects were observed to 'chase' a test rocket. These may have been dual images on the telescopes, he said, although they were seen from several widely separated stations.

"These reports tend to take the 'flying saucer' question out of the realm of housewives' stories and the tales of air transport pilots. Still they have actually proved nothing--merely added to the mystery."

3. It is observed that the title of the article as given in the reference report was, "REPORTERS HEAR DISC TALES AT WHITE SANDS," and mentioned the fact

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that photographs of the object had been ruined. The aforequoted article was secured from the pictorial issue of the Times and therefore may have been changed somewhat from the other issues.

4. MARVIN MILES, Aviation Editor, Los Angeles Times, Times Building, 202 First Street, Los Angeles, was questioned concerning his article and his first remark was, "Do you think I made it up?" MILES was definitely reluctant to talk as to the source of the information for his article but finally gave the following account.

5. MILES stated that he was in the Navy Office at White Sands Proving Ground when someone came in the office to talk with the Captain. MILES claimed he could not recall the Captain's name and when the name "GORRY" was suggested to him he said he guessed that was the name. At any rate, the "someone" was a man who made a report to the Captain concerning the sighting of an object in the sky on Friday (26 August 1949). MILES claimed that he overheard part of the story but claimed he could not recall exactly what he had overheard. However, he further claimed that he did not talk to the man at the time but later sought him out and questioned him further. MILES said the man refused to give his name but he later learned the man's name and that the man was not a civilian visitor, not a member of the press who were at WSPG during that period, but was a naval officer. MILES would not give the rank of the officer nor would he give the writer the name of the officer, but added that Captain GORRY could supply that information if OSI needed it. MILES then wanted to know if OSI was "trying to get someone in trouble" and he was advised that the purpose of the inquiry was to determine his source for his story in order that that person could be interviewed for further details.

6. MILES called attention of the writer to the second paragraph of his article wherein he stated that three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, had reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday (26 August 1949) during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight. MILES said that this was true. He stated that one of these officers, whose name he would not furnish, had told him about other occurrences which had been noted at WSPG. MILES strongly suggested that the officer in question was Commander DOUGLAS C. McLAUGHLIN, U.S.N., WSPG, but claimed he did not recall the officer's name. The second officer mentioned in his article was apparently also officially stationed at WSPG from the way MILES talked, but he would not elaborate on this.

7. MILES disclaimed any knowledge about an allegation or rumor of any photographs being spoiled when the object reported to have been spotted on 26 August 1949 was seen.

8. CLETE ROBERTS, Newscaster, Radio Station KFWB, Hollywood, appeared very cooperative during the interview with him and stated that he did not know for sure but he thought that the source for the 26 August 1949 sighting of the object in the sky was a Commander JANSEN, or some such name, but that MILES, not he, got this story. ROBERTS intimated that MILES had told him this.

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9. ROBERTS advised that he did not intend to break any story about the objects sighted in the sky at WSPG but that on Tuesday morning, 30 August 1949, he noticed MILES' article in the Times. ROBERTS further advised that he called MILES and said in effect that he thought that there was to be no publicity on the matter, to which MILES replied to the effect that GLAD HILL (GLADWYN HILL of New York Times who also attended the WSPG test) was going to break a story and he "wanted to beat him to the punch." ROBERTS stated that he communicated with HILL and HILL denied that he was going to release any such story.

10. ROBERTS further stated that since MILES' story had already broken he, ROBERTS, saw no harm in broadcasting a little news item on his radio newscasting program since his sponsor might "wonder where he was" since MILES had a story and he also had been to the same tests at WSPG but had no news similar to MILES'. As a result ROBERTS said that he mentioned over the radio on 30 August 1949 that objects had been sighted in the sky at WSPG and made a few remarks about the type of objects, the speed of the objects and the height of the objects in the sky. ROBERTS further said that subsequently he saw Commander McLAUGHLIN and apologized to the Commander for the newscast and Commander McLAUGHLIN said, "Oh, that's all right. I don't care."

11. ROBERTS went on to state that he received quite a bit of information on the subject from Commander McLAUGHLIN, among which were:

a. WSPG had an observation point located about 42 miles from WSPG located on a hilltop where observations had been made of objects in the sky since 1947.

b. Objects other than rockets have been sighted in the sky.

c. On one occasion two disks, or objects, were sighted in the sky and were flying alongside of a V-2 test rocket, one on each side of the rocket. One of the objects dropped behind the rocket in the vapor trail and then pulled up again to the former position at the side of the rocket, and then both objects shot ahead.

d. In all probability some men from somewhere or objects from other planets were checking on the tests--based on the fact that such occurrences seemed to take place only during the rocket and other types of tests.

e. Planet MARS will be closer to the earth in a short time than it was three years ago.

f. Objects have been sighted at least six times.

12. ROBERTS stated that in addition to the above remarks he was also amazed that the U. S. Navy allowed an executive of a minor radio station to bring his young son and allowed the boy to sit in on the orientation lecture to the news and radio group. ROBERTS did not mention the names of these two but it is presumed from an examination of the list of visitors at the Naval rocket test that

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he referred to DOUG DOUGLAS and MICHAEL DOUGLAS, both of whom were allegedly representing Radio Station KRKD, (Los Angeles). The orientation lecture was given by Captain GORRY, according to ROBERTS.

13. ROBERTS was questioned further about any knowledge of a recent sighting of an object as indicated in MILES' article heretofore quoted and he stated that he "was not in on this" but put "two and two together" and related the following incident. ROBERTS stated that he was recording for a future broadcast and was under and past the restraining ropes, where the rest of the visiting newsmen were, in order that he might get the oxygen "swoosh" as it was being pumped into the rocket. As he stepped back under the restraining ropes he overheard Commander McLAUGHLIN say something to someone--identity not known--about objects being sighted in the sky. ROBERTS said that he then made a remark to Commander McLAUGHLIN about him "holding out on him" and the Commander mentioned something about a recent sighting and some photographs. ROBERTS said that he questioned the Commander about the last remark and the Commander seemed embarrassed. ROBERTS remarked that the Commander "hedged" on this point and said the photographs "didn't turn out," or words to that effect, indicating that the photographs were taken but that through some error the results of the photography were useless.

14. ROBERTS concluded by stating that if a "direct quote" was necessary as to who was supplying information to at least some of the commentators and newsmen that the writer should talk to AUSTIN CONOVER of the Hollywood Citizen-News. It is noted that CONOVER was also listed as a visitor at the test.

15. The writer checked the library files of the Hollywood Citizen-News at their offices at 1545 North Wilcox Avenue, Hollywood, California, and located a story datelined Tuesday, 30 August 1949, by AUSTIN CONOVER. This article is being forwarded to DO #17 with copies of this report and the article read as follows:

"ROAMING AROUND

With Austin Conover

"FLYING DISKS REAL, SAY ROCKET EXPERTS

"Mysterious flying objects that are called 'flying saucers' or 'flying disks' have been sighted by rocket experts at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico.

"During a visit there last week, I was told by a top Navy officer who has had long experience in observing high-altitude missiles:

"'While sunbathing one day recently I saw a mysterious object cavorting high in the air above me.

"' Just before that, I turned in a report to Washington that two such objects were observed by a party of rocket experts visiting here. At that

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time I was skeptical. They insisted that I make the report.'

"Homer E. Newell Jr., a top civilian scientist with the Naval Research Laboratory at White Sands, commented: 'I have never seen a flying saucer. I discount all of the reports about them except a few. Some just can't be dispelled as pure myth, hallucination, weather balloons, or shadows of rockets on clouds.'

"'Flying disks,' said Comdr. Robert McLaughlin, who since 1939 has been engaged in rocket research, 'have nothing to do with any experiments carried on by American scientists or for that matter by anyone on earth.

"'If these things are real, they come from another planet, where creatures are far ahead of us in science.

"'I heard it said that they are space ships from Mars which have been attracted to the earth by our atomic bomb explosions and, fascinated by what they saw, have continued to keep an eye on us.'

"A rocket to the moon is 'a long way off,' according to the White Sands scientists, who this year sent a rocket to the record height of 250 miles.

"'We need better metals to withstand the powerful thrusts needed to send a rocket beyond the earth's gravitational pull,' remarked a rocket expert.

"'We need more powerful propellants,' said another, who suggested that atomic energy may be the solution.

"The American Rocket Society, which has a test site near Roswell, New Mexico, was mentioned for its pioneering in rocket research during the 1920s and 1930s.

"The late Dr. Robert Goddard, its founder, and his assistant at one time, Charles Lindbergh, were singled out for special praise.

"The Germans who developed the V-2 rocket were said to have learned much from the research of those two men.

"'There will never again be mass bomber flights over enemy installations,' commented Comdr. McLaughlin.

"'Uncle Sam has developed rockets to the point that they will not only seek out targets in the air but throw shrapnel over a wide area in the sky, when they explode.

"'We have found evidence that the Germans were working on such rockets when the war ended.

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"'Such is rocket research today that only a few fast, high flying planes in the next war will be able to get through to their target.'

"No German scientists are today doing rocket research at White Sands Proving Ground.

"We were told that they are working on a secret project at an Air Force Base near El Paso.

"White Sands Proving Ground base is 50 miles north of El Paso. The testing is done in a 30-by-200-mile area between the Organ Mountains and the Sacramento Mountains.

"The Navy has requested that we newsmen who visited the base last week not release the story of what we saw there until Sept. 6."

16. AUSTIN CONOVER, Reporter, Hollywood Citizen-News, was questioned at the newspaper offices and he, like MILES, tried to be evasive and cagey. However, he did admit that the information in the first four paragraphs of his article indicating that "flying disks" or "flying saucers" had been sighted by rocket experts at WSPG; that an object had been recently seen; and that two reports had previously been turned in by the same party, had been furnished to him by the Commanding Officer of the Navy Office at WSPG. CONOVER claimed he did not recall the officer's name and when the name GORRY was suggested to him he said that he believed that that was the name of the Commanding Officer. It is observed that the source of other quotes in the article are named therein.

17. An editorial was also located which was written by AUSTIN CONOVER and appeared in the Hollywood Citizen-News on Monday, 5 September 1949. This editorial is being forwarded to DO #17 with copies of this report and the pertinent part of the editorial is quoted below:

"EDITORIALS — CITIZEN-NEWS
"Monday, September 5, 1949 — HOLLYWOOD

"HOW GOES THE WORLD — BY AUSTIN CONOVER

"IMAGINATION OR MARTIANS

"When scientists and military observers report that they, too, have seen flying saucers in the sky, it's thought-provoking.

"I expected the reply, 'Bunk, there are no such things as flying saucers,' when I asked about them at the government's big rocket-testing base at White Sands, N.M., a fortnight ago.

"Much to my surprise, men whose business is upper air research made no such off-hand response. Two said that they have seen flying saucers. One top military officer stated that a party of visiting scientists

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were so convinced that they saw them that he had to make a report to Washington on the matter.

"My fellow newspapermen, working on their own, found a similar response among the officials whom they contacted.

"All of the scientists and military observers, whether or not they had seen any, were agreed on this point: the saucers are not man-made.

"David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, dismisses as 'foolish' the suggestion that they may be something related to atomic energy....."

18. Since the above editorial deals in generalities, no specific questions were asked CONOVER as to his source for the information set out therein but he volunteered that he "sort of dreamed it up."

19. It is noted that reference report indicates Commander McLAUGHLIN'S name is DOUGLAS C. McLAUGHLIN, and that CONOVER'S article gives his name as Commander ROBERT McLAUGHLIN. Since CONOVER could not remember the USN Commanding Officer's name it is possible he erred in recalling the correct first name. It might also be mentioned here that none interviewed seemed to indicate that the name MOORE (of the General Mills Aeronautical Laboratory) had been revealed to them, although it appeared from their releases that the contents of the report signed C. B. MOORE had been discussed with them.

20. One copy of this report is being forwarded to District Office No. 12, Scott AFB, for their possible information in the event that Captain EDWARD D. DETCHEMENDY has as yet not been interviewed.

21. In connection with any further investigation which is conducted by District Office No. 17, it is requested that extreme care be used in questioning any Naval personnel on information furnished in this report by CLETE ROBERTS, Newscaster, KFWB, Hollywood, since he was very cooperative during this investigation and attempted to be very helpful.

Inclosures:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, KIRTLAND AFB

1. Article by MARVIN MILES, Los Angeles Times, 30 August 1949.
2. Article by AUSTIN CONOVER, Hollywood Citizen-News, 30 August 1949.
3. Editorial by AUSTIN CONOVER, Hollywood Citizen-News, 5 Sept. 1949.

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DO #17 report of S/A JOHN F. FRAMPTON, dtd 21 Sept 49, file 24-8

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SYNOPSIS

Capt. EDWARD D. DETCHEMENDY, on 25 August 1949, assisted Naval Authorities, at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, orientate, accommodate and transport reporters of press media invited by the Navy to witness the firing of the "Viking" rocket. DETCHEMENDY was with one or more members of the press during their one-day visit and overheard no member discuss, interview or converse concerning the sighting of flying discs. No Army Senior Officers were present on the occasion of the visit of the reporters. DETCHEMENDY spent much time with CLETE ROBERTS, who, he stated, carried on his person a portable type recording machine. DETCHEMENDY could not recall MARVIN MILES. DETCHEMENDY reported that IRVY KOVERMAN spent several hours at one of the tracking telescope stations. DETCHEMENDY declared that the members of the press had ample opportunity to converse with and interview White Sands Proving Ground personnel out of his hearing and observation. DETCHEMENDY was aware of the publication of the 30 August 1949 article and its contents and he stated that the Army PIO at White Sands Proving Ground branded information concerning flying discs as classified. The Army PIO at White Sands Proving Ground, unofficially was aware of the sighting of a flying disc reported 25 April 1949 by Naval Personnel. Captain WILLIAM A. CORBEY, U. S. Navy, White Sands Proving Ground, after the appearance and publication of the article by ROBERTS and MILES told DETCHEMENDY that the article concerned the Navy tracking in the Spring and that they got the story from the Navy.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon undeveloped lead request set forth in the report of Special Agent JOHN F. FRAMPTON, of the 17th OSI District (IG), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, dated 21 September 1949, file number 24-8.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

2. Captain EDWARD D. DETCHEMENDY, O-45117, Ordnance, U. S. Army, Former Public Information Officer, White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, enroute from White Sands, New Mexico, to Bremerhaven, Germany, was interviewed 12 October 1949, and stated he had been the Public Information Officer from August 1948 to 12 September 1949.

Captain WILLIAM A. GOREY, U. S. Navy, White Sands Proving Ground, in preparation to test-firing the "Viking" rocket during the period 22—26 August 1949, requested the presence of DETCHEMENDY from the Commander of White Sands Proving Ground to assist the Navy in the accommodation of press reporters being sent to cover the firing of the Navy rocket. He was to assist Naval Public Information Officers of the 12th Naval District, San Diego, California, who were in charge of the party of press representatives. DETCHEMENDY assisted in the billeting, transportation and orientation of the press representatives on the rocket firing facilities of White Sands Proving Ground. DETCHEMENDY stated he was with the members of the press from the time they descended from their plane at about 1700 hours, 24 August 1949, at Conron Field, until their departure, 25 August 1949.

DETCHEMENDY recalled being present at two press conferences at which all members of the press were assembled. The first conference occurred at the Navy Officers' Mess and last 45 minutes. GOREY made a short introductory talk and Dr. NEWELL of the Navy Research Laboratory, gave a short talk on the "Viking" rocket. A second conference took place in the Lounge of the Army Officers' Club and movies of the "Viking" rocket and the German "V-2" rocket were shown. (At conferences reporters were advised that certain phases of the "Viking" rocket were classified and any information they might happen to run across was not to be printed and that the Navy following the firing would hold a conference for all press representatives at which conference all the phases of the firing would be covered and the press given data they could use for publication). DETCHEMENDY stated he was with one or more members of the press at all times during the period of their visit and neither at the conferences or elsewhere heard, either directly or indirectly, any mention or discussion of flying discs.

DETCHEMENDY asserted that he found certain of the photographers and reporters were interested in various phases of the Proving Ground itself. He recalled that when he escorted the reporters to the Ballistic Measurement Section, certain reporters and photographers were interested in photographing a tracking telescope and simulating the tracking of a rocket in flight. The tracking telescopes are located five to forty five miles from the White Sands Proving Ground Headquarters. The reporters and photographers therefore because of the short length of their visit and the distance involved decided to pool their coverage of the tracking. Thus, according to DETCHEMENDY, reporters and photographers had ample opportunity out of the hearing of both himself and Naval Information Officers to talk to technicians and others on their tour of the Proving Grounds, the

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Ballistic Measurement Section and at the tracking telescope sites. Anyone of the afore-mentioned personnel who knew of the reported incident of last Spring may have revealed information concerning that incident to the reporters.

In order to refresh his memory DETCHEMENDY was shown a list of the reporters who were present for the Naval firing. DETCHEMENDY was able to recollect CLETE ROBERTS and IRVY KOVERMAN. DETCHEMENDY stated he spent considerable time with reporter CLETE ROBERTS, mainly becasue ROBERTS had returned from Germany in June 1949 and DETCHEMENDY had just received orders assigning him to Germany and therefore DETCHEMENDY was interested in obtaining all the first-hand information he could from ROBERTS regarding life in Germany. Mr. ROBERTS, he related, was a free-lance radio commentator who sells anything of news value he can pick up. ROBERTS would only publish that which he had proof of. ROBERTS carried with him at all times, both in the field and at press conferences, a portable hand-carried electronic recorder and therefore may have an actual recording of the conversation with the person from whom he obtained the information regarding flying discs. DETCHEMENDY stated it was not unusual conduct for reporters like ROBERTS to carry recording machines. ROBERTS, according to DETCHEMENDY, always turned on his mikes for sounds and firings on the White Sands Proving Ground range which are directed by a firing officer on public address system. DETCHEMENDY alerted ROBERTS when to turn on his radio during the rocket launching preparation at the launching site. DETCHEMENDY related that at the launching site he was with twelve (12) photographers and reporters of the press and radio and at this time also he heard no mention of flying discs.

DETCHEMENDY did not see ROBERTS converse with or interview any of the Senior Army Officers of White Sands Proving Grounds. Brig. General BLACKMORE was absent from White Sands and Lt. Colonel EIFLER appeared on the scene only briefly to welcome the reporters to White Sands. DETCHEMENDY did see ROBERTS in the presence of two Naval Information Officers, one of whom was a Lieutenant and the other a Commander. DETCHEMENDY did not see ROBERTS talk to any White Sands Naval Officers; however, ROBERTS could have done so without his knowledge when he, DETCHEMENDY, was otherwise engaged. DETCHEMENDY was unable to recall MILES for he had no individual contact with him that enabled him to remember and distinguish MILES from the others.

IRVY KOVERMAN, according to DETCHEMENDY, was one of the individuals who went to one of the tracking telescope stations the afternoon preceeding the scheduled firing. He was accompanied by personnel from the Ballistic Laboratory and went to the station closest to the Camp. KOVERMAN would have been with the personnel at the tracking telescope from about 1500 hours to 1700 hours. DETCHEMENDY did not know the personnel who manned that particular telescope on that date because he remained with the main group of the press at the Block House.

DETCHEMENDY asserted that as part of his duties as Public Information Officer he maintained clipping files on information of all kind referring to White Sands Proving Ground that appeared in various news media. DETCHEMENDY first learned of the publication of information regarding flying discs at White Sands upon reading the article published by the El Paso, Texas newspaper on or about 30 August 1949. DETCHEMENDY took the article to Brig. General BLACKMORE together with what he considered appropriate remarks; the impropriety for making such a release without naming the individual giving the information; that the release was questionable; that it was material the Army treated as classified. General BLACKMORE advised DETCHEMENDY to

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see Captain GORRY since the release had been made to newspapers covering the Navy rocket firing. DETCHEMENDY recalling the content of the article stated that it did not mention any specific branch of the Armed Forces as having been the source of information but stated it mentioned that two high ranking officers had discussed the information. The Sunday after the appearance of the story, DETCHEMENDY met Capt. GORRY and asked him about the release of the story regarding flying discs at White Sands Proving Ground. GORRY told DETCHEMENDY, "it was that same old thing of the Navy tracking of discs in the Spring and that they got this story from us" (the Navy). DETCHEMENDY judged from Captain GORRY'S manner and attitude that he did not consider the release of the story to the news as anything very serious. It is DETCHEMENDY'S opinion that GORRY does not believe the tracking of so-called flying discs as anything unusual.

DETCHEMENDY revealed that from 7 April 1949 to 30 May 1949, he was in attendance at the Radiological Defense School at Biloxi, Mississippi. Upon his return to White Sands Proving Ground he resumed his duties as Public Information Officer and while reviewing the activities of White Sands during his absence, Sgt. FELDMAN verbally informed DETCHEMENDY that he had heard of the actual tracking by telescope at White Sands Proving Ground of what was believed to be a flying disc. DETCHEMENDY stated he followed this information up and interviewed Mr. CLYDE TOMBAUGH, Chief, Ballistic Measurement Section, White Sands Proving Ground, who informed him that the object in question had been reportedly tracked by Naval Personnel. DETCHEMENDY said no official report had been made of this to the Public Information Officer of the White Sands Proving Ground and he saw nothing in the newspapers concerning it.

On or about 6 July 1949, Mr. SCHOLIN, Public Information Officer, National Military Establishment, Washington, D. C., made a one day visit to White Sands Proving Grounds on a general orientation tour of White Sands and to gather information on possible leads for future releases. SCHOLIN and DETCHEMENDY visited the Naval Operations Office and there met Commander McLAUGHLIN, who, during the visit revealed to SCHOLIN and in his (DETCHEMENDY) presence, information regarding the tracking of the flying discs in the Spring by Naval White Sands Proving Ground personnel. DETCHEMENDY said he interrupted McLAUGHLIN and advised him the Army Public Information Officer at White Sands considered the information classified. DETCHEMENDY did this to protect the classification of the material and to call the attention of SCHOLIN to the position of the Army in the matter. McLAUGHLIN replied to DETCHEMENDY that this was all known information. DETCHEMENDY stated that he did not know what McLAUGHLIN intended to imply by that statement. Nevertheless McLAUGHLIN proceeded to go into the details for SCHOLIN of the tracking accomplished by his personnel. DETCHEMENDY again took occasion to interrupt McLAUGHLIN and reiterated to him the position of the Army and the manner it treated the subject. After leaving McLAUGHLIN'S office, DETCHEMENDY told SCHOLIN that the White Sands Proving Ground'S Public Information Officer considered all information gathered on flying discs classified and any release regarding them would stem from official information channels in Washington.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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24-185 (SPECIAL INQUIRY)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects (Unclassified)

TO: District Commander, 17th OSI District (IG)
Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. Reference is made to letter from your office dated 28 October 1949, subject same as above, wherein it is requested that authority be granted to discontinue investigation of the inquiry carried under your file number 24-8.

2. Authority is granted to discontinue the present inquiry carried under your file number 24-8 and to close subject investigation.

3. It is suggested that in the future each incident investigated concerning "Unidentified Aerial Objects" be treated as a separate case and closed at the conclusion of the particular inquiry. This will preclude constant investigative effort.

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File No: 24-8

28 October 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Reference is made to file 24-8, 17th OSI District (Headquarters OSI file 24-185), Subject, "Unidentified Aerial Objects - SPECIAL INQUIRY". During the period since approximately 8 December 1948, this district has investigated and reported all known incidents of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena that have occurred in this area. It is estimated that these investigations have utilized the full time of at least two agents during that period.

2. Authority is requested to discontinue this investigation because of the following reasons.

a. The agent personnel are being reduced in this district to the point where the continuance of this investigation will delay other investigations.

b. The investigation of this case has developed to the point where trained scientific personnel are required. This district has no such personnel

3. Reference is made to a letter from this district to Headquarters OSI, dated 27 October 1949, wherein attention was invited to the fact that Doctor Joseph Kaplan, member of the Scientific Advisory Board, USAF, is presenting his views on these phenomena to the Board on 3 November 1949 at Washington, D. C.

4. Request that this district be advised with respect to this matter at the earliest possible date.

Doyle Rees

DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8

DATE 18 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY
RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.

REPORT MADE AT
DO #17, Kirtland AFB

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12, 13 October 1949

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UNCOVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted Holloman AFB, New Mexico
11 October 1949, by
M/Sgt RALPH M. STEVENS, AF-16043392

Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCOVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, to furnish information regarding the sighting of unidentified uncoventional aircraft at Holloman AFB, between 10:45 and 11:00 on 11 October 1949. Interviewed one witness and obtained statement. Wind aloft report and weather report were obtained from witness who was in charge of a lower atmospheric research project at time. Check of Radar activities proved negative.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon instructions in AFCSI Letter No. 85, to report all sightings of Unconventional Aircraft.

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2. On 13 October 1949, M/Sgt RALPH M. STEVENS, AF-16043392, was interviewed regarding the sighting, by him, of Unconventional Aircraft at Holloman AFB, between 1045 and 1100, on 11 October 1949. STEVENS furnished the following information:

a. Date of Sighting: 11 October 1949
b. Time of Sighting: 1045 - 1100.
c. Where Sighted: Ground
d. Number of Objects: One
e. Observable celestial objects: None except sun.
f. Distance from Observer:

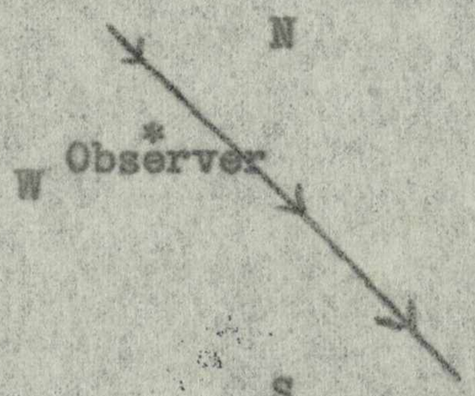
(1) Horizontally - Unable to determine.
(2) 60° Elevation at first, 90° passed overhead, 60° at disappearance.
(3) If size of B-29, appeared to be 150,000'.

g. Time in Sight: 10 to 15 seconds.

h. Appearance:

(1) White color.
(2) Round dish shape.
(3) Unable to determine construction.
(4) Size - 2 inches in diameter at arms length.

i. Direction of Flight - Northwest to Southeast, straight course.



j. Tactics or Maneuvers: None
k. Evidence of Exhaust: None
l. Effect on Clouds: None
m. Lights: None
n. Supports: None

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o. Propulsion: No visible means.
p. Control and Stability: Stable
q. Air Ducts: None
r. Speed: Faster than any object ever observed by STEVENS other than a falling star.
s. Sound: None
t. Manner of Disappearance: Faded from view as a result of distance.

Information Relative to Observer:

(a) Name: M/Sgt RALPH M. STEVENS , AF-16043392.
(b) Address: Box 569, Holloman AFB
(c) Occupation: Tech Aide - Lower Atmospheric Research.
(d) Place of business: Holloman AFB, Electronic and Atmospheric Research Section.
(e) Hobbies: Sports
(f) Ability to determine: Excellent observer. 21 months experience as observer.
(g) Reliability: Excellent
(h) Notes relative to observer on:
(1) Sightings in general - None previous.
(2) How attention was drawn to object: Was looking around at the sky; picked up movement of object.
(3) Degree of fatigue: None.
(i) Witnesses:
The only other witness was Sgt. MARION H. GRAVES, who was tracking an observation balloon at the time of the sighting. He observed what appeared to be something crossing the field of vision of the theodolite with such speed as to cause a streak.

3. M/Sgt STEVENS was recording data of drift, etc. on the observation balloon and he states that the object was traveling at such a rate of speed as to preclude its being caused by any upper air winds. He also stated that the weather conditions at the time were clear with visibility unlimited. He further stated that the object was traveling in the opposite direction to all prevailing winds, as indicated by the drift of the observatiin balloon.

4. Checks with the Electronics and Atmospheric Research Section, Holloman AFB, Weather Stations at Holloman AFB and White Sands Proving Ground, and the Technical Division at White Sands Proving Ground, revealed that no testing devices were sent aloft which could have been mistaken for the object in question. All these agencies also stated that there had been no unusual radar sightings.

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1. Exhibit "A", Statement of M/Sgt STEVENS

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HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, New Mexico 14 October 1949

On 11 October 1949, at approximately 1100 hours, I was located at Ryan #4 Site, at HAFB, as a member of a balloon launching and tracking crew. We had launched a balloon flight and were tracking the flight with a Theodolite. Sgt. MARION H. GRAVES was tracking with the Theodolite and I was engaged in recording Azimuth and Elevation angles. I happened to peer into the sky to the Northwest and observed a white object moving at a high rate of speed. This object appeared to move in a straight path and disappeared from view to the Southeast in approximately 10 to 15 seconds. This object appeared to be moving at a greater speed than any object I have ever observed, with the exception of a falling star.

Ralph M. Stevens

RALPH M. STEVENS, M/Sgt
AF-16043592

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FILE NO. 24-8

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REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB

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Aerial Phenomena

UNCOVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted Holloman AFB, New Mexico
12 October 1949, by
S/Sgt CLIFFORD D. HART, AF-14041905
S/Sgt HARRY A. BOGGS, AF-6587322, and
S/Sgt J. D. DENNING, AF-14214748

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY (Uncoventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, to furnish information regarding the sighting of unidentified uncoventional aircraft at Holloman Air Force Base, at 11:15 on 12 October 1949. Interviewed three witnesses and obtained statements. Obtained winds aloft report, weather report, and report of radar activities. Telephone report made to Headquarters, 17th District OSI.

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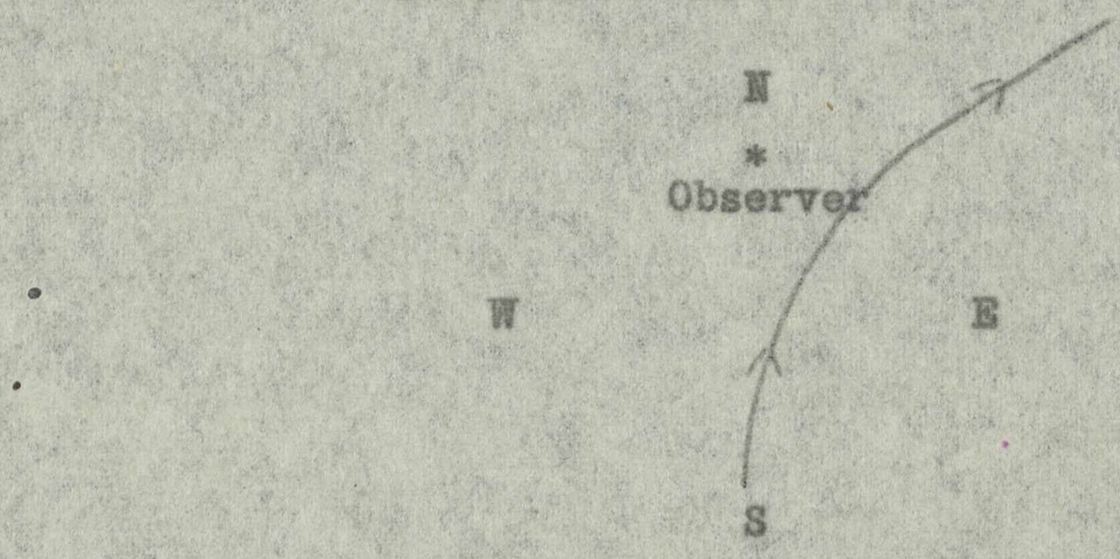
DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon instructions in AFCSI Letter No. 85, to report all sighting of Unconventional Aircraft.

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. On 12 October 1949, S/Sgt CLIFFORD B. HART was interviewed regarding the sighting of Unconventional Aircraft at Holloman Air Force Base at 1115 on 12 October 1949. HART furnished the following information:

a. Date of Sighting: 12 October 1949
b. Time of Sighting: 11:15 MST
c. Where Sighted: Ground
d. Number of objects: One
e. Observable celestial objects: None except sun.
f. Distance from Observer:
   (1) Horizontally: 5 to 10 miles
   (2) 45° elevation at first, 80° when nearest observer, 45° at point of disappearance.
   (3) 35,000' if object was the same size as B-29 aircraft.
g. Time in Sight: 45 to 60 seconds.
h. Appearance of Object:
   (1) Color - White or Aluminum.
   (2) Shape - Round Ball.
   (3) Apparent construction - Appeared to be A/C Aluminum.
   (4) Size - Appeared to be about 4" in diameter at closest point to observer.
i. Direction of Flight:
   Appeared from the South and veered off to Northeast in a smooth arc.



j. Tactics or maneuver: None
k. Evidence of exhaust: None
l. Effect on Clouds: None - No clouds
m. Lights: None
n. Supports: None

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o. Propulsion: None evident
p. Control and Stability: Evidently good.
q. Air ducts: None visible
r. Speed: Estimated 1500 mph. Much faster than any jet observer has seen.
s. Sound: None
t. Manner of Disappearance: Faded from view.

Information relative to Observer:

(a) S/Sgt CLIFFORD B. HART, AF-14041905

(b) Address: Present - Holloman AFB.

Next 20 days: General Delivery
Gainesville, Alabama.

Future: APO 942, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

(c) Occupation: Flight Engineer

(d) Place of Business: Holloman AFB

(e) Hobbies: Flying - Has private license

(f) Ability to determine: Excellent - Service with AF and knowledge of Aircraft.

(g) Reliability of Observer: Excellent.

(h) Notes relative to Observer on:

(1) Sighting in general: None
(2) How attention was drawn to object: Heard either an airplane engine or truck engine and looked up. Sound was not from object.
(3) Degree of fatigue: None

(i) Witnesses:

S/Sgt J. D. Denning, AF-14214748
S/Sgt Harry A. Boggs, AF-6587322

(1) Addresses - Both Holloman Air Force Base
(2) Occupation - Both Aircraft Mechanics
(3) Reliability - DENNING - Reliable.
BOGGS - Fairly reliable but not sure of his observation.

NOTE: Both of the above Witnesses substantiated HART's observations. Statements of DENNING and HART are attached as Exhibits "A" and "B".

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3. On 12 October 1949, checks were made at Both Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Proving Ground relative to possible radar sightings of object. The results of this check were negative.

4. Obtained teletype sequences of local weather conditions at time of sighting. There are as follows:

12 / 10:30 M

ALM 050 183 / 66 / 3142 / 0191 ///9/

12 / 11:30 M

ALM 050 186 / 69 / 3812 / 019 / 002 41 2///3/ ///9/

5. Obtained 0800 winds aloft report as follows:

6000'	Calm	
7000'	East	6 Knots
8000'	120°	9 Knots
9000'	150°	15 Knots
10000'	130°	12 Knots
12000'	70°	15 Knots
14000'	80°	15 Knots
16000'	80°	16 Knots
18000'	80°	15 Knots
20000'	70°	10 Knots
25000'	70°	13 Knots
30000'	70°	12 Knots
35000'	110°	18 Knots
40000'	110°	15 Knots
45000'	150°	8 Knots
60000'	NE	Speed unknown
65000'	NE	Speed unknown

NOTE: It is to be noted that object traveled into all prevailing winds.

6. Check of all flight schedules in vicinity revealed no aircraft which was in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

7. Checks with the Electronic and Atmospheric Section, Holloman AFB, Weather Station at Holloman AFB and White Sands Proving Ground, and the Technical Division at White Sands Proving Ground revealed no testing devices were sent aloft which could have been mistaken for object in question. The Electronic and Atmospheric Section, Holloman AFB, did release a weather research balloon, however, it traveled from Northeast to Southwest.

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Inclosures:

FOR CG, AMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Exhibit "A" - Statement of S/Sgt HART
2. Exhibit "B" - Statement of S/Sgt DENNING

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, KIRTLAND AFB

AT WALKER AFB, NEW MEXICO

Will attempt to locate persons who observed object described in this report. Object disappeared in the direction of Roswell and/or Fort Sumner.

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Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. 12 October 1949

On 12 October 1949, about 11:15 o'clock, I was sitting behind a B-29 which was parked on the Main Area Parking Ramp and I was facing approximately South East, when I saw a white looking round object that had the appearance of a balloon about 6" in diameter, coming from a Southward direction at an enormous rate of speed and, compared to the size of a B-29, it seemed to be about 35,000 feet in altitude. It seemed to curve slightly and disappear in a North East direction within approximately 45 seconds. I called to S/Sgt Boggs and S/Sgt Denning to look at it. Both boys said that they saw it and I called to about three other crew men, that were under the wing, to come look at it and due to the fast disappearance they were unable to see it.

This object was of a silver color but I did not notice any bright reflections from it and it seemed to have no external configurations or vapor trails. The disappearance was sudden and there seemed to be no noise. The object seemed to pass between here and Alamogordo.

Clifford B. Hart

CLIFFORD B. HART, S/Sgt
AF-14041905
3089th Experimental Group
2754th Exp. Wing, Holloman AFB.

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At Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. 12 October 1949.

I was standing out on the Ramp at Aircraft 103. The thing I saw seemed to be traveling pretty fast. I thought at first it was a balloon. Then I saw it was traveling too fast for that. It was a round looking thing and was white or made out of aluminum.

To the best of my knowledge it looked to be anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 feet altitude, and about 75 to 80 degree above the horizon. It was headed North-East. It was flying straight all the time I saw it, and I watched it until it went out of sight. I haven't seen a jet go as fast as it was at that altitude. It was about 8 to 10 miles at it closest place to me. It did not have any wings or tail.

J. D. Denning

J. D. DENNING, S/Sgt AF-14214748

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Aerial Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

1. Attached hereto for your information is a copy of letter from District Office No. 17 (OSI), dated 27 October 1949, subject as above.

2. Request the attached information be furnished the appropriate office of AMC.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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File No. 24-8

27 October 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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1. On 14 October 1949, at Los Alamos, New Mexico, a special joint meeting was held to discuss the various aspects of the aerial phenomena (Fireballs). In attendance and participating in the discussion were the following.

Joseph Kaplan, Member USAF Scientific Advisory Board
Lincoln LaPaz, Professor of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico
Captain Melvin E. Neef, 17th District OSI (IG) USAF
Lt Col Doyle Rees, District Commander, 17th District OSI (IG) USAF
Major L. C. Hill, CMP, Branch Intelligence Office, Fourth Army
Major F. C. E. Oder, Geophysical Research Division, USAF
J. Phillip Claridge, Special Agent, FBI, Albuquerque
Jerry Maxwell, Resident Agent in Charge, FBI, Los Alamos
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W. E. Bradbury, Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
John Manley, Technical Associate Director, LASL
Edward Teller, Assistant Director for Weapon Development, LASL
George Gamow, Staff Member, LASL
Fred Reines, Group Leader, T Division, LASL
Major K. K. Kolster, J-2, Sandia Base
Stanislaw Ulam, Los Alamos, New Mexico

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2. After careful discussion, it was concluded that:

a. Real phenomena exist.

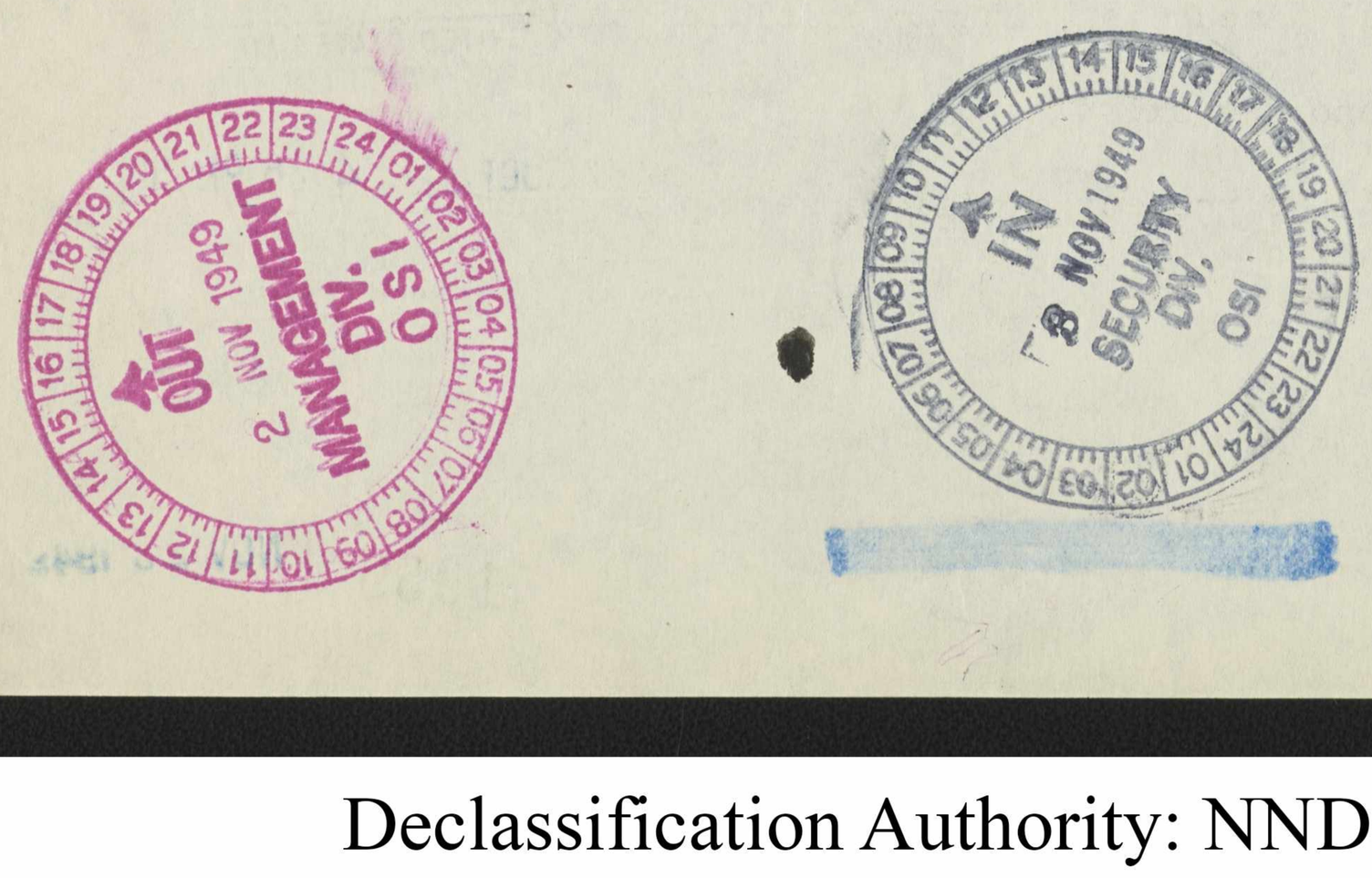
b. A scientific project should be set up to conduct a well-coordinated investigation.

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3. Dr. Joseph Kaplan advised that he had been requested to discuss the phenomena before the Scientific Advisory Board, USAF, of which he is a member, on 3 November 1949 in Washington, D.C.

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TITLE

Sighting of Aerial Phenomena on 12 Oct 49 at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, by 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, AO-771942

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85; Headquarters OSI file 24-185

SYNOPSIS

On 12 October 1949 at approximately 1340 hours MST, 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, AO-771942, Bombardier, 65th Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, sighted one object in the air at approximate altitude of 30,000 feet. Object was round, metalic in substance, white or silver in color and with a diameter of approximately 50 to 100 feet. Object traveled at great rate of speed (1,000 miles per hour). Investigation failed to identify object. Observer considered to be reliable.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation requested by OSI, Hq to ascertain facts surrounding the sighting of an unidentified object sighted over Davis-Monthan AFB at 1340 hours MST, 12 October 1949.

AT DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB

2. On 14 October 1949, 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, AO-771942, Bombadier, 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp was interviewed. LATZ stated that on 12 October 1949 at about 1340 hours MST, while standing in the 65th Bomb Sq aircraft parking area in the company of three airmen, his attention was drawn to an object which appeared to be about 25,000 to 30,000 feet overhead. LATZ described the object as being round, metalic in substance, white or silver in color with an approximate diameter of from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) feet. LATZ stated that the object was traveling from Northeast (20°) toward Southwest (240°) and at an excessive rate of speed, possibly as much as one thousand (1,000) miles an hour. LATZ observed the object for about 15 seconds at which time his attention was distracted by the launching of a weather balloon over Davis-Monthan AFB. When LATZ returned his gaze to the portion of the sky where the object was last seen, the object had disappeared. LATZ is of the opinion that the object which he saw, could possibly be an instrument whose existence is known.

3. In accordance with AFOSI Letter #85:

a. Date of sighting - 12 October 1949

b. Time of sighting - 1340 MST

c. Where sighted - From the ground out of doors at approximately 110 degrees 54 minutes West Longitude and 32 degrees 10 minutes North Latitude.

d. Number of objects - One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting - None at this time of day

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Estimated distance of 5 miles NE when sighted to estimated distance of 6 miles SW upon disappearing.

(2) Angle of elevation - 75 degrees.

(3) Altitude - Estimated between 25 and 30 thousand feet.

g. Time in sight - Approximately 15 seconds.

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h. Appearance of object:

(1) White or silver.

(2) Round or spherical.

(3) Solid and of metalic construction.

(4) Size was estimated to be approximately 50 to 100 feet in diameter.

i. Direction of flight - From NE to SW.

j. Tactics or maneuvers - None, flight horizontal and straight.

k. No evidence of exhaust.

l. Object did not come in contact with clouds during sighting.

m. Absolutely no reflection or lights in sight.

n. No visible support.

o. No visible propulsion.

p. Control and stability of object appeared to be very good although no fins or stabilizers were apparent.

q. No ducts or slots or openings were visible.

r. Speed was approximately 1000 miles per hour.

s. No sound was heard from the object.

t. Object faded from view

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS:

The unidentified aerial object was not picked up by any radar sets in this vicinity.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

a. Name of observer - DAVID J. LATZ

b. Address - 65th Bomb Sq. 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB

c. Occupation - Bombadier

d. Place of Business - Davis-Monthan AFB, member of an airplane crew

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e. Pertinent hobbies - None.

f. Ability to determine - Very Good.

g. Reliability - Very Good.

h. Notes relative to observer on:

(1) Sightings in general - Observer has never seen anything like the object before.

(2) How attention was drawn to object - Happened to look up.

(3) Observer was not airborne.

i. Witnesses:

(1) S/Sgt JOHN A. BOBST, AF-39209928
(A) Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB.
(B) Occupation - Scanner
(C) Reliability - Good

(2) T/Sgt ROY S. ELIAS, AF-6564861
(A) Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB.
(B) Occupation - Scanner
(C) Reliability - Good

(3) S/Sgt PAUL C. WALLINGFORD, AF-16241543
(A) Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB.
(B) Occupation - Flight Engineer
(C) Reliability - Very Good

j. Comments - Observer is generally considered to be reliable, conscientious and a stable officer. During the interview observer and witnesses appeared to be of good character, above average in intelligence and were very sincere and honest about statements made.

GENERAL

a. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions - Ceiling unlimited; clear sky; visability 50 miles; sea level pressure 1008.5, temperature 88° F; dew point 17° F; winds ESE 10 mimus knots; altimeter 989; station pressure 27.180 inches; wet bulb 55.0; dry bulb 87.9; relative humidity 8% and no strato cumulus.

b. Winds aloft report:

Feet	Degrees	Knots
10,000	110	29
14,000	60	18
16,000	90	9
20,000	110	20

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Feet	Degrees	Knots
25,000	100	14
30,000	30	17
35,000	130	18
40,000	170	33
45,000	150	24
50,000	160	29

c. Local flight schedules - Checks with the AACS Detachment, Davis-Monthan AFB and local flying fields failed to reveal any scheduled flights of privately owned, commercial or USAF planes in the air at the time of this incident.

d. Relese of testing divices - A check with the Weather Bureau, municipal Airport, Tucson, Arizona disclosed that weather ballons have not been released from their station since about the middle of August 1949. A check with the Base Weather Station, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona revealed that weather baloons were released at approximately 0200 hours, 0800 hours, 1400 hours, and 2000 hours on 12 October 1949. A thorough check of all agencies in this vicinity did not disclose any other testing devices released in this area on 12 October 1949.

e. The object sighted by Lt LATZ did not come into close proximity or contact with the earth during the observation.

f. Object did not come near aircraft or other objects during the observed flight and therefore no checks were made for possible radio activity.

g. A photostate of the terrain and surrounding sight point of unidentified object is attached hereto as inclosure #2.

h. A signed statement of Lt LATZ is attached as inclosure #1.

i. No physical evidence available.

j. No antenna or projections were visible.

Inclosures:

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1. Statement of 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, dated at Tucson, Arizona 17 October 1949.

2. Photostat of the terrain, over which object was sighted 12 October 1949.

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S T A T E M E N T

I, David T. Latz, AO-771942, 1st Lt, 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, prior to making the statement contained in the following paragraphs, have had explained to me the 24th Article of War by Jose Q. Rodriguez, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, USAF. I understand that I cannot be compelled to incriminate myself, or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate me, or to answer any question not material to the issue, when such answer may tend to degrade me. With such understanding, I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, without fret or fear of punishment and without inducement or promise of immunity or reward.

On October 12, 1949 at about 1340 Mountain Standard Time, while standing in the 65th Squadron aircraft parking area in the company of the following airmen, S/Sgt John A. Bobst, T/Sgt Roy Elias, S/Sgt Paul C. Wallingford, our attention was drawn to an object which appeared to be about 25,000 to 30,000 feet overhead , metalic in substance, white or silver in color and traveling from Northeast (20°) toward the Southwest (240°) at a high rate of speed, possibly as much as 1,000 miles per hour. The object was observed for about 15 seconds, when our attention was distracted by the launching of a weather Balloon. When we returned our gaze to the portion of sky we had watched the object transverse, we could no longer see the object. This is a natural phenomenon often experienced while scanning the sky. The object as observed is hard to describe as to size and shape as these things are all relative to the object's distance from the observer. However, it was possibly round or spherical as in contrast to other shapes. The object seemed to stay in a level plane of movement during the period of observation and the concensus of opinion on a very rough guess as to the object's size is from 50 to 100 feet in diameter.

The weather conditions which can be verified by Base Weather were clear with blue sky.

In summing up my opinion of the object, is that our group actually saw the object as in contract to a hallucination or mirage and that it could possibly have been an object other than an aircraft or guided missle or some such instrument whose existence we are aware of. However, this is only speculation and much of the information herein is quite relative to altitude, size, etc.

I have read this statement, consisting of one page, and it has been read to me. I have signed this page and initialed all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

David T. Latz

DAVID T. LATZ 1st

17 October 1949

Witnesses :

Jose Q. Rodriguez S/A, OSI

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Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85.

SYNOPSIS

This report consists of reports of five sightings by guard personnel at Sandia Base, New Mexico. AFCSI Letter No. 85 has not been fully complied with, inasmuch as these reports were received from Lt. Colonel H. L. CRISLER, J-2, Sandia Base, and Lt. Col. JOHN H. CARROLL, Chief Inspector, AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 27 Sept 1949 Date of Interview: 27 Sept 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local): 0300

3. Place of Observation: Observer was standing at the east end of Bldg T-839 in the AEC #1 Area

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
Standing on ground

5. What attracted attention to object: Its brilliance.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length:
About the size of a softball at 300 yards

8. Color of object:
Bright blue to white

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
45°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
300°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object appeared to be):
Unknown

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
From the Southeast

14. Time in sight:
4 Seconds

15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance):
4 Seconds for 45°

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16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescense, other - degree of brilliance):
Incandescent

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Traveling tangent to the earth

21. Manner of disappearance: Observers vision was obscured by building. Unknown

22. Effect on clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear. Area partially lighted.

Name and address of observer:
M. C. Knight, Pfc, 8456th MP Co. 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:
MP - None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.): Observer was of average intelligence, but was not sure of what he saw

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window or other transparent material?
No

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1. Date of Observation: 27 Sept 1949 Date of Interview: 27 Sept 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local): 0300

3. Place of Observation: Approximately 30 ft. west of tower A20A in AEC #1 Area

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
On Ground

5. What attracted attention to object:
The trail of yellow

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length:
Size of a base ball at 25 yards

8. Color of object: Yellow

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
10°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
290°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object appeared to be):
Not known

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
To the North

14. Time in sight:
3 to 4 Seconds

15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance):
Traveled at approximately same rate as shooting star

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):
Yellow, 10 ft long - 6 ft wide - semi-persistant

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescense, other - degree of brilliance):
Incandescent

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Maintained horizontal flight

21. Manner of disappearance:
Died out

22. Effect on clouds:
None

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear. Area partially lighted

Name and address of observer:
V. M. Butts, Pfc, 8456th MP Co, 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:
MP - None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Average Intelligence

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window or other transparent material?
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 27 Sept 1949 Date of Interview: 27 Sept 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local): 0300

3. Place of Observation: In tower A 104 AEC #1 Area

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
Standing in tower

5. What attracted attention to object:
The bright color

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length:
Same size as a perimeter fence light at a distance of about 200 yds.

8. Color of object:
Bright Green.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
15 to 20°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
80°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object appeared to be):
Not known

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Southeast to Northwest

14. Time in sight:
Two seconds

15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance):
2 Sec 45°

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16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescense, other - degree of brilliance):
Incandescent

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Traveling in an arc toward earth

21 Manner of disappearance:
Brightened and then went out

22. Effect on clouds:
Not applicable

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear - Area partially illuminated

Name and address of observer:
Donald J. Barryessa, Pfc, 8456th MP Co, 8450th MP Gp.

Occupation and hobbies:
Model airplane building and hunting

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Reported by supervisors to be reliable. Appeared intelligent and sure of what he saw

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window or other transparent material?
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 27 Sept 1949 Date of Interview: 27 Sept 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local): 0130

3. Place of Observation: Southwest gate of the Military Technical Area

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
Standing on ground

5. What attracted attention to object:
Observer was looking in the direction of sighting

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb, or first at arms length:
Looked like a sky rocket over Kirtland Field

8. Color of object: Dark Blue

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Conicle (large and fwd.) with a tail twice its diameter

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
20°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
270°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object appeared to be):
20 miles

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
South to North

14. Time in sight: 2 seconds

15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance):
2 seconds for 50°

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16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):
Tapering tail twice the diameter of the object - semi persistent

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescense, other - degree of brilliance):
Bright Blue.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Object made a gentle arc toward the earth.

21. Manner of disappearance:
Burnt out.

22. Effect on clouds:
None

23. Additional information concerning object:
None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear - dark.

Name and address of observer:
J. L. Laboskie, Pfc, 8455th MP Co, 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies: MP None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Intelligent discerning individual.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window or other transparent material:
No.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 27 Sept 1949 Date of Interview: 27 Sep 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local): 0130

3. Place of Observation: At South end of Bldg T-912 in AEC Area #1

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
   Tower

5. What attracted attention to object:
   Observer was looking in the general direction

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
   One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length:
   Fist at arms length

8. Color of object:
   Green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
   Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
    45°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
    350°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object appeared to be):
    Unknown

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

14. Time in sight:
    1 Second

15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance):
    One second for approximately 20°

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16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescense, other - degree of brilliance):
Incandescent

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Object was moving tangent to the earth

21. Manner of disappearance:
Burnt out

22. Effect on clouds:
None

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear. Area partially lighted

Name and address of observer:
Cecil Kilts, Pfc, 8456th MP Co. 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:
MP - None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employers, etc.):
Average intelligence

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window or other transparent material?

Yes - Polaroid

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Date October 2, 1949

TO : Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM : Inspector G. A. Polzin

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 2110

DATE OBSERVED: October 2, 1949

POINT OF OBSERVATION: Station 313

DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM
POINT OF OBSERVATION: North

ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM
POINT OF OBSERVATION: 200 miles

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From up to down

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 3 seconds

ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: 20,000 - 30,000

ESTIMATED SPEED: --------

COLOR: Bright green

SOUND: ----------

SIZE: I was looking through a window three feet away - 2 feet square, and in proportion to that it had a tail three inches long.

OBSERVER: G. A. Polzin

STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: It looked like a very flare, except it had a tail.

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