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**AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT**

SUBJECT  
Unidentified Flying Object Report (FLYOB RPT)

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| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Sonoma Valley, California | FROM (Agency)<br>Director of Intelligence, Hq, WADF<br>Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, California |
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| DATE OF REPORT<br>20 January 1953 | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>15 January 1953 | EVALUATION<br>A-3 |
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| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>PERCY H. HAUG, Captain, USAF | SOURCE<br>Retired USAF Colonel |
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)  
AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

SUBJECT: FLYOB RPT

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOB RPT), the following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted:

On 10 January 1953, between 1545 hours and 1600 hours, PST (2345Z and 2400Z), Colonel Robert McNab, USAF (Ret) and Mr. Fay Hunter, of the Federal Security Agency, San Francisco, California, observed an unidentified flying object while eight (8) miles northwest of Sonoma, California, from a knoll in the hills northwest of the Sonoma Valley. The object was sighted at a 45° angle northwest from the location of the observers at a very high altitude, so high that the object was compared to the flat head of a pin held two feet from the eye. Speed was estimated at four times the speed of a jet aircraft with accompanying sound similar to the USAF F-86 jet at high altitude. There was no change in sound tone or volume during maneuvers. Unusual maneuvers made by the object were; (1) - Three (3) 360° tight turns to the right, taking 2 to 3 seconds to complete each turn; (2) - Two (2) right angle (90°) turns, first to the right, then to the left; (3) - The object slowed down to almost a complete stop, then accelerated to high speed again, making this maneuver twice. The object then rose vertically and disappeared from view. Total time of observation was estimated to be between 60 and 75 seconds. There were no radar contacts with this object. No other observations of this object are known to have been made.

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HARVEY C. BROWN JR  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Director of Intelligence

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On 15 January 1953 at 1135 hours PST (1935Z), one Colonel Robert McNab, USAF, (Retired), appeared and was interrogated in the Office of the Director of Intelligence, Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California, stating he had observed an unidentified flying object. A tape recording of this interrogation was made and is forwarded with this report as inclosure #1. Information contained therein is as follows:

Name and Address of Observers:

- (1) Colonel Robert McNab, USAF (Ret)  
Route #1, Box 237E  
Sonoma, California
  
- (2) Mr. Fay Hunter  
Federal Security Agency  
San Francisco, California

Interrogated by:

Captain E. M. Johnson, USAF  
Public Information Office  
Headquarters Western Air Defense Force  
Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California

1. Description of Object:

- Shape: Unknown due to high altitude.
- Size: About the size of a pin-head held 2 feet from the eye.
- Color: Silvery, possibly due to reflection of sun against aircraft-type covering.
- Speed: Great speed. Estimated as 4 times the speed of a jet aircraft.
- Sound: Similar to sound of an F-86 at high altitude, with no change in tone or volume during maneuvers.
- Maneuvers: The object made three (3), 360° turns to the right taking 2 to 3 seconds to complete each turn. These turns were made at 5 second intervals still holding on the same course. It continued on and made an abrupt right angle (90°) turn to the right, followed 5 seconds later with an abrupt turn to the left which placed the object back on its original course. After this maneuver, the object slowed down to almost a stop and then accelerated to its previous speed, making this maneuver twice. The object then rose vertically and disappeared from view. (The observer stated that the object could possibly have been climbing

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when it seemed to slow down to a stop but that he seriously doubted it). The 360° turns were said to be very tight turns, about one-eighth (1/8th) of area required for jet aircraft.

Trails or Exhaust: None observed.

Propulsion System: Not reported.

Number of Objects: One (1)

Manner of Disappearance: Object rose vertically and disappeared from view to the northwest.

Other Pertinent or Unusual Features: The glinting did not change during the maneuvers.

2. Time of Sighting:

Local Time: Between 1545 hrs and 1600 hrs, 10 Jan 53

Zebra Time: Between 2345Z and 2400Z, 10 Jan 53

Length of Time Observed: From 60 to 75 seconds by Colonel McNab. Mr Hunter saw object 10 seconds later when Colonel McNab pointed it out to him, due to the objects terrific speed and high altitude.

3. Manner of Observation: Visual without aids. The 28th Air Division (Defense) reported no radar contacts with this object during the time and date reported.

4. Location of Observers During Sighting:

Eight (8) miles northwest of Sonoma, California, from a knoll in the hills northwest of Sonoma Valley near the crest of Trinity Road connecting the Sonoma and Napa Valleys. The object was sighted at a 45° angle northwest of position of the observers. Distance of object from observers was undetermined, flying at a very high altitude in a northwest direction. Altitude was determined to be greater than that normally flown by jet aircraft.

5. Reliability of Information:

Colonel McNab stated he had a total of over 1,000 hours flying time and is familiar with various types of aircraft. However, he stated that Mr. Hunter's background does not indicate much familiarity with aircraft.

6. Weather, Winds and Visibility at Time and Place of Sighting:

Observers Report: The sun was dropping in the West. Visibility was good, ceiling was unlimited with sufficient light for good observation.

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Official Weather Report - Hamilton Weather Station: Weather in Hamilton and Sonoma Area: Clear, visibility 10 miles with winds from the east at 7 knots.

- 7. Negative.
- 8. Negative.
- 9. Negative.
- 10. Location of Air Traffic in General Area at Time of Sighting:

No other air traffic in area at time of sighting.

*Percy H Haug*

PERCY H. HAUG  
Captain, USAF  
Chief, Operational Intelligence

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Here is a tape recording of a UFO (at least that is what it's supposed to be). Could you listen to the tape and let me know what's on it. ~~xxx~~  
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This recording is simply a recording of the interview with Col. R. McNab wherein he describes the UFO sighting which he experienced several days prior to the interview. The written report accompanying the tape is an accurate and concise report of the facts as revealed in the interview. This original recording is on acetate tape and should be rerecorded on polyester tape for preservation purposes. Call NTPR (Recording Laboratory - 523-3263) for details. Most such materials (audio-visual materials) related to project Blue Book have been transferred to NNVM (Audio Visual Archives Division) as a part of the RG 341 audio-visual holdings and perhaps you should consider doing the same with this one stray item.

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- (2) Mr. Fay Hunter  
Federal Security Agency  
San Francisco, California

Interrogated by:

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Trails or Exhaust: None observed.  
 Propulsion System: Not reported.  
 Number of Objects: One (1)  
 Manner of Disappearance: Object rose vertically and disappeared from view to the northwest.  
 Other Pertinent or Unusual Features: The glinting did not change during the maneuvers.

2. Time of Sighting:

Local Time: Between 1545 hrs and 1600 hrs, 10 Jan 53  
 Zebra Time: Between 2345Z and 2400Z, 10 Jan 53  
 Length of Time Observed: From 60 to 75 seconds by Colonel McNab. Mr Hunter saw object 10 seconds later when Colonel McNab pointed it out to him, due to the objects terrific speed and high altitude.

3. Manner of Observation:

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4. Location of Observers During Sighting:

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- 7. Negative.
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- 9. Negative.
- 10. Location of Air Traffic in General Area at Time of Sighting:  
No other air traffic in area at time of sighting.

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