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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object			
AREA REPORTED ON Fort Davis, Texas		FROM (Agency) 97th Bomb Wing, 810th Air Div, Biggs AFB, Tex	
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PREPARED BY (Officer) H. B. BENTZ, Capt, USAF, Dir/Intel		SOURCE Mr. A. V. Chapin, Ft. Davis, Texas	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 8AF ICP, 15 Aug 52			

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.)

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P. O. Box 545  
Ft. Davis, Texas  
April 20, 1953

Civil Aeronautics Administration  
Communications Branch  
Marfa Air Field  
Marfa, Texas

Dear Sir:

Yesterday, on April 19th, about 1:20 P. M., while observing a vapor trail just west of Ft. Davis, from horizon to horizon, and from northwest to southeast, I observed an object which appeared to be floating just west of the vapor trail, about half-way between Ft. Davis and your air field at Marfa.

I at first thought it may have been a balloon released by the plane that made the vapor trail, as it appeared to be about the same altitude, but was not of a spherical shape like an ordinary balloon, and perhaps larger, somewhat oblong in shape. The object then appeared to descend somewhat and resemble an eagle or buzzard sailing, but was much too high for such; but still appeared to drift about like a buzzard and to hover at times. The object then began to swing in an arc toward the north with great acceleration, and short pointed wings became visible, as it passed over, at perhaps half the altitude of the vapor trail.

It continued to accelerate until the speed became uncanny and much greater than any jet plane I have ever seen. All the while it appeared to be an amber color. There was no sound whatsoever and no vapor trail. It followed a course a little west of north and disappeared over the horizon beyond the Davis mountains, in about 45 seconds. As it became a speck in the distance it changed directions lightly two or three times to the right, to the left, and up and down, and then continued on the same course as before. All the while it appeared to be going about a mile in two seconds.

I shall appreciate your forwarding this information to proper authorities, if of importance.

Yours very truly,

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