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AREA REPORTED ON 39/32N-119/47W	FROM (Agency) 3904th Comp Wg, Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada	
DATE OF REPORT 7 July 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 July 1953	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt Col R.E. Work	SOURCE Mr. Charles D. Shrader	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX 3904th CW ID		

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.)

1. Report of an unidentified aerial object observed by Mr. Charles D. Shrader, his wife, and Professor E.R. Larson on 3 July 1953 over Reno, Nevada.
2. Significance of sighting cannot be determined. Qualifications of principal observer are significant.

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2. Object observed was a metallic white circular in shape at approximately 20,000 to 30,000 feet. No trail or exhaust was observed; no sound was heard. Estimated speed of object was nil, but would shift slightly at times.

3. United Airlines and Stead Air Force Base weather stations were notified but were unable to confirm sighting. The weather station at Stead Air Force Base does not release any weather balloons. The weather station at United Airlines released balloons at 0700 and 1300 hours on 3 July 1953.

4. Aircraft in the area at time of sighting were as follows:

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- 1 DC-3 - Landing (this was observed by Mr. Shrader)

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COMMENTS:

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