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| AREA REPORTED ON Ventura, California Coast | | FROM (Agency) 354 FIS | |
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| PREPARED BY (Officer) DONALD J. MYERS, 1st Lt, USAF | | SOURCE Civilian and Air Force Observers | |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 354 Intel Flash Report No. 561 | | | |

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. One unidentified object with magnitude and shape of star reported seen by four civilians and one Air Force officer off Ventura, California coast for an accumulative total of 66 seconds within a time span from 2105 hours to 2126:08 hours on 12 August 1953.
2. Object fluctuated in flight and appeared three different times to four observers located on seaward end of public pier in Ventura, California and once to an Air Force Radar Observer while standing on end of runway at Oxnard Air Force Base, California.
3. Color of object was white in three appearances and red in another. In the latter instance, observers reported two possible objects close together, one red, one white.
4. Altitude of object unknown. Sound, trail or exhaust not detected, propulsion system not determined.
5. Observers considered reliable. Three are engineers at Point Mugu Naval Air Missile Test Center and another a Civil Air Patrol Member. Air Force Officer is the Senior Radar Observer at Oxnard Air Force Base.
6. Jet aircraft were in vicinity of observation area, but neither aircrew members nor GCI sites reported anything unusual.
7. The possibility that object might have been lights of F-94C Starfire was advanced to the observers, but they discounted theory due to total absence of sound on an unusually quiet evening and also the very audible sound of planes in the area soon after the observation.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Evaluation of information is C-3 due to above average intellect of observers and their highly factual report of the object allegedly observed.

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1. Statement of Civilian Observers
 2. Statement of Captain Hunter

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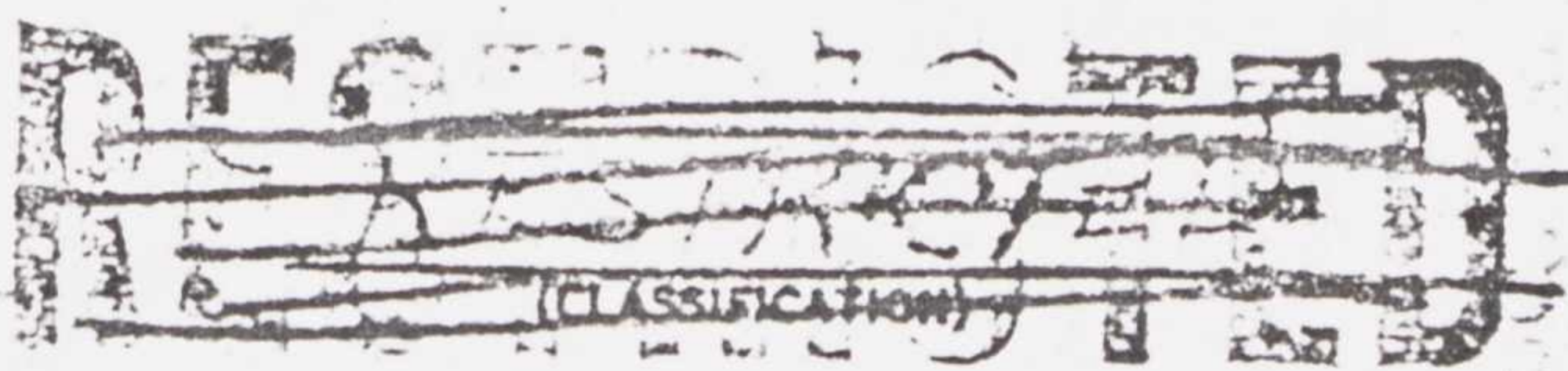
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i. No outline of any object was observed though the area was partially illuminated by reflection of lights from a nearby baseball park in addition to those of the moonlight.

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a. A yellowish-white light of undetermined origin, maintaining a horizontal flight path, crossed slightly in front of a landing F-94C at 2126 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, and was observed for six to eight seconds.

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Bellingham, Washington

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The light moved to the right at about constant average elevation angle. As it moved, its elevation fluctuated rather rapidly by a small but definitely observable amount. The fluctuations appeared to be random without definite periodicity. The light stopped moving when it reached a point above a pair of stars believed to be the constellation Gemini. It then proceeded to move to the left, again at about 30° elevation. A red light was now observed, very slightly ahead of and above the white light. The red light was steady and of roughly the same brightness as the white light. The pair of lights continued to move to the left with increasing velocity and disappeared after traversing perhaps 90° of azimuth. The increase in velocity just before disappearing was especially apparent. It was afterwards estimated that the 90° of azimuth was traversed in about 30 seconds.

At 9:15 pm the light reappeared at about the same azimuth angle as that at which it had been last seen, but at an elevation of 15 to 20° . Only the white light was seen. The light moved to the right and seemed to head out to sea. It disappeared gradually either into or above a fog bank which appeared to be several miles out to sea. This disappearance was different from the previous one which had been rather sudden. It was the opinion of the group that the light had actually been obscured by the fog.

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No outline of any object was seen in connection with the light. The moon was a thin crescent. The illumination from the Ventura baseball park, where a night game was in progress, was sufficient to enable observation of seagulls several hundred feet from the end of the pier.

The undersigned individuals believe that the above is an accurate summary of their observations.

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At 2126 hours, 12 August, I was standing beside the Mobile Control Tower on the east end of Runway 26. While watching Captain Keane land in F-94C #5541, I observed a light of undetermined origin cross slightly in front of and above the airplane's line of flight. I estimate the light was travelling on a heading of 170° as its flight path was perpendicular to Runway 26.

By comparing the speed of the airplane (approximately 350 knots), I estimate the speed of the light to be about 500 knots, or possibly in excess of that figure.

It is impossible to judge the altitude of the light since I did not know its size, nor did I have any other object to aid me in judging its size, shape or altitude.

I observed this light for approximately five (5) to eight (8) seconds.

The light was a yellowish-white in color and appeared to be maintaining a horizontal flight path.

Mack Hunter

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Captain, USAF
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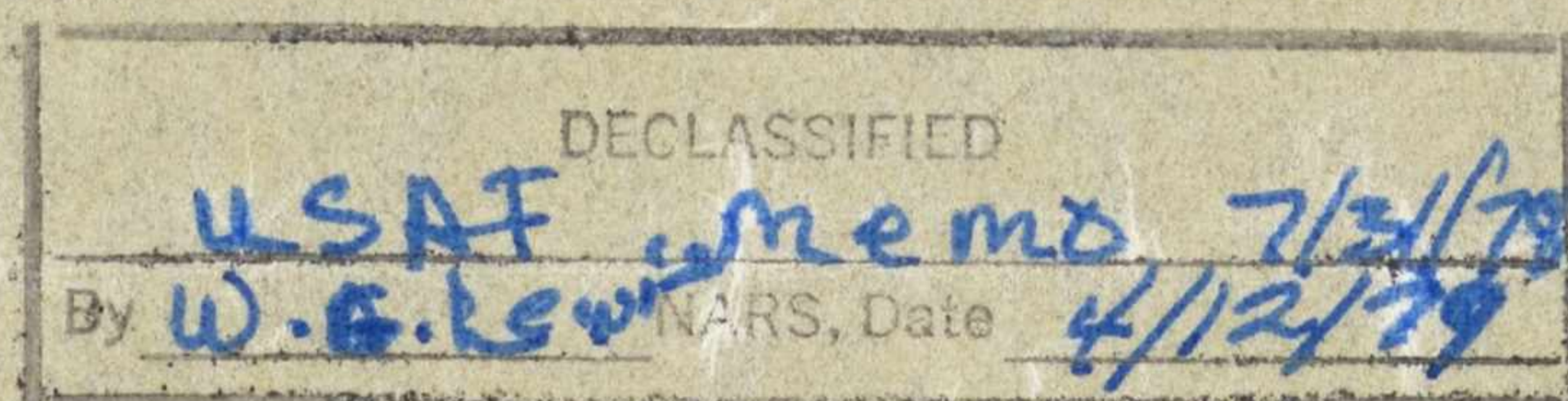
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b. The light was estimated to be travelling on a heading of 170°, perpendicular to the runway which headed 260°.

c. The speed of the light was estimated to be at least 500 knots at an undetermined altitude and disappeared suddenly.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The factual reports advanced pertinent to the unidentified object are well-documented accounts by highly capable individuals. The fact that the lights were seen cannot be questioned but it is entirely probable that the lights might have been those of an orbiting F-94C aircraft known to be in the vicinity at the time. However, the absence of sound partially discounts this theory along with the erratic flight path of the object.

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s/N. A. George
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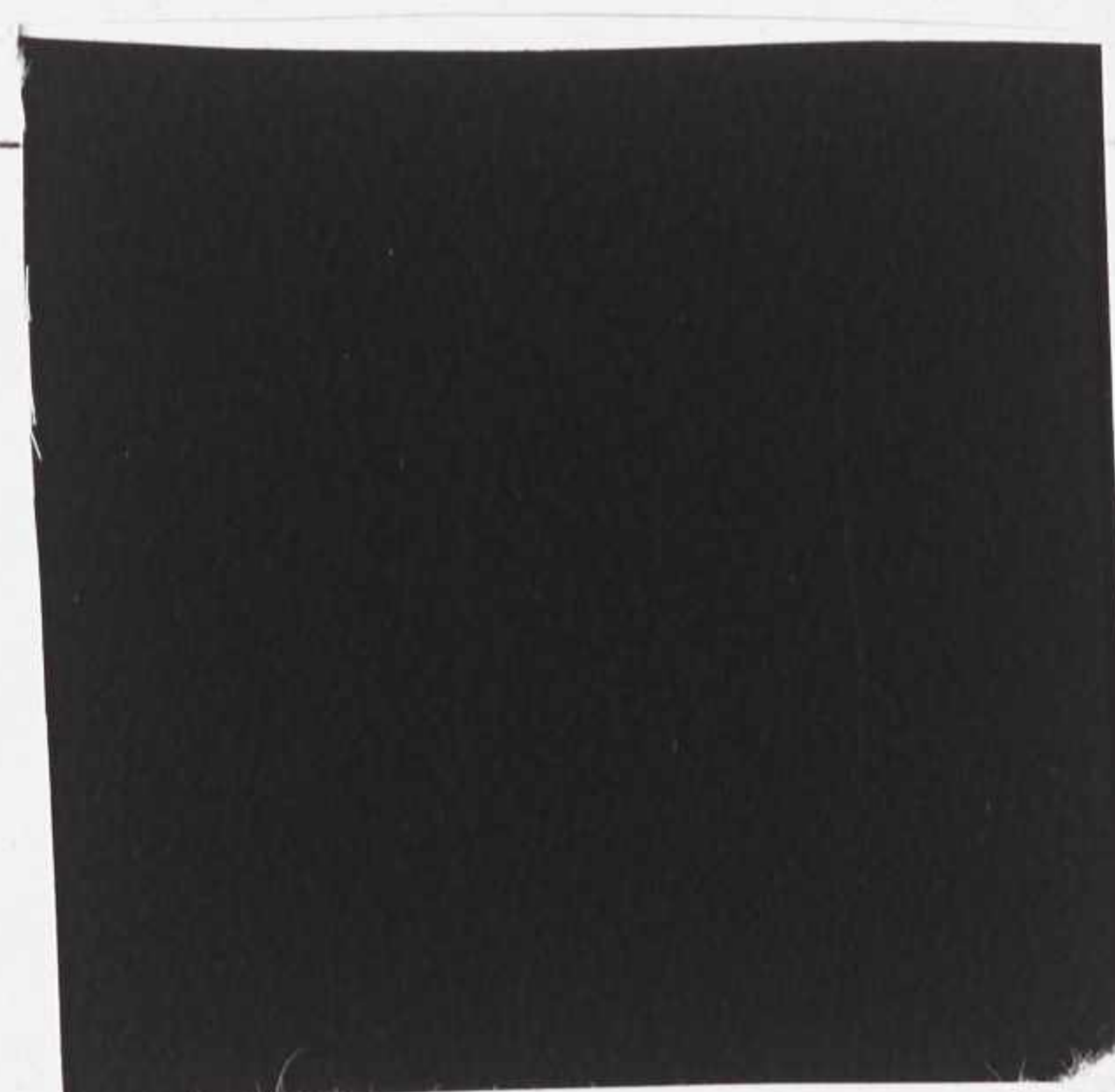
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