

COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1-53	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 480 844
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified flying objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Yuma, Arizona	FROM (Agency) 4750th ABG, Yuma County Airport, Ariz.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 February 1953	EVALUATION Fairly reliable
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Gaylord G. Duren	SOURCE Personal interview	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ATL 200-5, 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.)

On 4 February 1953, [redacted] Yuma, Arizona, a meteorological aid for U. S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather balloon with the aid of a theodolite. At 1350 MST he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 157.2° and elevation of 53.3° .

The object was a solid white color, oblong in shape and appeared to be covered by a small thin, white mist. The size of the object was 1 minute of arc.

It appeared as ascending straight up then leveled out in a long swoop at an elevation of 53.3° . Some 20 seconds later this object was joined by a second object, exactly the same as the first in size, color and shape. Object No 2 appeared from the left below and crossed No 1 to a position above. It then crossed No 1 again to a position below. This was done several times. In doing so, No 2 left the field of theodolite twice but re-entered and remained behind and slightly below object No 1. The changes in direction of object No 2 were smooth swooping turns. As the objects moved rapidly across the horizon, they remained the same relative size.

They both disappeared simultaneously at an angle of 204.1° at an elevation of 29.1° . At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 25000 ft.

The clouds obscured the objects and they were immediately lost from sight.

At the time of original sighting there was a clear sky background. The objects were lost momentarily when they passed near the sun. They reappeared on the edge of the sun.

The objects remained in vision for approximately 5 minutes.

Coordinates of the theodolite are lat. $32^{\circ} 40$ minutes N and long. $114^{\circ} 36$ minutes W.

[redacted] was looking for his lost weather balloon with the aid of the theodolite at a 6000 foot level when the objects were first sighted. He did not find his balloon. He was standing at an elevation of 199 feet on the south side of the Yuma County Airport terminal building. [redacted] states that the objects moved much more rapidly than any balloon he has ever sighted in his 10 years experience as meteorological aid. The objects moved against the winds aloft which were from the west. Surface wind was from the north at 5 N.

[redacted] feels strongly that he actually saw a solid object other than any known aircraft. There was no glimmer or reflection from the sun. There are no other witnesses.

[redacted] called the 4750th Air Base Group at Yuma County Airport and then reported it to Security Control at Los Angeles Air Traffic Control.

[redacted] was aware that there were aircraft in the area but they were not in the immediate area of vision.

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The objects were both the same size, as nearly as I can figure one minute of arc in size. The objects were almost round, a solid, dull, pure white color, with a thin white mist completely edging each object.

I am a Meteorological Aid employed with the United States Weather Bureau, having followed balloons through a theodolite for the past ten years. I also hold a private pilots license, and having flown in military and civilian aircraft frequently in the past ten years.

I am absolutely certain of what I have seen through the theodolite as described in the foregoing paragraphs.

Signed

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