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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.)

At 1927, PST, 9 January 1953, two (2) pilots assigned to this organization observed unidentified flying objects (lights) in the vicinity of Santa Ana, California while flying on a routine training mission. An investigation was conducted and a statement was obtained from the aircraft commander. The findings of this investigation are presented herewith.

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1. Sketch, stages during sighting (6 cys) *5 cys need*
2. Statement, Lt. Brandt (6 cys) *cys need*
3. Statement, Lt. Loveless (6 cys) *5 cys need*

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1. Description of Object: The observers, Aircraft Commander and pilot of a B-29 Air Refueling aircraft, first observed the objects while flying on a heading of 330 degrees. The objects appeared as a formation of lights approaching the aircraft from a northeasterly direction. The lights approached the aircraft with such a rapid rate of closure that the aircraft commander started a turn to the left; suddenly the lights stopped and appeared to hold the same position momentarily and then made a slight rise and disappeared. The lights appeared in a slightly bent V formation and were blue in color. During the interval in which they were observed the lights changed from a bank to a level position, stopped, and banked away immediately before disappearing. No sound was heard.

2. Time: Sighting began at about 1927 PST, with the lights remaining in view for approximately five (5) seconds thereafter.

3. Manner of Observation: Observation was made visually from the cockpit of an airborne B-29 type aircraft; no optical or electronic equipment was utilized. Initial attention was drawn by sight only as these objects apparently were silent. The Aircraft Commander and co-pilot were the only crew members to view the objects.

4. Location: The observers were airborne at the time of the sighting. The aircraft in which they were flying was on a heading of 330 degrees and was over Santa Ana, California (approx. 3345N-11752W). The objects were observed at 2:30 o'clock or northeast of the aircraft. These objects appeared to be on a plane with the aircraft, which was flying at an altitude of 16,500 feet. The speed of the objects or their distance from the observers could not be ascertained.

5. Observers:

a. 1st Lt. LOWELL D. BRANDT, USAF, Aircraft Commander (1234C) assigned to a combat crew of the 93d Air Refueling Squadron, 93d Bombardment Wing (M), Castle Air Force Base, California. He has been on flying status three and one half years; further, he has not previously observed unidentified objects.

b. 1st Lt. CHARLES C. LOVELESS, USAF, co-pilot (1231C) on the same combat crew as Lt. Brandt. Lt. Loveless has been on flying status for two and one half years and has been assigned to the 93d Air Refueling Squadron, 93d Bombardment Wing (M), Castle Air Force Base, California, for three months. He reports that this is the first time he has sighted flying objects.

6. Weather Conditions: Clear skies--the radar winds for the position were 227 degrees at twelve knots.

7. Related Activities or Conditions: None determined.

8. Physical Evidence: None.

9. Immediate Interception or Identification Action: The Aircraft Commander upon first sighting initiated a left turn in an effort to get out of the line of flight of the objects. As both pilots were familiar with the reflection characteristics of the B-29 cockpit, these were checked to insure the lights were not a ground reflection within the cockpit. The Los Angeles, California CAA radio was called and informed as to the time, location, and altitude of the objects.

10. Simultaneous Air Traffic: There were no other aircraft observed in the immediate vicinity and none were reported by Air Traffic Control and Military Flight Service.

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STATEMENT

At 1927 (Pacific Standard Time), 9 January 1953 over the city of Santa Ana, California, on a heading of 330° my co-pilot, Lt. Charles C. Loveless, called my attention to a formation of lights approaching the aircraft from a position of 02:30 O'clock level. The lights approached at a very rapid rate of closure and I immediately effected a turn to the left. The lights stopped and appeared to hold the same position momentarily and then made a slight rise and disappeared. The total time of sighting was approximately 5 seconds. I immediately called Los Angeles radio and informed them of time, altitude and position of the objects. The weather was clear in the vicinity at the time of the sighting. As both pilots were familiar with the reflection characteristics of the B-29 cockpit, these were checked to insure it was not a ground reflection within the cockpit. There was no aircraft in the immediate vicinity and none was reported by Air Traffic Control and Military Flight Service. The lights seemed to appear in a slightly bent V formation and were blue in color. The formation appeared to change from a bank to a level position then stopped and banked away just before disappearing. The radar winds for the position were 227°/12 knots. My co-pilot and myself were the only members of the crew to view the lights. Our altitude was 16,500 feet.

I further state that I am an Aircraft Commander (12340) assigned to a combat crew of the 93d Air Refueling Squadron, 93d Bomb Wing (M), Castle AFB, California. I have been on flying status 3½ years. I enclose a drawing of the appearance of the objects.

Lowell D. Brandt
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STATEMENT

I have concurred with Lt. Brandt in the preparation of his statement in connection with sighting flying objects (lights) on 9 January 1953, over Santa Ana, California. As a result of this concurring I feel his report is complete and accurate and I can therefore add nothing to that report.

Charles C. Loveless

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1 Lt. USAF

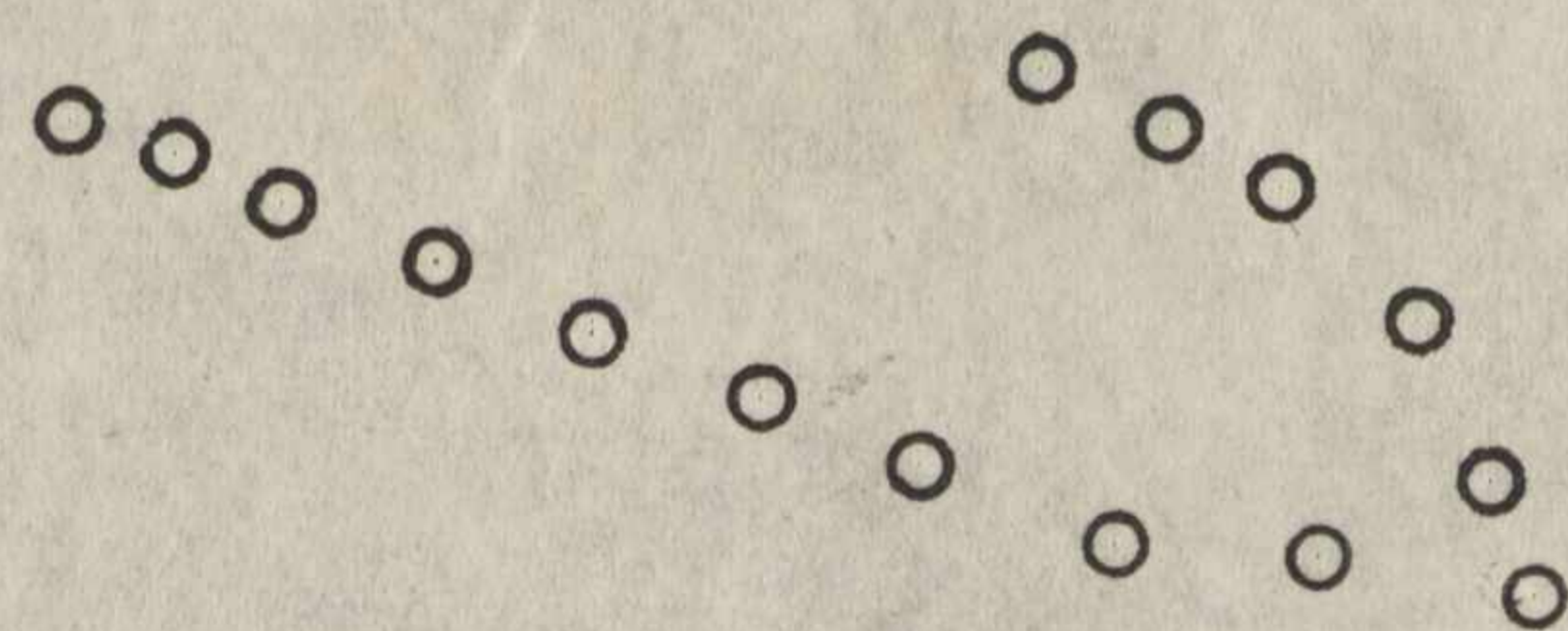
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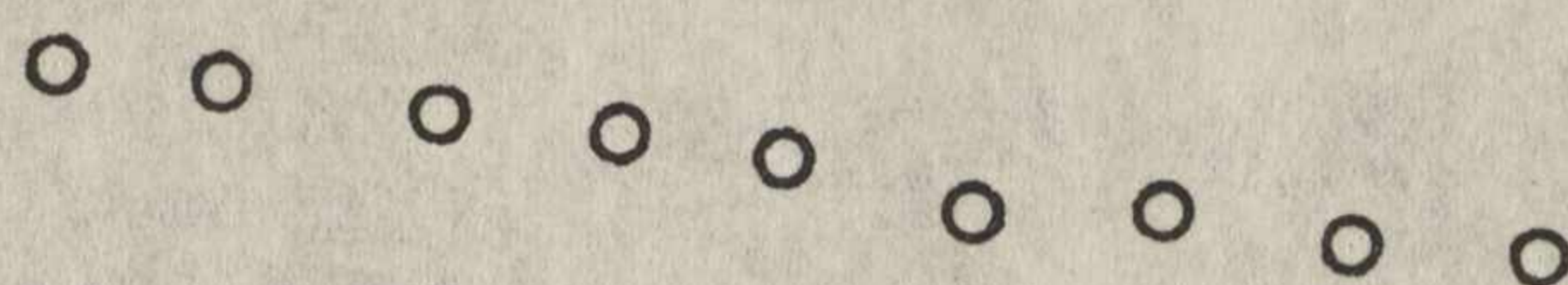
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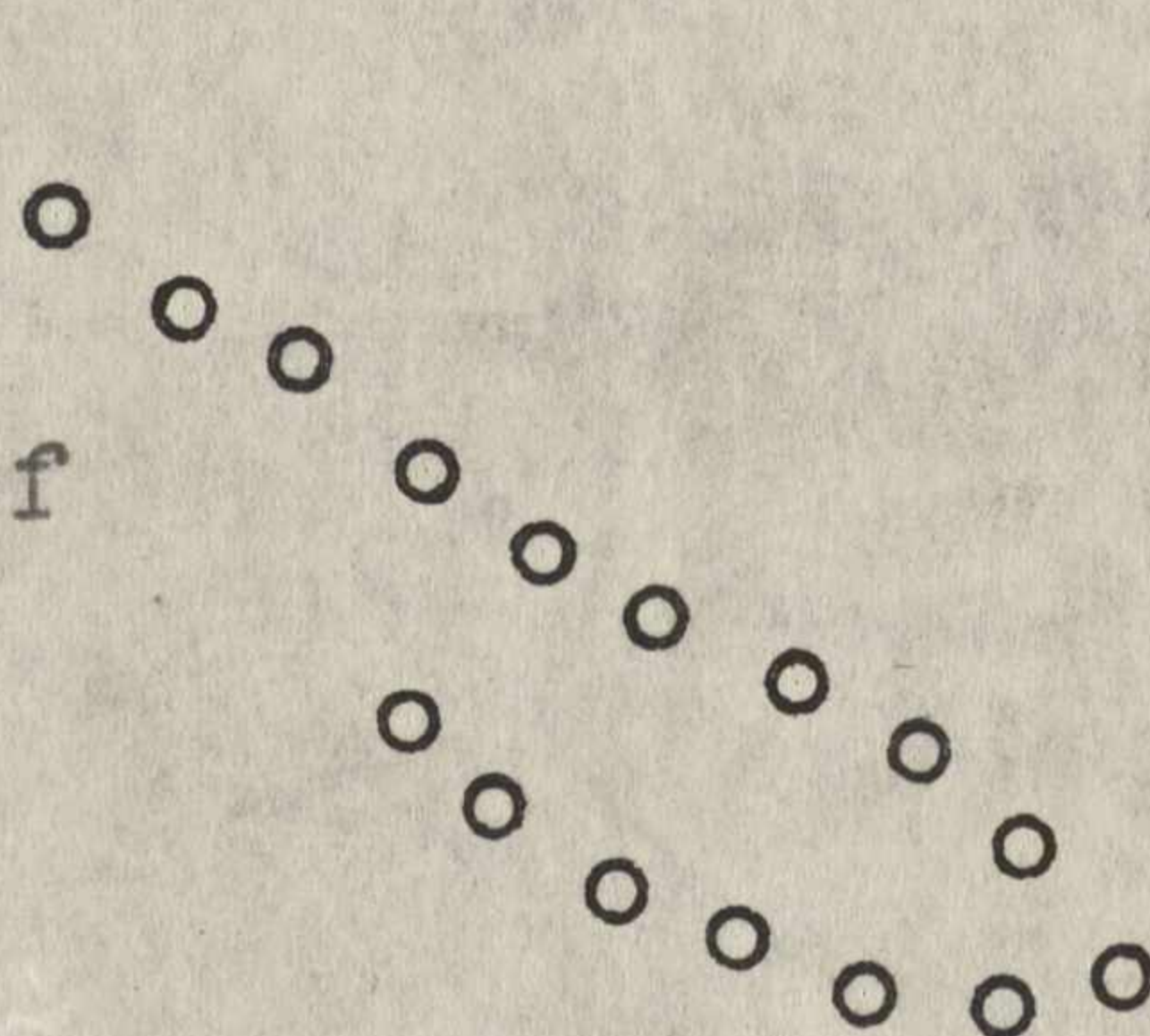


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