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FILE NO. 24-8-31

DATE 9 September 1952

REPORT MADE BY S/A THOMAS B. CASEY, Jr. klm

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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Unidentified Objects
Reported over EL CENTRO, Calif.
on 13 May 1952

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE Rpt of S/A SYKES, DO #17, 24-8-31, dt 6 Aug 52

SYNOPSIS

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MAYLIN interviewed with respect to unidentified objects and results thereof set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT YUMA AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

1. On 28 August 1952, S/Sgt JOSEPH S. MAYLIN, AF19362727, senior control tower operator and ~~assistant control tower chief~~, 1903-4 AACS Detachment, 4750th Air Base Group, Yuma County Municipal Airport, Yuma, Arizona, was interviewed by reporting Agent.

Upon interview MAYLIN stated that he was on duty alone in the control tower at Yuma Air Force Base on 13 May 1952, and at 0400 hours the El Centro, tower reported seeing six (6) bright objects moving to the southeast and asked MAYLIN to try to spot them. MAYLIN advised that he scanned the sky with 7 x 50 binoculars and at 0450 hours sighted two (2) bright orange objects at 300 degrees true. MAYLIN advised further that these objects could not be seen with the naked eye and that they appeared to be about one (1) foot in diameter and appeared to be round. MAYLIN further advised that the objects appeared to be at an altitude of from 2500 to 5000 feet. MAYLIN also stated that he watched the objects for about thirty (30) minutes and they were moving back and forth across the sky from 290 degrees to about 305 degrees, as indicated on the crash map, and appeared to be getting further away all the time until finally they disappeared. MAYLIN advised that a beam of light similar to that of a search light came from one of the objects and that the beam of light kept going on and off in different directions from the object. MAYLIN also advised that very short but continuous trails of what appeared to be flame came out of both objects. MAYLIN further advised that it was dark when he first sighted the objects and the weather was very clear.

When asked concerning airline flights, MAYLIN stated that at that date, Western Air Lines had two flights scheduled daily, one at about 1000 hours and one about 2100 hours.

MAYLIN further advised that when these objects were sighted by him, no military aircraft from Yuma County Airport or El Centro, California, were in the air at the time.

MAYLIN stated that the objects were not conventional type aircraft and that he had never sighted strange aerial objects before or since the above incident. MAYLIN advised that to his knowledge no one else at the base sighted the above objects.

MAYLIN further advised that he had been a flight engineer with the U. S. Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946 and had acquired approximately 3000 hours flying time during that period. MAYLIN also advised that he had been a tower operator since 11 June 1951.

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FILE NO. 24-8-34

DATE 30 August 1952

REPORT MADE BY S/A RICHARD S. SECORD klm

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

PERIOD 30 August 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Flight of Unidentified Aerial Objects over Los Alamos, New Mexico
22 July 1952

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander upon receipt of information concerning the observance of a flight of eight (8) unidentified aerial objects over Los Alamos Air Port Tower. Objects described as aluminum or bright metalic and large in size as compared to aircraft.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by DONALD P. DICKASON, Director Security Division, Los Alamos Field Office, concerning the observation of a flight of unidentified aerial objects by DON R. WIENS.

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

2. On 22 July 1952, at 1050 to 1115 hours, Mr. DON R. WIENS, tower operator, 2004 "C" 23d Street, Los Alamos, reported sighting a flight of approximately eight (8) round or elliptical objects from the Los Alamos Air Port tower. WIENS stated the objects were in a South to Southwest direction at an estimated five (5) to fifty (50) miles distance from him. WIENS presumed the direction of flight to be Southwest, although it was in a direction going away from him and could have only been losing altitude. He described the color as aluminum or bright metallic with a very bright luminosity. As to size, WIENS stated it would be impossible to determine without knowing their altitude or distance but that they must have been rather large in relation to aircraft. WIENS stated some of the objects flew in straight and level for some distance and would change direction instantly; others did not seem to remain long in one direction, but darted one way and another, even to reversing themselves, making it impossible to keep in view with binoculars. WIENS stated some passed out of range, others simply were visible one instant and then with a darting movement disappeared completely. WIENS stated further that when first seen the objects seemed to be hovering directly overhead. The altitude was impossible to judge because the size of the objects could not be ascertained. They must have been very high because no distinguishing marks could be seen with the aid of glasses. Due to their extreme speed it is very doubtful that they could have been balloons. For the most part they were visible only with the aid of binoculars. It was estimated that the objects were in sight approximately 25 minutes, although not continuously.

3. Mr. J. CHIN, Carco pilot, Mr. F. DEW, Carco pilot, and I. V. ROWLAND, fire department, also observed this group of objects.

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DATE 30 August 1952

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REPORT MADE AT
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DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

STATUS
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TITLE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
~~Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object over Ontario, Canada~~
24 July 1952

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X24-185-351

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander upon receipt of information concerning the observation of a spherical object, silver in color, which left no vapor trail, over Ontario, Canada.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by JAMES L. McCRAW, Director, Office of Security, Santa Fe Operations Office, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by JOHN NEWMAN.

2. JOHN NEWMAN, an employee of the Silas Mason Company, while on a fishing trip to Canada, reported the following:

"At 0700 the morning of July 24, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. TEMPLE, 1305 Aetna Street, Burlington, Iowa, and my wife and myself were traveling South in Meridean Bay on Eagle Lake in Ontario, Canada. We sighted a spherical object that appeared to be silver in color passing overhead. It was traveling nearly due east at an indeterminable height and was slightly south of when it was first sighted. It disappeared from sight in a very short time -- estimates vary, but it was surely less than one minute. It appeared to be traveling silently at a tremendous speed. It retained its appearance of being round in shape until its disappearance. There were no clouds in the sky to enable us to judge its approximate height. Later that morning we saw a Jet Plane and a propeller driven Transport that both took a great deal more time to disappear. The object left no vapor trail as did the jet that flew over some hour or so later.

"Attached is a map showing the location at which we sighted above described object, which was Latitude 49° 35' North, Longitude 93° 11' West."

3. CHARLES H. O'BRIEN, Chief, Security Branch, AEC, Burlington, Iowa, states that JOHN NEWMAN, the individual making the report, is a sober realistic individual, personally known to the writer, and not given to rash statements.

INCLOSURE:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

Map showing location of sighting.

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REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

PERIOD 30 August 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object Over Albuquerque, New Mexico
3 August 1952

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

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Investigation initiated by District Commander upon receipt of information concerning the observation of a brilliant glow which was traveling due West. The observation was made through 7 x 50 binoculars for approximately fifteen (15) minutes.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by 1st Lt WILLIAM L. McCLELLAND, Assistant Adjutant, Sandia Base, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by Captain CLAUDE W. McELWAIN.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

2. The following report was made by Captain CLAUDE W. McELWAIN of Field Command, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Sandia Base, New Mexico:

"At approximately 1930 MST on 3 August 1952 while car riding with my family, my son ROBERT, age seven, noticed a brilliant glow in the western skies. At first I was willing to discount it as the evening star. Then I decided to observe it through the binoculars (7 x 50). We observed it for about 15 minutes. The object appeared, to the naked eye, to be an unusually bright star and at first to be hovering or motionless. With the glasses it appeared oval shaped with an appendage tail or exhaust to the right of the main body. It disappeared behind the horizon. By comparison and without reference or known factors, the object looked about like an amber head light of an automobile at a distance of about 300 yards, when looking at the head light from an angle--not head on. There was just one object and appeared to be going due west. This object was observed from about 1930 to 1945 MST 3 August. My location was Buena Vista at Anderson Avenue about six blocks due north of the Lovelace Clinic, city of Albuquerque. If it had been a plane at 10,000 feet, I would have guessed its speed at 350 mph. If this object was 5,000 feet its speed could have been 1700 - 1800 mph. The size would be hard to determine under the circumstances. I do not feel that I have any particular qualifications as an observer but I try to be realistic and practical in my observation and projection of the mental image. I do have over ten years of active military service and did take a course in aircraft identification in 1942. I was on duty with the Air Force for three years. The sky was very clear with the exception of a few scattered cloud banks. The wind was about 20 mph, from the east. The sun had gone down but it was not dark yet. I saw no metallic or physical properties at all. There was no fragment of sound that I was able to detect. I carry two pairs of binoculars and two cameras at all times and did not feel that, due to the distance involved, a photograph could be taken with either of the two types of cameras I have. This observation was reported to Major ELLIOT, Intelligence and Security Division, at approximately 2000 MST 3 August 1952 and to Major WADE at 1030 MST 4 August 1952. Other witnesses present were Mr. and Mrs. JACKSON who live at the corner of Buena Vista and Anderson, Albuquerque, (he is a Security Guard at Sandia Base); Mrs. McELWAIN, Marcella M., wife of the undersigned, and a number of children."

3. Captain McELWAIN furnished sketches as to his observation of the object and his location, which are being attached as an inclosure to this report.

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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

1. Sketch of Captain McELWAIN's observation of the object.

2. Sketch of location of object in relation to city of Albuquerque.

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THE WASHINGTON POST
2 September 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Object Sighted Over KINGMAN Arizona, 31 August 1952

Believed Meteor

Ball of Fire Seen in Sky Of Arizona

KINGMAN, Ariz., Sept. 1 (AP). A strange reddish light that gave off white sparks flashed across the sky north and east of Kingman, last night, exciting residents and touching off reports that a jet plane had crashed.

A check by the sheriff's office revealed no aircraft missing and Deputy Sheriff Richard Brock, who witnessed the spectacle, said he felt certain the light came from a meteor.

Reports of a meteor at about the same time came from Prescott, Ariz., and persons at Albuquerque, N. Mex., reported sightings of a bluish-green "ball of fire."

"The light lasted about a second and seemed to give off white sparks," Brock said. "The sheriff's office received five inquiries about whether a jet plane had crashed and exploded right after that."

The CAA communications center at Prescott said it had received radio reports from planes of a "bright flash" northwest of the city.

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Duncan, Arizona,
Aug.5,1952.

Gentlemen:

The following explanation on the flying saucers may be of some value to you and I base my oppionion on my experience in testing coils for electric lamps.

The flying saucers are simply minute particles of mineral floating through the air and due to the reaction of electricty a flash of light is picked up and gives the optical illusion of this mineral traveling at a great rate of speed. In reality it is merely a small flash of light.

If you will contact the Mazda Lamp Company of Youngstown , Ohio, they will go deeper into the subject with you and give you a a more detailed explanation. O f course I think it would be better to remind them of their method of testing coils about twenty years ago as I beleive they are using a different method at the present time.

Very truly yours.

Olive Sabra Clemens

Olive Sabra Clemens
Box 274,
Duncan, Arizona.

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5 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object
Over Placitas, New Mexico,
18 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

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TO: Commanding Officer
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1. Attached hereto for your information and any action deemed appropriate are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent ADELBERT C. von MAUCHER, 17th OSI District, file 24-8-33, dated 22 July 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation was initiated at the direction of the District Commander, 17th OSI District (IG), predicated upon information furnished by Mr. KENNETH W. DAVIS, who reported seeing an unidentified aerial object between 2155 and 2200 hours, 18 July 1952.

3. In an interview, Mr. DAVIS described the unidentified object, and stated that it was not a star or meteor.

4. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case.

5. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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FILE NO. 24-8-33

DATE 22 July 1952

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REPORT MADE AT
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
over Placitas, New Mexico,
18 July 1952

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

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Investigation initiated by District Commander predicated upon information furnished by KENNETH W. DAVIS, Civilian, who reported seeing unidentified aerial object between 2155 and 2200 hours, 18 July 1952. DAVIS interviewed, interview set forth. Weather reports 2130 and 2230 hours, 18 July 1952 set forth.

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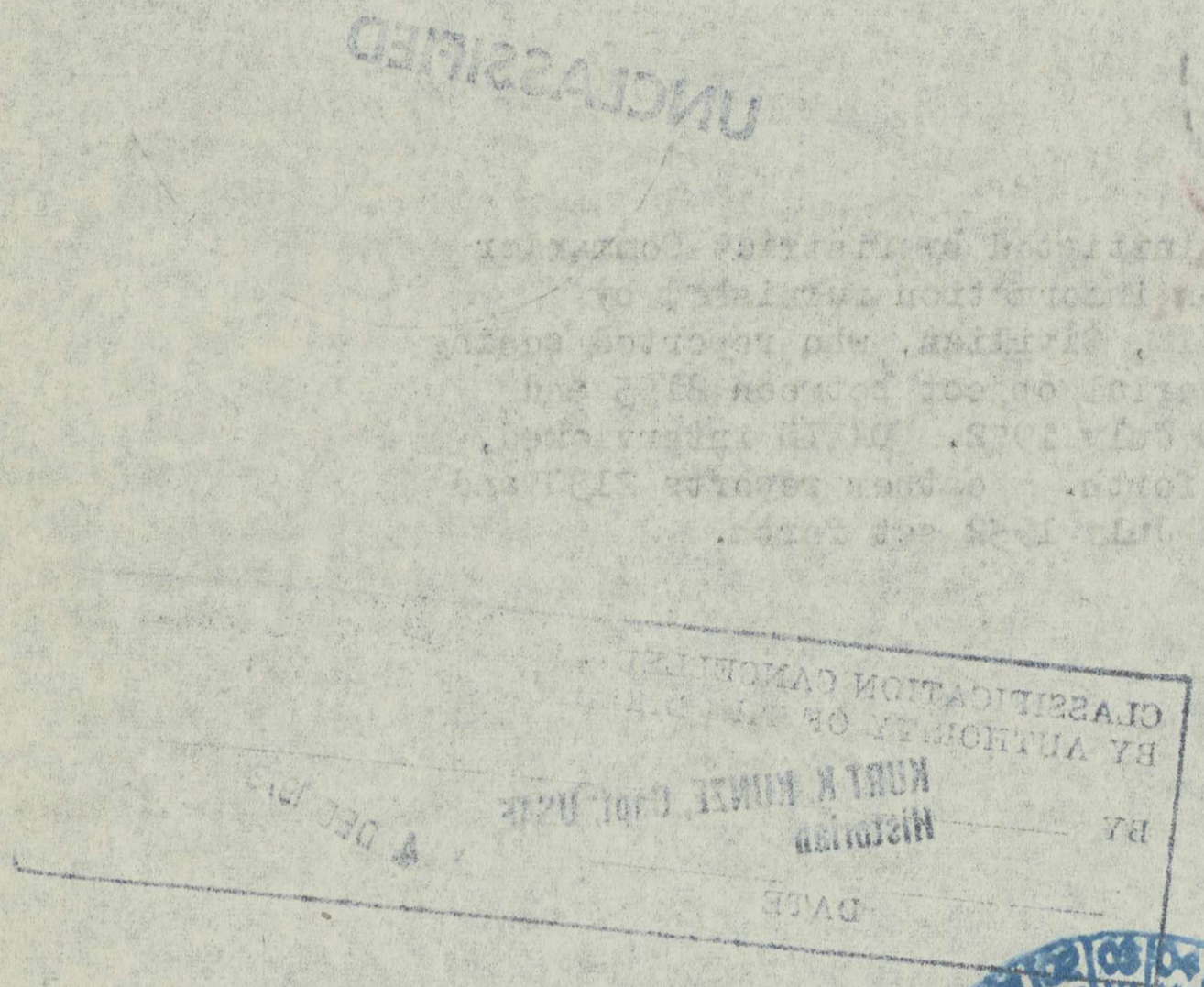
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation opened at the direction of the District Commander, 17th District OSI, predicated upon the reported sighting of an unidentified aerial object by Mr. KENNETH W. DAVIS, 1504 Candelaria Road, Placitas, New Mexico.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

2. On 21 July 1952, Mr. KENNETH W. DAVIS, 1504 Candelaria Road, Placitas, New Mexico, was interviewed in the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and stated substantially as follows:

About 2155 hours, last Friday night, 18 July 1952, my daughter and I were lying in the front yard of my home at Placitas, New Mexico, observing the Constellation Corona Borealis. About in the center of this Constellation, there appeared a yellowish-orange glowing object which was moving at a tremendous rate of speed. From our place of observation Corona Borealis was almost directly overhead and this object moved directly to the East for about 15 or 20 seconds, made a 90° turn South for about 5 seconds, turned 90° West and remained on that course for 2 or 3 seconds, when it again turned 90° South and stayed on that course till out of sight. The object did not appear to flame out, nor did it make any sound that was audible to us. I have no idea as to its size or shape; however, it appeared more brilliant than a star and to be flying on the same level as the stars. Its altitude appeared to remain constant. My daughter and I had been out observing the stars for about one half (½) hour prior to sighting this object, and our eyes were accustomed to the dark. The entire period of our observation of this object was about one (1) minute. It was not a star or meteor, as we see falling stars and meteors almost every night there. I have not seen this object since, although I have been watching for a similar occurrence.

Mr. DAVIS advised that during the war he was a Navigation, Meteorology and Trigonometry Instructor for the Army Air Corps at Long Beach, California, and was familiar with the Constellations and their positions in the sky, and also the action of meteors, constellations and falling stars.

3. An Aeronautical Chart was furnished Mr. DAVIS, which he used to locate his residence at Placitas, New Mexico. DAVIS made a mark at Longitude 106° 28' West; latitude 35° 18' North; which point is approximately 5 miles due East of Bernalillo, New Mexico.

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AT KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO

4. On 22 July 1952, the teletype weather sequence for 18 July 1952, was obtained from the Base Weather Officer and is as follows:

At 2130	13,000 Scattered Clouds Visibility 60 miles Sea Level Pressure 1010.5 Millibars Temperature 77 Dew Point 42 Wind West South West 5 knots Altimeter Setting 30.14 in Hg
At 2230	Clear Visibility 60 miles Sea Level Pressure 1010.5 Millibars Temperature 76 Dew Point 42 Wind East North East 8 knots Altimeter Setting 30.15 in Hg

5. In that all logical investigative leads have been completed and reported, this case is considered closed.

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5D 24-21

22 July 1952

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified Object over 35th Avenue
Phoenix Arizona
30 June 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent FAYNE S. McELROY, 17th OSI District, dated 10 July 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 17th OSI District, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, based upon information that Mr. and Mrs. L. M. GAUDET had sighted an unusual object over Phoenix, Arizona.

3. Mr. and Mrs. GAUDET stated the object traveled faster than any known aircraft, was about the size of a full moon, emitted a strange white light, made no sound and was in their sight approximately thirty seconds.

4. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in this matter.

5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits dissemination of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8-32

DATE 10 July 1952

REPORT MADE BY S/A FAYNE S. MC ELROY blh

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

PERIOD 30 June 1952, 1 July 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

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TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified Object over 35th Avenue
Phoenix Arisona
30 June 1952

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander predicated upon sighting of unusual bright object over Phoenix, Arizona by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. GAUDET. GAUDETS stated object traveled faster than any known aircraft, was about size of full moon, emitted a strange white light, made no sound and was in their sight approximately thirty (30) seconds. No other reports received confirming observation by GAUDETS. Case closed.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander predicated upon information furnished this District by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. GAUDET, who reported sighting an aerial phenomenon on 30 June 1952.

AT WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

2. On 1 July 1952, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. GAUDET reported to the writer that they were driving on 35th Avenue (Lateral #15) outside Phoenix, Arizona, at about 2100 hours, 30 June 1952, when they suddenly became aware of a light of unusual brilliance about 45° above the horizon and in an easterly direction from their position. Mr. GAUDET immediately stopped the car and they both got out to observe the light. Both described it as generally round in shape, apparently very far away and emitting a strange white light of unusual brilliance. Mr. GAUDET stated that he has done a great deal of welding and compared the light to that made by a welding torch. After getting out of the car they observed the light for a period of five (5) to eight (3) seconds. As they watched, the object traveled downward, arching slightly to the right, traveling very fast, and leaving no trail. It suddenly blinked out, then reappeared near the horizon, then traveled upward at an extremely high rate of speed. After two (2) or three (3) seconds, it suddenly flashed out again, then appeared about 45° above the horizon. Both Mr. and Mrs. GAUDET agreed that the object appeared to be at least several miles away and traveled much faster than any known aircraft. Mr. GAUDET stated it appeared to be as large as a full moon. His wife described it as being larger than any star, but some smaller than a full moon. Both stated they were startled and were not sure of the total length of time they observed the object, but believe they could actually see it for about thirty (30) seconds. Mr. GAUDET is the owner and manager of the Gaudet Pump Company, 3908 West Van Buren, Phoenix, Arizona, and he and Mrs. GAUDET are apparently of average intelligence. Mr. and Mrs. GAUDET also stated that the object they sighted made no audible sound.

3. No other reports conciding with this sighting have been received by this District and this case is considered closed.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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14 April 1952

SUBJECT: AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
ATTN: Counter-Intelligence Division
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Recently there have been reported in various Arizona and New Mexico newspapers the sightings of objects, which probably would come within the purview of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950. These observations have been made by persons believed to be familiar with conventional type aircraft and have been corroborated by other witnesses presumed to be reliable.

2. In view of the date of AFCSI Letter No. 85 and the renewed interest by the Air Force in these sightings, as alleged by recent press releases, this District respectfully requests advice as to the extent into which investigations of these incidents should be carried.

3. Requests for investigation of these incidents have not been received from Base Commanders, nor has a query been received from Headquarters Air Materiel Command relative to them. An inquiry at local Air Force Commands reveals no standard operating procedure for reporting observations of unconventional type aircraft, either to Headquarters United States Air Force or Air Materiel Command.

4. In the event it is the desire of your Headquarters that the 17th District investigate reports regarding sightings of these objects, it is recommended very highly that such investigations be on a very limited basis.

5. It is requested that your decision in this matter be forwarded to the 17th District at your earliest convenience.

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SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Objects

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Phoenix, Arizona	127th Pilot Training Wing (Intelligence)

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
9 April 1952	5 April 1952	F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Captain Frederick R Roeper Jr, Intel O	Base Operations Office & Area O.S.I.

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

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.*)

Report submitted in compliance with AFOIN-C/CC-2, Department of the Air Force, dated 19 Dec 51.

Observation of 3 unidentified flying objects by 4 civilian inhabitants of the Phoenix area.

No significance attached to this lone report. However, if substantiated by reports in surrounding areas, pertinent information may be incorporated.

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FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
127th Pilot Training Wing Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona	IR-1-52	

Major William H. Casterline, AO 416 269, Base Operations Officer, was contacted by telephone by Mr. Leslie G. Ryan of 4432 Grand Avenue, Glendale, Arizona (Phone: Glendale 9993) at 1040 on 5 April 1952, who reported a sighting of 3 unidentified flying objects.

O.S.I. for this area made a follow-up investigation and accumulated the following information:

1. Three flying objects were viewed by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Robert L. Stokes, and Mr. Darwin Schook, all of the above address.

2. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Stokes were interviewed and described the objects as large and circular. No wings, flame, smoke, or other identifying evidences of conventional flying objects were visible. The color was a dull grey, resembling unpolished aluminum.

3. The first object was sighted and disappeared. Immediately, 2 more were sighted traveling in the same direction as the first. The 3 objects formed a large "V" formation.

4. The approximate altitude was guessed to be over 40,000 feet; and the speed, about half the rate of a "falling comet." The direction of flight was north.

5. The weather conditions at the time of the sighting were reported as follows: Ceiling - clear; Visibility - 45 miles; Wind - calm.

6. Two F-86s landed at this base shortly after the reported sighting. The pilots reported that they had flown their last leg from Winslow, Arizona (north of Phoenix) and had sighted no strange objects. They did report a formation of 3 F-51s reporting in over Winslow from Phoenix.

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3 June 1952

SUBJECT: ~~Sighting of Two Unusual Objects~~ over Artesia, New Mexico, on 16 January 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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BY KURT K. KUHL, Capt, USAF
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DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: Chief
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATI

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1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 27 May 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Forwarded herewith for your additional information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent EDGAR J. BETHART, 17th OSI District, dated 23 May 1952.

3. A re-interview of ALVIN H. HAZEL and A. V. SWEARINGEN verified that the unconventional aircraft was sighted 16 January 1951 and not 16 January 1952.

4. No further investigative action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations and the files in instant case are considered closed.

5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits dissemination of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8-30

DATE 23 May 1952

REPORT MADE BY S/A EDGAR J. BETHART

REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 8 May 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

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TITLE

Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1951

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE Rpt of Inv of S/A JACK M. LANDERS, 10th DO, File No. 24/39-5, dtd 30 Apr 52

SYNOPSIS

Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1.

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Re-interview of Mr. ALVIN H. HAZEL and Mr. A. V. SWEARINGEN verified sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951. Further investigation not contemplated.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted by S/A EARL D. JAMESON.

AT ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

2. On 8 May 1952, Mr. ALVIN H. HAZEL, Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, New Mexico, was re-interviewed to determine the actual day on which the sighting of the unconventional aircraft had occurred. HAZEL verified that the sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951 and not 16 January 1952, as originally reported.

3. On 8 May 1952, Mr. A. V. SWEARINGEN, Manager of Goodyear Tire Supply Company, Artesia, New Mexico, also verified that the sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951, instead of 16 January 1952, as originally reported.

4. Mr. HUBERT C. SCHIMMEL, Manager of the REA Electrical Company, Artesia, New Mexico, and also one of the observers of the unconventional aircraft, was not available for interview at this time.

5. In that all logical leads have been developed and reported, further investigation is not contemplated.

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From 5th District OSI
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27 May 1952

SUBJECT: ~~Sighting of Two Unusual Objects~~ over Artesia, New Mexico, on 16 January 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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TO: Chief
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATI

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1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 15 April 1952, subject: "Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952".

2. Forwarded herewith are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent JACK M. LANDERS, 10th OSI District, dated 30 April 1952, subject as above.

3. STILES reported sighting two unusual objects while watching an aeronautical research balloon on 16 January 1951. STILES described these objects as opaque and off-white in color and when first sighted were approximately five degrees above the balloon which was at an approximate altitude of one hundred and ten thousand feet. The objects appeared to be the same size as the balloon and moved in a straight line through thirty degrees of azimuth in approximately three seconds and then disappeared.

4. In the event further investigative reports are received in this office pertaining to the above captioned case, same will be forwarded your headquarters.

5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-8-30

22 May 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico, on 16 January 1951

TO: District Commander
5th District OSI (IG) USAF
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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1. Inclosed are three (3) copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent JACK M. LANDERS, DO #10, File 24/39-5, dated 30 April 1952, Subject as above.

2. It is requested that two (2) copies of inclosed Report of Investigation be distributed to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; the third copy is for your information.

3. Attention is invited to the corrected date of Subject sighting. This correction has been brought to the attention of the other witnesses who agreed that the date, 16 January 1951, recorded in Mr. Stiles log book, must be correct.

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15 April 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent LINDELL W. POLITTE, 17th OSI District, file 24-8-30, dated 5 April 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation predicated upon information contained in letter from District Office No. 24, wherein they reported results of an interview with DUGAN.

3. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, N. M., substantiated DUGAN's statement. Two other civilians advised they had seen two unusual objects in addition to the balloon. All interviewees stated that it was a clear day, and they were certain that what they saw was not a reflection or a conventional type aircraft.

4. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.

5. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, dtd 14 Mar 49, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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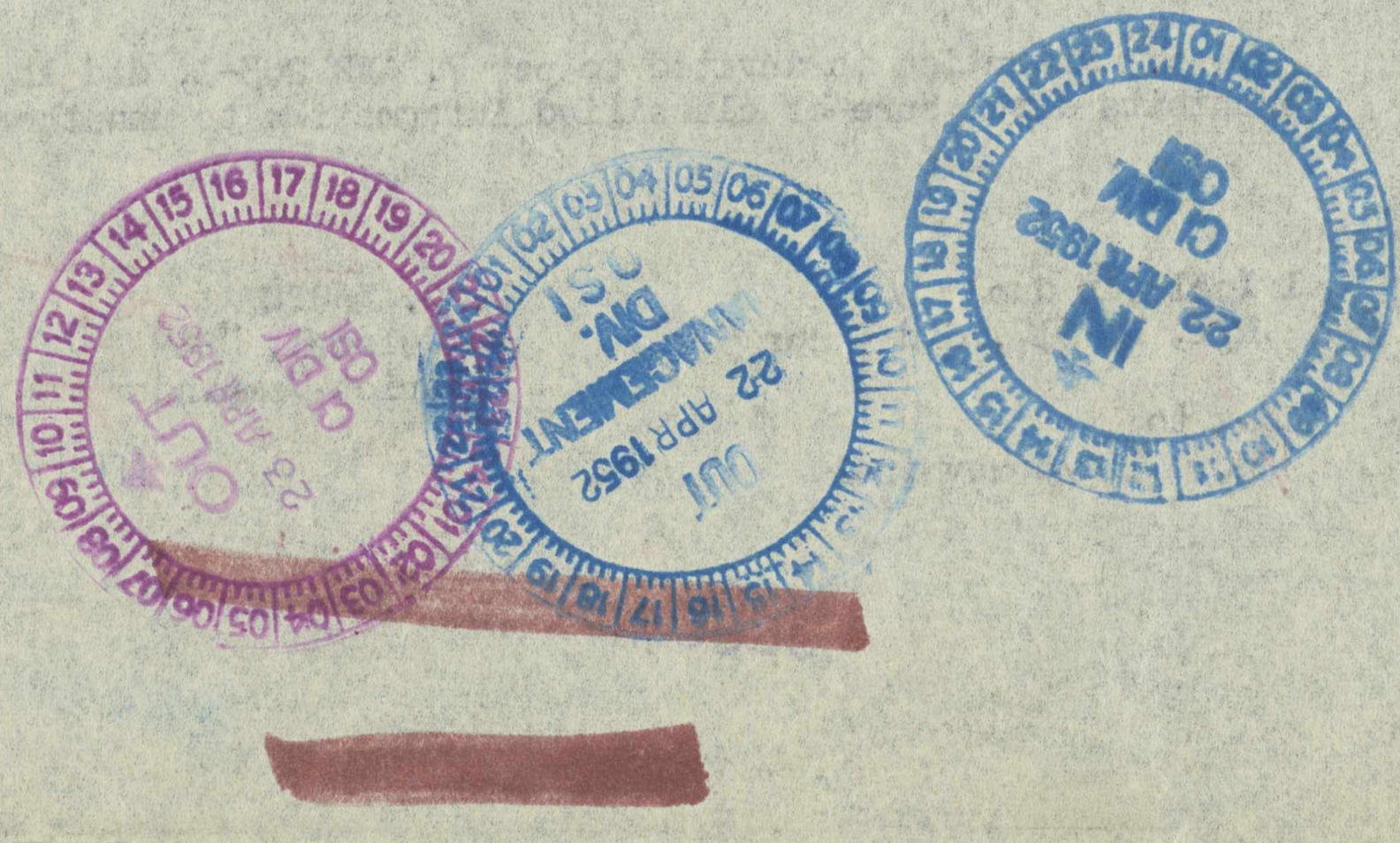
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1. Attached herewith for your information is a copy of a report by Special Agent Lindell W. Politte, dated 5 April 1952, concerning the above subject.

2. As will be noted the investigation of this matter is continuing and any pertinent information subsequently developed will be furnished your office upon receipt.

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17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-8-30

7 April 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to inclosed Report of Investigation, this District, dated 5 April 1952, file and subject as above.

2. The lapse of time between the period of inclosed report and the date is due to the fact that upon receipt of preliminary information by the Walker Detachment, it was deemed proper to open a complete investigation of subject incident. Therefore, the information was returned for inclusion in a Report of Investigation.

RICHARD G. COX
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District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8-30

DATE 5 April 1952

REPORT MADE BY S/A LINDELL W. POLITTE blh

REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB, N Mex

PERIOD 21 March 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB, N Mex

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TITLE

Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

Ltr, DO #24, file 24-0, dt 11 Mar 52

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon information obtained during interview with DUGAN, who stated that while making an observation of a balloon over Artesia, New Mexico, two (2) unusual objects had been noted on 16 January 1952. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, New Mexico, interviewed and substantiated DUGAN's statement. Two (2) other civilians interviewed and both advised that they had seen two (2) unusual objects in addition to the balloon. All persons interviewed stated that the objects were larger than the balloon and were of a dull gray color. That both objects were moving an equal distance apart and appeared to make an abrupt turn and disappeared at a very fast rate of speed. All interviewees stated that it was a clear day and were certain that what they saw was not a reflection or a conventional type aircraft. Investigation continues.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon information contained in a letter from District Office No. 24, wherein they reported results of an interview with Mr. RAYMOND DUGAN, Aeronautical Research Division, General Mills, Inc., 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. DUGAN reported that while making observations of a balloon they had previously released over Artesia, New Mexico, they noted two (2) unusual objects flying in the vicinity of their test balloon on 16 January 1952.

AT ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

2. On 21 March 1952, Mr. ALVIN H. HAZEL, Box 206, Artesia, New Mexico, Manager of Municipal Airport was interviewed in regard to the unconventional aircraft sighted on or about 16 January 1952. HAZEL advised that at the time of sighting, a Mr. BURT POTTS, Mr. SCHIMMEL, Mr. SWEARINGEN, Mr. RAYMOND E. STILES and Mr. DUGAN were present. HAZEL stated that the above mentioned group had been observing a balloon that had been released by DUGAN and STILES. That when this balloon reached an altitude of over one hundred thousand feet, the group noticed some disc shaped objects in the same vicinity as the balloon. HAZEL stated he did not know if the ojbects were above or below the balloon. That he observed two (2) separate objects besides the balloon, but that he received the impression that they were as high or higher than the balloon. HAZEL stated that the balloon was traveling east by five (5) to ten (10) degrees north and that the objects were moving southeast. That the objects never became completely motionless, but would slow down and speed up. That when they departed the vicinity of the balloon, they moved at an extremely fast rate of speed, covering an arc of approximately 45 degrees in two (2) to three (3) seconds and disappeared from view. HAZEL stated that the objects appeared to be two (2) to three (3) times the size of the balloon, which at that altitude was 110 feet in diameter. That the objects would scatter and then re-group while in the vicinity of the balloon and that when they departed the vicinity of the balloon they left in single file. HAZEL stated that the objects at no time passed between the observers and the balloon. That he is sure that the objects were not conventional aircraft of any commonly known type, as they appeared pale gray in color and left no con-trail or any other visible vaporization and the only appearance presented by the objects was a round and flat disc shape. HAZEL stated he got the impression that the objects were convex, although this impression may have been caused by the lack of bright reflection of the sunlight on the objects. Mr. HAZEL stated that he has been a pilot for many years, is familiar with aircraft and has been the manager of the Municipal Airport at Artesia, New Mexico for over five (5) years.

2. On 21 March 1952, Mr. HUBERT C. SCHIMMEL, 405 Bullock Street, Artesia, New Mexico, Manager REA Electrical Company was interviewed. SCHIMMEL advised that he was present in the group previously mentioned during January 1952, and that his attention was first drawn to the objects by another member of the group SCHIMMEL stated that he believes the objects were much higher than the balloon. That they appeared oblong and while he observed them, traveled at a constant speed, generally from north to south. That he observed two (2) objects in

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addition to the balloon. That they traveled through approximately a 50 degree arc in the sky, moving very fast and appearing to follow a direct course. That one object was behind the other and that he does not believe they were aircraft, as they appeared twice the size of the balloon which was at more than one hundred thousand feet altitude at the time. SCHIMMEL stated that the objects were a dull gray in color and did not reflect the bright sunlight.

3. On 21 March 1952, Mr. A. V. SWEARINGEN, Box 991, Artesia, New Mexico, Manager of Goodyear Tire and Supply Company was interviewed. SWEARINGEN stated that his attention was first drawn to the objects because of their proximity to the balloon. The objects were definitely not a reflection or a cloud formation as the sky was clear and the light was bright. He saw two (2) objects in addition to the balloon, that one object was more outstanding than the other, although, he could not remember why he maintains this impression. That the objects were larger than the balloon which was at a height of more than one hundred thousand feet. These objects were dull gray in color with a rose tinge as a haze, that they appeared to have a convex surface, being much longer than broad. When first sighted the objects appeared to be moving slowly or else they were moving away from the direction in which he was looking. Both objects were moving an equal distance apart and then appeared to make an abrupt 90 degree turn and leaving a terrific sense of acceleration going out of sight. That no visible con-trails were present and that he only viewed the objects with the naked eye. SWEARINGEN stated that STILES attempted to get the instrument he was using for observation of the balloon on the objects, but he is not sure if STILES was able to do this or not. All three of the above persons stated that they believe the objects were intelligently controlled, primarily because of the equal distance relationship they maintained while accelerating and decelerating. They stated they believe that BURT POTTS wrote an article in a local newspaper concerning the objects, but advised that Mr. POTTS is presently employed at Abilene, Texas with a newspaper.

4. On 21 March 1952, a search was conducted of the files at the Artesia Advocate, local newspaper, but no record was revealed of any article concerning the sighting of the aforementioned objects. All of the above persons are pilots and are reputable businessmen in the community. They appear to be of sound mind, good physical condition and are hesitant in talking about the sighting through fear of ridicule. They appear to be sincere, but could furnish no additional information as the sighting by all of the above was with the naked eye only. All were explicit in the belief that the objects were not a conventional aircraft and were as high, if not higher, than the measured one hundred twelve thousand feet of the balloon being observed.

INCLOSURES

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Letter, District Office No. 24, dated 11 March 1952

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 10, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

AT PYOTE AFB, TEXAS

Will interview Mr. RAYMOND E. STILES as to his observations and opinion of subject objects.

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

AT KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO

Will, upon receipt of above lead, take such action as is deemed necessary to bring this case to a logical conclusion.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
24TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
343 S. DEARBORN ST, CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS

24-0

Mar 11 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
Artesia, New Mexico
16 January 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
17th District OSI (IG) USAF
Kirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. Mr. Raymond Dugan, Aeronautical Research Division, General Mills, Inc., 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has advised this office that he was assigned as a photographer for a balloon project recently and while at Artesia, New Mexico, 16 January 1952, in company with Mr. Raymond E. Stiles, pilot for the project, made observations relative to a balloon which had previously been released.

2. While making their observations in Artesia, Messrs. Dugan and Stiles also observed a round object remaining motionless in the sky in the vicinity of, but at a considerable distance above the drifting balloon. The atmosphere was clear, without clouds or haze.

3. The balloon which they were observing at the time had attained a measured height of 112,000 feet at which altitude it should have been 110 feet in diameter and was drifting in an easterly direction at from 4 to 6 miles per hour. The balloon at that altitude appeared to be about 1-½" in diameter, and the unknown object appeared to be about 2 or 2-½" in diameter. It was also described as dull white in color.

4. Mr. Dugan stated there was no way to judge the altitude of the object but it appeared to be at a considerable altitude above the balloon.

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5. A short time later additional observations were made from the Minicipal Airport about three or four miles west of Artesia. About 1100 hours Messrs Dugan, Stiles, the Airport Manager, three or four civilian pilots and two newspaper reporters from Artesia, were watching the balloon which was above and slightly north of the Airport. Mr. Dugan noticed two objects at an extremely high altitude come from a

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northwesterly direction toward the balloon, fly around and above the balloon and then fly off in a northeasterly direction. The lapse of time was about forty seconds and there was no way to estimate the speed of the objects. The two objects appeared to be round discs, dull white in color and about the same size as the disc Mr. Dugan saw earlier in the morning. The objects traveled in flying formation, one to the side, about six or eight times the diameter of the disc, and slightly behind. As the objects made the turn around the balloon they turned on edge and could not be seen in that position.

6. Mr. Dugan stated he did not know the names of the other individuals who were with him and Mr. Stiles at the Airport; however, Mr. Stiles who is presently employed by General Mills, Inc. at Pyote, AFB, Texas, knows the name of the Airport Manager, who in turn can identify the civilian pilots who were present.

7. Mr. Dugan stated that he believed that some of the other members of the group had been contacted by the OSI but that neither he nor Mr. Stiles had been contacted to date. Mr. Dugan added that he is more or less in constant travel status and suggests that any future interviews be arranged through General Mills, Inc.

/s/t/ M. W. MORGAN
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-O

22 January 1951

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject, ~~Balloon with cylinder attached~~ sighted 15 miles ~~east of Los Alamos, New Mexico,~~ December 31, 1950

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Mr. Percy Wyly II
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
906½ W. Park Ave.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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BY KURT K. KUNZ, Historian
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Dear Mr. Wyly:

Reference is made to your letter dated 8 January 1951, file and subject as above.

It has been determined that neither the United States Air Force Units operated at Kirtland AFB nor the University of New Mexico had any information relative to the balloon to which reference was made in above cited letter. Therefore, in the event that such a balloon was released in this area, the individuals releasing same are not believed to be members of the United States Air Force, but may have been individuals at Sandia Base Military Installation or by others not falling within the jurisdiction of this Organization.

Inasmuch as Special Agent TED WALTERS of this Organization was in Los Alamos during the past week, he took the occasion to so notify Mr. SKIPPER.

Your interest in this matter and the forwarding of the data is very much appreciated by this Organization.

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Sincerely,

RICHARD G. COX
Major, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 8-18

16 January 1952

SUBJECT: JOSEPH D. NEELEY, T/Sgt, AF-6553491
Mrs. MAE JAMESON (Victim) (Civilian)
ASSAULT

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Reference inclosure 2, General Investigations, to letter, file 1-0, this office, subject, Annual Inspection of the 17th District OSI, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, dated 13 December 1951.

2. Copy of serial 6 of case No. 8-18 and copy of serial 90 classification 24-0 are attached.

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1. Cy Serial 6, Case No. 8-18
2. Cy Serial 90, Classification 24-0

Harold E. Peterson
HAROLD E. PETERSON
Major, USAF
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Wrt 14 November 1951

AFOIN-C/CC-2

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding Generals, Major Air Commands, ZI and Overseas
All United States Air Attaches

1. This letter supersedes letter, this Hq, AFOIC-CC-1, dated 8 September 1950 with subject: "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft".

2. The United States Air Force has a continuing requirement for the reporting and technical analysis of observations of unidentified flying objects which might indicate an advance in technological progress of a foreign power. An unidentified flying object within the meaning of this directive, is defined as any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft type.

3. As concerns unidentified flying objects, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio is responsible for conducting analysis of all information and material received. In order to aid investigations and the production of air technical intelligence by that center, Air Materiel Command facilities, to include AMC depot personnel and/or special teams, Air Research and Development Command facilities and personnel, and investigative services by OSI personnel will be made available to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center as required and feasible.

4. Reporting on Unidentified Flying Objects

a. Each report will concern a single incident only and will not include information other than that bearing on the reported incident.

b. Priority and method of transmission accorded the report will be that appropriate in the judgment of the forwarding agency, according to its apparent authenticity and importance as intelligence.

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c. All electrically transmitted reports will be forwarded by multiple address cables to Commanding General, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado and to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. An information copy will be sent to the Director of Intelligence DCS/O, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

d. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission will include, as far as possible:

(1) A brief description of the object(s); its shape, size, color, number, formation if more than one, aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed, sound, manuevers, manner of disappearance, and other pertinent or unusual features.

(2) Time sighted in 24-hour clock zonal time, and length of time observed.

(3) Manner of observation; visual or electronic, from air (give speed, altitude, and type of aircraft), or surface. Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described.

(4) Location of observer during sighting, giving exact latitude and longitude as closely as feasible, and/or reference to a known landmark. Location of object(s) with respect to observer, giving distance, direction, and altitude.

(5) Identifying information on observer(s) and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience, and any factors bearing on estimat d reliability of the sighting.

(6) Weather and wind conditions (teletype sequences) at time and place of sightings.

(7) Any activity or condition, meterological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(8) Existence of any physical evidence; fragments, photographs and the like, of the sighting.

(9) Interception of identification action taken. (Such action should be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives.)

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e. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission will be followed up within ten (10) days by a written report on Air Force Form 112. This report will contain the same information specified in subparagraph 4d above in greater detail, and where feasible will include photographs sketches and signed attested narrative statements of observers. Written reports will be forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, DCS/O, Headquarters USAF, ATTN: AFOIN-C/DD, for ozalid type reproduction, and dissemination.

f. Written reports of sightings, where no previous electrically transmitted report has been submitted, will follow the same form as the written follow-up report described in subparagraph 4e above, and will be forwarded as soon as possible after sighting of an unidentified flying object.

g. Any physical evidence of the sighting will be forwarded by most expeditious means to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, under cover of a letter identifying the shipment with the report of sighting. Mention of the method and time of shipping of this evidence will be included in written report of the sighting.

h. It is desired that reports concerning unidentified flying objects be classified no higher than "Restricted" unless inclusion of information indicated in subparagraphs 4d (3) through (9) mandate a higher classification.

5. It is desired that no publicity be given this reporting or analysis activity.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE BY
S/A HAROLD E. PETERSON blh

REPORT MADE AT
17th District, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

PERIOD
26, 27 August 1951

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
17th District, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

STATUS
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TITLE

Unconventional Type of Aircraft
Sighted by HUGH R. YOUNG
at Albuquerque, New Mexico,
at 2158 Hours, 25 August 1951

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

SPT INTELL RPT, DO #17 to Hq, OSI, Ltr 24-0, dtd 27 Aug 51

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by CO, 4901st Support Wing (Atomic) Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, to determine circumstances surrounding an observation of an unusual type of aircraft on 25 July 1951. Mr. & Mrs. YOUNG executed signed statements that they observed a flying wing type aircraft on night of 25 July. This aircraft made no sound, was larger than B-36, and flew low over Albuquerque in north to south direction. Investigation of Commercial Air Carriers and Base Operations failed to reveal any aircraft to be in vicinity at time of observation. Check of local Police Department, Sheriff, State Police, FBI and Security Guards at Kirtland AFB and Sandia Base failed to produce corroborating observations.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by Commanding Officer, 4901st Support Wing (Atomic), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, to determine the circumstances surrounding the reported observation of an unusual aerial phenomenon by Mr. and Mrs. HUGH R. YOUNG, 4212 E. Copper, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 25 August 1951.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

2. On 26 August 1951, Mr. HUGH R. YOUNG was interviewed at his trailer home at 4212 E. Copper. YOUNG stated that he is a security guard for the Sandia Corporation, and works the night shift at Sandia Base. YOUNG revealed that on the night of 25 August 1951, a few minutes before ten (10:00) o'clock, he and his wife were standing outside their trailer home, waiting for his ride to work, when they both saw an unusual type aircraft flying overhead. YOUNG and his wife prepared statements describing what they observed, which are set forth below:

"26 August 1951

"On the 25th of August 1951 at 2158 hours from my home located at 4212 East Copper Ave., Albuquerque, New Mexico I observed the following described aircraft.

"This aircraft was flying in a south by east direction at a speed I thought to be about 300 miles per hour.

"The altitude was difficult to judge, but the aircraft was low enough so that the lights from Central Ave. reflected from the lower side of the wings.

"This aircraft was unusual in the following ways, there was no sound of motors of jets in fact there was no sound at all that I could hear. I could see no fuselage on this aircraft. The size I judged to be at least one and one half times as large as a B-36 and was shaped like a spread V with the wings sloping back at an angle of about 15°.

"On the rear edge of the wings soft white lights were located in pairs with not less than six of these on each side of center. These lights were very different from motor or jet exhausts as seen at night. I am familar with the appearance of these.

"From the front edge of the wing strips extended to the rear edge of the wings with the strip ending between the lights of each pair. These strips had poor reflection.

"Each pair of lights were separated by about eight times the distance between the lights of one pair.

"The wings appeared to retain their size from the center to the end without any taper.

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"No identification or markings could be seen and this aircraft had no colored lights of any kind that could be seen. The aircraft was in my sight about ½ minute.

"This is a true description of the aircraft as I observed and remember it.

/s/ HUGH R. YOUNG "

The original of the above statement is on file at Headquarters, 17th District Office, and is available upon request by proper authority.

"26 August, 1951
4212 East Copper Ave.
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

"On the night of 25 August, 1951, at my home at 2158 hours I observed for about 30 seconds an unfamiliar aircraft traveling from 10° west of north in the direction of 10° east of south. The rate of speed of the aircraft might have been 350 miles per hour.

"The aircraft was low enough for the neon and car lights of East Central Avenue to be reflected from it. The altitude of the aircraft was difficult to judge.

"The size of the aircraft was apparently 1½ to 2 times of that of a B-36.

"The type of the aircraft was that of one with wings swept back 15° approximately. No fuselage was visible. The wings did not appear to taper at the outer ends. On the rear edge of each of the wings at least 6 and possibly 8, soft, white lights were visible. These lights were round, not trailing as in jet aircraft exhausts seen at night. These lights were grouped in twos with a larger distance between the pairs than between each one in a pair. No red or green lights were visible. As the object moved further south the lights were not visible.

"The underneath surface of the wings of the aircraft appeared to have stripes running from the leading edge to the rear edge of the wings between each pair of lights. These stripes reflected the light whereas the areas between the lights did not reflect light well.

"The most outstanding feature of this observation was the fact that there was no audible sound from motors or jets. In fact the aircraft made no noise that I could hear.

"The above statement is true to the best of my ability to describe this incident.

Signed,

Mrs. Hugh R. Young
(Emily G. Young) "

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The original of the above statement is on file at Headquarters, 17th District Office, and is available upon request by proper authority.

AT KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO

3. In an attempt to ascertain if the YOUNG's could possibly have mistaken an aircraft landing at Kirtland Air Force Base for the one they reported, the following investigation was conducted.

4. On 27 August 1951, the Incoming Aircraft Log and the AF Form 23's for 25 August were checked with the aid of Captain DOUGLAS H. CHRISTENSON 14672A of the Administrative Flight Section. The records revealed that a transient B-25 landed at 2107 and departed for Chanute Air Force Base at 2219. This aircraft was the only one on record operating within several hours of the reported time of the observation.

5. The following Commerical Air Carriers, which operate in this area, were checked to determine if they had aircraft flying in the vicinity at the time of the sighting reported by the YOUNG's, with negative results:

Frontier Airlines
Trans World Airline Inc.
Continental Airlines
Pioneer Airlines

6. Investigation of Federal Bureau of Investigation; Sheriff, Bernalillo County; Albuquerque Police Department; State Police; Security Section, Sandia Base, Kirtland Air Force Base, 34th Air Division (Defense) revealed no other reports of a similar observation.

7. In that all logical investigative leads have been completed and reported, no further action is contemplated by this District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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FROM: CG 34TH AIR DIV KIRTLAND AFB ALBUQUERQUE NM

TO : CS USAF WASH DC
ATTN: AFOIN V/C

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Ref further investigation on sighting of unconventional acft over Albuquerque by civilian witnesses, 2158 hours, 25 August reveals following:

Acft was chevron shaped, flying wing type. One and one half to twice size of B-36. Dark stripes visible on under side of wings from leading to trailing edge. No fuselage visible. Wings swept back approx 15 degrees. No taper of wings from mid section to tip. Six to eight soft lights visible on trailing edge of wings. Propulsion system unknown, acft made no sound. Witnesses estimated speed and altitude to be 300-400 MPH, 800-1,000 feet. Acft appeared from northerly direction on an estimated heading of 160 degrees. Observation made by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Young at their residence, 4212 Copper Avenue. Sighting was made from ground level with acft almost overhead. Mr. Young is employed as security guard at Sandia Base and apparently is reliable. Weather conditions at time of sighting: Temp 64 degrees F, dew point 55 percent, wind South 5 MPH, vis 5 miles, ceiling 17,000 feet from ground level, broken clouds. Object was not detected on ground radar at Kirtland AFB.

Certified copies of narrative statements of witnesses being forwarded your Hq. No other info available.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-0 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT 27 August 1951

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type of Aircraft Sighted by HUGH R. YOUNG at Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 2158 Hours, 25 August 1951

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Sandia Base Security Guard, HUGH R. YOUNG, reported sighting large object similar to Flying Wing, but one and a half (1½) times larger than B-36, observed by himself and wife, pass over East Albuquerque Area at 2158 hours, 25 August 1951, in south-southeastern direction, altitude 800 to 1000 feet at approximately 300 miles per hour. Object had glowing white lights on trailing edge of wing and black stripes under wing. The object made no sound whatever and flew straight and level. Lights from Central Avenue and autos reflecting off object gave it silver color. No means of propulsion noted. Sighting and observations of YOUNG confirmed by his wife.

2. DETAILS: At 1000 hours, 26 August 1951, Lt WILLIAM L. DAW, Officer of the Guard, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, notified the Office of Special Investigations' Duty Agent, HAROLD E. PETERSON, that a Mr. HUGH R. YOUNG of 4212 E. Copper Ave., Albuquerque, New Mexico, had reported sighting an unconventional type of aircraft. When interviewed by S/A PETERSON, YOUNG revealed that he is a guard for the Sandia Corporation, and works on the night shift at Sandia Base and is "Q" cleared. On 25 August 1951, YOUNG stated he was standing in front of his trailer with his wife, waiting for his ride to work, when he saw an object approaching from the north on a true course of about 160° to 170°. The flight path of the object was estimated by YOUNG to be approximately 15°east of the Zenith from his point of observation. The object, as described by YOUNG, was similar to the Northrop Flying Wing (B-49), in that it had no fuselage, the wings were swept back approximately 15° but had no taper. As the object passed over the brightly lighted Central Avenue (US Highway 66), the reflection of these lights could be seen on the underside of the object. The size of this object was described by YOUNG as to be one and a half (1½) times that of the B-36, and was silver in color except for 6 or 8 dark stripes on each side of the center running longitudinally on the underside of the wing.

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On the trailing edge of the wing were 6 to 8 pairs of round glowing white lights, located between the dark stripes on the underside of the wing. These lights went out just after the object passed to the north of U. S. 66. YOUNG stated this object made no sound whatever, flew straight and level, at an estimated speed of 300 miles per hour and altitude of 800 to 1000 feet. No method of propulsion was visible and the object faded from his view due to darkness. YOUNG stated the object was in his view for approximately 30 seconds. He purposely checked the time at the end of sighting and noted it to be 2158 hours. YOUNG's wife also observed this object and agrees with his observations in every respect. YOUNG was very positive about his observation, is familiar with all types of aircraft, and apparently very sincere.

3. ACTION: Attempts are being made to locate other persons who may have observed this object, and if any positive information is developed, the results will be forwarded to your Headquarters.

cc: AMC (dup)

Harold E. Peterson
HAROLD E. PETERSON
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-0

14 June 1951

SUBJECT: Observation of an Aerial Phonomenon on June 7, 1951 SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached for your information is a letter from the Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, dated 8 June 1951, with an attached report titled, "Siting of Unidentified Aerial Object", dated 7 June 1951.

2. This correspondence is forwarded to your Headquarters for your information and any action which you desire to take.

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Ltr dtd 8 Jun 51
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RICHARD G. COX
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
SANTA FE OPERATIONS OFFICE
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District Commander, OSI
Kirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed two copies of reports regarding the observation of an aerial phenomenon on June 7, 1951.

Very truly yours,

D. A. Metzger, Chief
Los Alamos Security Branch

Enclosures:
1. Rpt by Francis R. Quinlan, dtd 6-7-51
2. Rpt by Morris L. Jaeger, dtd 6-7-51

CC: John A. Waters, Jr., Director of Security, Washington W/Encls.

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

DATE 6-7-51

1. Name of Observer Jaeger (Last) Morris (First) L. (M.I.)

Station assigned 362 Section I-C

Names of other known observers Quinlan F. R.

2. Time and date of sighting 0407 hours 6-7, 195

3. Point of observation Pt. Mugu

4. Direction of object from observer East

5. Distance of object from observer Unknown

6. Angle of elevation from horizon degrees 15 to 20°

7. Direction of flight of object Slightly E. of N.

8. Time in sight 4 to 6 Sec.

9. Number of objects One

10. Shape of object Unknown

11. Projections and/or indentations Unknown

12. Apparent construction Unknown

13. Apparent means of suppor and/or propulsion Rocket or Jet

14. Size of object Unknown

15. Luminosity of object ~~Very Bright~~
(Bright, very bright, glaring, etc.)

16. Color of object Unknown

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17. Sound None

18. Odor None

19. Speed X Slow compared to Meteor; seemed to float

20. Evidence of trail or exhaust Tail similar to Meteor

21. Effect on clouds None

22. Tactics or maneuvers None

23. Manner of disappearance Faded or burned out

24. What attracted attention to object Was directly in front of us.

25. Additional remarks of observer Object traveled with flat trajectory until it seemed to burn out then seemed to start dropping as light diminished.

Observer's signature /s/ M. L. Jaeger

Title Security Inspector

26. Additional remarks of investigator

Investigator's signature

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-0

9 March 1951

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Although not coming within the purview of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, but as a matter of information only due to the widespread publicity subsequently afforded, the following facts are submitted:

a. On 6 March 1951, at 1430 hours Mountain Standard Time, a "fireball" flashed through the air and was observed from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

b. The aerial phenomena was observed additionally from Brilliant, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, and Clayton, New Mexico, and at Alamosa, Colorado.

c. Allegedly person adjacent to Roy, New Mexico, heard or felt a concussion.

d. Dr. Lincoln La Paz, meteoritics expert and Chief of the Meteoritics Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has stated that in his opinion aerial phenomena in question were meteors and not rocket ships, guided missiles, unconventional type aircraft, or other man-made devices.

2. Dr. La Paz is following through with his own directed search to locate the meteor or fragments resulting from the fragmentation of phenomena and, if any pertinent information is developed, it will be reported to the Directorate.

3. Attached, for your information and review, are several newspaper articles in regards to the aerial phenomena.

Richard G. Cox
RICHARD G. COX
Lt. Col., USAF
District Commander

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Another "fireball" streaked through the New Mexico skies at exactly 2:34 Tuesday afternoon.

George Petrol, UNM baseball coach, said he was looking in the direction of the Kiwanis house in the Sandias when a brilliant, reddish, yellow-tailed ball of fire suddenly developed.

Petrol said the center of the ball was a light blue with purple circumference which "became too bright for the naked eye to witness" before it finally came down almost vertically.

Petrol's baseball players, all of whom saw the same object, felt sure it landed between Albuquerque and the Sandia Mountains.

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, UNM meteoritics expert, reported that he had received telephone calls from East Las Vegas, Clayton, and Santa Fe. He said that observations from points in northern New Mexico indicate that the "fireball" must have descended somewhere between Albuquerque and Clayton —probably near Las Vegas. They all agreed on the exact time the "fireball" fell.

The university meteoriticist appealed to residents of the cities mentioned above to report any observations they may have made.

He is anxious to know the colors observed, direction it was going when last observed, and if any noise accompanied the fall.

He said that several jet pilots had already given him exact sightings.

Dr. LaPaz can be reached at his home telephone or at 8861 extension 288 at the university.

The Albuquerque Journal
Albuquerque, New Mexico
7 March 1951

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Fireball Termed 'Large Meteorite' As Hunt Continues

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That fireball that streaked across Northeastern New Mexico Tuesday afternoon was labeled "very definitely an extraordinarily large meteorite fall" Wednesday night by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, University of New Mexico meteoritcs expert.

Dr. LaPaz telephoned from Roy after a 17-hour hunt Wednesday for the meteorite which stirred residents from Portales to Raton and from Las Vegas to Clayton.

The UNM scientist said he believed he had established a definite "fix" on the fall in the area north of Roy through the Chico Hills. He planned to resume his search today for traces of the meteorite. Airplanes from Roy and Springer were helping.

The Associated Press reported indications the celestial visitor which flashed brilliantly at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday as it entered the earth's atmosphere, may have sprayed over a wide area in northeastern New Mexico.

Crashes Canyon

Steve Williams, a miner at Brilliant, six miles west of Raton, said a flaming object about the size of a bowling ball crashed into the wall of a canyon about 500 yards from where he was working.

He said he was dumping coal when he heard a humming noise. He looked up and saw the object. It was flaming and had a fiery tail about six feet long. It landed with a loud smash.

Jim Barber of the Raton Range said he believed it was possible a meteorite had broken up and pieces of it landed in various parts of the area.

Describe It

In Albuquerque, George Petrol, New Mexico University baseball coach, and his squad watched it at :34 p. m. Petrol described it as a ball of light, blue at the center

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Fireball Termed 'Large Meteorite'

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and purple on the rim, which became too bright for the eye, and then dropped straight down.

In his call from Roy, Dr. LaPaz paid tribute to Petrol's accurate line of sight—though his range was way off.

Petrol's line, later checked by Dr. LaPaz with a transit, turned out to be in the center of the fix the scientist established Wednesday.

Petrol, however, had first believed the meteorite fell west of the Sandias. The brilliance of the object led many observers to underestimate its distance.

In Raton, Robert Wilson, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store, similarly described the brilliant light. He thought the fireball was directly over his store, about 400 feet in the air.

"It looked about the size of a football, was shooting off sparks and was going very fast in an easterly direction," Wilson said.

A roar accompanied the fireball's appearance at Roy, Springer and Abbott, northeast of Las Vegas.

Windows Rattle

Windows rattled in Roy and Abbott. Editor Karl Guthmann thought a big truck had bumped his Roy Record building. J. C. Dudley, store owner at Abbott, said the vibration of windows was intense.

Mayor Robert Kiersey rushed from his welding shop at Roy, thinking that a gas tank had exploded.

At Springer, State Police Capt. Penn Winston said residents described passage of the fireball as accompanied by a low rumbling like a train.

At Kiowa, 10 miles southeast of Raton, the sound throbbed like a jet fighter, according to Mike Cunico. He rushed outside to see a smoke trail across the sky.

Several persons in Santa Fe observed a silver object moving across the capital at high speed in a northerly direction.

Three persons at Portales saw the phenomenon. The object flashed across the sky northwest of Portales said SCS Engineer C. E. Moffett, E. B. Robbins Jr., farmer; and Carolyn Prude, junior high school student.

The Albuquerque Journal
Albuquerque, New Mexico
8 March 1951

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8 Mar 51

(By United Press)

A New Mexico scientists said today mysterious flaming objects seen whizzing through the skies of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado apparently were meteorites from an "extraordinarily large fall" of the small heavenly bodies.

Ground observers in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Clayton, in New Mexico, and Alamosa, Colo., reported seeing the strange "fireballs" streaking through the air. All of them placed the time of observance at Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, University of New Mexico meteoritics expert, who immediately began chasing down the reports in an effort to identify the objects, said he was convinced the "things" seen were meteors and not rocket ships, guided missiles or any weird man-made devices.

La Paz' search had led him to Roy, N.M., in northeastern New Mexico where residents' reports indicated the meteorite possibly had struck the earth.

La Paz said he had been informed that the meteorite or its fragments apparently landed in the area. Some persons around Roy told La Paz they had heard or felt a concussion Tuesday afternoon.

The area north of Roy in the Chico Hills section will be searched by La Paz this afternoon in an effort to find some trace of where the meteor or its fragments hit the earth.

La Paz also was studying the possibility that a single meteor had broken up into several pieces and had landed over a large section of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

This theory was based on the widely scattered locations from which the flaming objects were observed Tuesday.

The Albuquerque Tribune
Albuquerque, New Mexico
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'Fireball' Flashes Across NM Skies, Explodes in Hills

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7 Mar 51

SANTA FE, March 7 (UP)—A University of New Mexico professor today trailed a brilliant "fireball" which flashed across the skies of northeastern New Mexico, then apparently exploded with a deafening roar in the Chico Hills of Colfax and Mora Counties.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, UNM meteoritics expert, told United Press he had received reports on the ball itself from Albuquerque, East Las Vegas, Clayton, Roswell and Santa Fe.

State Police Capt. Pen. Winston of Springer said residents of Roy reported an explosion which rattled windows, about 2:30 yesterday afternoon. In Roy newspaperman Karl Guthman said "We are pretty much concerned about it here."

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, March 7 (UP)—A spokesman at this rocket testing area said today that no rockets were fired from the area yesterday.

His statement was in answer to questions about the mysterious fire-ball that streaked across the skies yesterday afternoon and thundered to the earth somewhere in the northeastern portion of the state.

He said the explosion was apparently heard even more plainly north of the little town of Abbott, 26 miles north of Roy.

"We think that whatever it was exploded in the Chico Hills between Raton and Abbott," he said.

Like Gas Explosion

He said the shock was so intense that Mayor Robert Kiersey of Roy thought a butane tank had exploded.

"We thought a truck had hit our building," he added.

Capt. Winston said a plane was sent out yesterday but found no trace of a plane crash or any other disturbance. The plane was back on the job today.

Several persons saw a ball of fire and then heard the explosion.

"Some thought it was a jet plane, others thought it was a meteor," said Winston. "One man

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More About 'Fireball'

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said it had a tail like a jet, only it was a staggered affair."

From Raton Dr. W. L. Hatcher, veterinarian, and his assistant, Tony Schuster, said they were at the Jack Davenport ranch east of Farley at 2:30.

Schuster said he saw vapor in the air like a jet plane and heard a sound like thunder.

He said he was tempted to hit the dirt, and thought it might be a buzz bomb.

He said he saw an object in the sky, about the size of a milk bottle, traveling so fast it was out of sight in a second.

Dr. LaPaz started immediately for the area in an effort to "get my hands on one of the things and find out what it is." He has been chasing similar reports for more than two years.

"It must have been incredibly brilliant to have been seen in yesterday's bright sunlight," the enthusiastic professor declared.

LaPaz said the object was first reported by George Petrol, UNM baseball coach at Albuquerque. He said Petrol told him he was looking toward the Sandia Mountains when a brilliant, reddish, yellow-tailed ball of fire suddenly developed.

Petrol said the center of the ball was a light blue with purple circumference which "became too bright for the naked eye to witness" before it came down almost vertically.

Petrol's baseball players said they saw the same object and felt sure it landed between Albuquerque and the Sandia Mountains.

Meanwhile from Roswell, far to the southeast, Jim Eskin said he sighted a ball of fire resembling lightning some 40 to 60 miles north of Roswell. He said it was very low at the time but he heard no noise.

One woman called the Albuquerque Tribune to report that a plane had crashed in the Sandias.

A construction gang working in northeast Albuquerque reported that the object was so brilliant they thought it had struck only some 500 yards away. They had started to walk to it when they realized that there was no sign of the fireball in sight.

Other Reports

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Roswell reported three more witnesses. B. L. Blount of East Grand Plains saw a silver colored object with a long tail about 5000 feet high.

Sgt. Johnny Hodge and another Walker AF Base airman also reported two whitish, red objects. The first, they said, was seen at a 20-degree inclination with the earth. One burned out at about a 15-degree inclination while the other disappeared upon contact with the earth.

Dr. LaPaz said he was anxious to know the colors observed, the direction the object was traveling and other details. He said several jet pilots had already given him exact sightings.

The ball of fire was seen as far north as Trinidad and La Junta, Colorado.

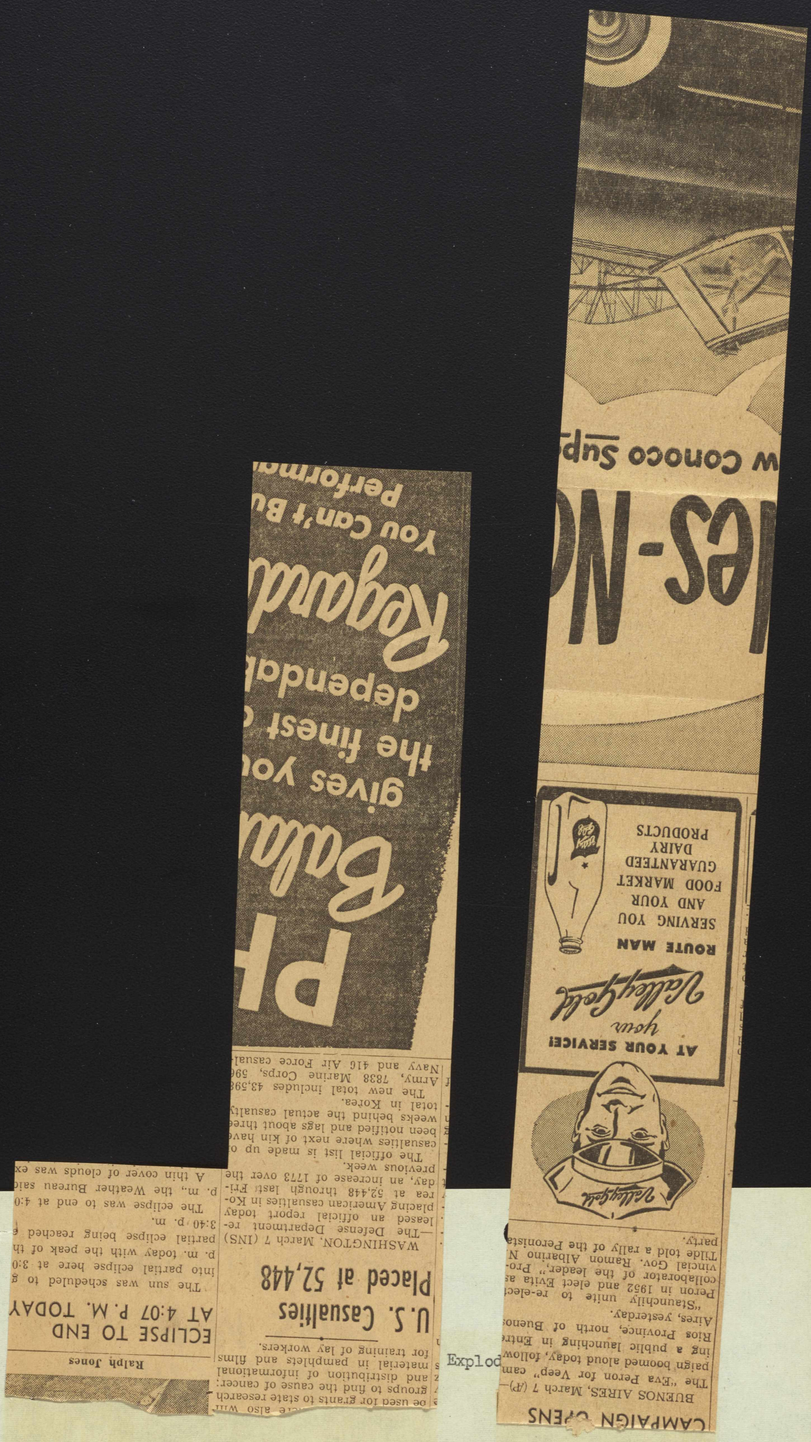
E. L. Howell told radio station KOKO that it was a large object, trailing blue smoke. He thought it had fallen south of LaJunta, but "very near."

Meanwhile Mrs. Zula Langham of Dillon claimed to have seen a "long, slender object, leaving a tail of fire behind it."

A similar object—but with "flames shooting from the nose"—was reported by a woman at Mills, New Mexico.

In Las Vegas a blind man was reported to have asked friends: "Is it cloudy outside? That was a clap of thunder."

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Ralph Jones

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WASHINGTON, March 7 (INS)
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rea at 52,448 through last Fri-
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previous week.

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been notified and lags about thre
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The new total includes 43,59
Army, 7838 Marine Corps, 59
Navy and 416 Air Force casual

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BUENOS AIRES, March 7 (AP)—
The "Eva Peron for Veep" cam
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Rios Province, north of Buenos
Aires, yesterday.

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Peron in 1952 and elect Evita as
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Tilde told a rally of the Peronista
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By United Press.

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"FLAMING TAIL."

A Los Alamos, N. M., couple, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Brown, said they saw "a blue ball of fire" strike the earth as they were driving down the west side of La Veta pass in southern Colorado en route to Los Alamos from Denver.

Brown said the blue "fireball" had a red, flame-colored "tail" and that it appeared to disappear into the trees about a half mile south of the highway. But Brown said he heard no explosion.

A Brilliant, N. M., miner, Steve Williams, said he saw a flaming object about six miles west of Raton, N. M., and that it appeared to crash into the wall of a canyon about 500 yards from the spot where he was working.

The Denver Post
Denver, Colorado
8 March 1951

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-0

4 April 1951

SUBJECT: Plastic Balloon
General Mills Company
Holloman AFB, New Mexico

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Reference is made to District Office No. 17 TWX No. 59C, dated 16 February 1951, file and subject as above.

2. Major EDWARD A. DOTY, 12523A, Assistant Chief, Electronics and Atmospheric Branch, Holloman AFB, was interviewed regarding sighting by Captain J. E. COCKER and Captain E. W. SPRADLEY, both of Wright Patterson AFB. This balloon, a 70 foot plastic balloon, was released near White Sands Proving Ground on 22 January 1951. The balloon was made by the General Mills Corporation who are conducting Navy Project "SKYHOOK". The balloon was to be sent up 10 to 15 miles and remain aloft for a number of hours, and the C-45 flown by Captains SPRADLEY and COCKER was to track the balloon for recovery purposes. The test was unsuccessful due to the balloon developing a leak and landing east of El Paso near the Salt Flat radio range intact. Major DOTY advised that these two pilots were quite new in the balloon field and he believed that it was their first tracking mission. DOTY further advised that these balloons usually have several small metal instrument containers hanging from them and often, at very high altitudes, an inexperienced observerwill think he sees something beside the balloon and the instruments. However, DOTY stated that a civilian by the name of MC ALEESE, an employee of General Mills, was also in the aircraft and if it was determined that MC ALEESE saw something then there was a good possibility that a strange object was near the balloon, since MC ALEESE is considered well qualified in balloon work.

3. Captain WILLIAM LITTELL, AO-888801, Operations Officer, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, was interviewed and advised that he met the two pilots, Captains COCKER and SPRADLEY, after they had landed and they reported that an object, which appeared to be quite a bit higher than the balloon, which was about 60,000 feet, came down to the balloon and stayed near it for a little while and then took off. Captain LITTELL advised the two pilots to talk to 1st Lt JOHN G. ALBERT, 18314A, who is Project Officer for Project "GRUDGE" (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena). LITTELL secured the Form 1 containing the names of persons who had been on the aircraft at the time the strange object had been seen. Personnel on the aircraft

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Subj Plastic Balloon 4 Apr 51

were: JAMES E. COCKER, Captain, AO-805573; E. W. SPRADLEY, Captain, AO-884159; W. SCHNAIBLE, T/Sgt, AF-19012388, 3060th Support Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB; and J. T. MC ALEESE, Civilian, General Mills Company. The aircraft took off at 0702 hours on 22 January 1951, estimating a flight of 7 hours. However, the plane landed after about a 2 hour flight.

4. 1st Lt JOHN G. ALBERT, 18314A, Project Office of Project "GRUDGE", was interviewed and he advised that he had tried to talk to the two pilots of the aircraft prior to their departure for Wright-Patterson AFB; however, due to mixup, these two officers returned to Wright-Patterson AFB before he could talk to them about the strange object which they had sighted.

5. Efforts to contact Mr. MC ALEESE on 17, 19 and 21 February 1951 and subsequently have met with negative results, due to the fact that he was out on several recovery missions and was not available for interview. It was subsequently learned that MC ALEESE had returned to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he can be reached in care of: The Navy "Skyhook" Project, General Mills Corporation.

6. Inasmuch as all pertinent information has been assembled, and inasmuch as Mr. MC ALEESE has not been available for interview, no further report of this incident will be made, unless so requested by the Directorate.

RICHARD G. COX
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An Air Force Project named GOPHER operating out of Wright-Patterson AFB approx 3 weeks ago released a 70 foot plastic baloon for the General Mills Company in the vic of Las Cruces New Mexico. This balloon was intended to ascend to a height of between 10 and 15 miles and stay aloft for a period of several hours. Balloon was accompanied by two pilots operating from Wright Patterson AFB and apparently are the two pilots who have been quoted as stating in Associated Press Release from Dayton, Ohio as having observed an unidentified object in the general area of Las Cruses-Holloman AFB New Mexico area. Info above obtained from Project Off, Holloman AFB and it is rptd that a third individual accompanied the two pilots and that individual will be interviewed for such info as he may have relative to unidentified object.

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Further info will be forthcoming when avail.

→ o/a 26 Jan 51

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TO : GS USAF WASHINGTON DC FOR DIR SPEC INVEST

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Details: On 23 Nov 50, 2 deer hunters found an aluminum hollow ball about 24 inches in diameter, halves of ball being joined by flange, gasket, and 82 screws, spaced at intervals of ½ inch; 3 nuclear photographice exposure plates dtd 19 Nov 1949; an 8 day time clock with a micro switch attached; one plastic container; and remnants of a parachute with US Navy imprinted thereon. Objects turned over to Albuquerque Field Office, FBI, who gave equipment to Dr Lincoln La Paz, Chief of meteoritics Department, University of New Mexico, for identification. Pictures of equipment and data published in local papers, 19 Dec 50. Identification made by General Mills Company, Minneapolis, Minn and equipment being fwdd there by La Paz.

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TO : C/S USAF WASHINGTON D.C. FOR DIR OF SPEC INVES

NR : OSI-12-450

22 December 1950

RE OUR OSI-11-360.

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AP daily release indicates the high altitude research balloon was released at Holloman AFB Alamogordo N Mex. This rpt is unfounded and without fact according to top ranking Holloman authorities. Opinion at Holloman is that balloon was used as part of unclassified Navy project "Sky Hook" by Napal Unit, White Sands, NMex. Unverified info indicates that General Mills Corp launched balloon in connection with proj "Sky Hook" based on instructions from University of Minn. The silver aluminum sphere believed to be property of Naval research, Wash DC and Nuclear Photographic exposure plates believed to be property of applied physics laboratory, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. Indications are that Univ of Minnesota in partial charge of proj " Sky Hook".

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File No. 24-0

12 January 1951

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

Inclosed are two copies of a spot intelligence report covering the details of two aerial phenomena observations in the Los Alamos, New Mexico area.

3. Incls
1. Rpt fr Wilbur L. Jackson dtd 25 Dec 50
2. Rpt fr Thomas A. Fleek dtd 21 Dec 50
3. Ltr to Hq, OSI, Subj: Same dtd 12 Jan 50

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with AFCSI Ltr. No. 85, Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, dated 23 October 1950, the hereinafter data are delineated.

2. It is submitted that the two phenomena made a part of the data attached are not believed by this District to definitely fall within Paragraph 3 of above cited letter, however, as there is a reasonable question of doubt, attachments are being forwarded.

SYNOPSIS: An aerial object spherical shape with a tail was cited by WILBUR L. JACKSON, 25 December 1950 in the area of Los Alamos, New Mexico, an Atomic Energy location. A round aerial object emitting a short tail of flame was observed in the same general area by THOMAS L. FLEEK, 21 December 1950.

DETAILS: Attachments more clearly delineate all pertinent details.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Above data forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, ATTN: MCIS and Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations; no further action.

RICHARD G. COX
Major, USAF
District Commander

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2. Rpt fr Thomas A. Fleek dtd 21 Dec 50
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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY PROTECTIVE FORCE
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

COPY

DATE 25 (Day) 12 (Month), 1950

1. Name of Observer JACKSON (Last) WILBUR (First) L. (M.I.)

Station Assigned 374 Patrol Section C-III

Home Address 4477-A Yucca St. Telephone 2525

Names of other known observers William Hendrichs

2. Time and date of sighting 1928 hours 24 (Day) 12 (Month), 1950

3. Point of observation Junction of Rd. #5 and West Road

4. Direction of object from observer West

5. Distance of object from observer Not known. Seemed to be beyond the range of hills.

6. Angle of elevation from horizon Approx. 60 degrees

7. Direction of flight of object From south, southeast towards north. north west.

8. Time in sight Approx. 2 or 3 seconds

9. Number of objects One One

10. Shape of object Sphere shape with a tail

11. Projections and/or identations None

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12. Apparent construction It looked as if it was a mass of flames or fire.

13. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion Not known

14. Size of object Actual not known, appeared to be approx. the size of a very large meteor.

15. Luminosity of object Glow as a red hot metal does.
(Bright, very bright, glaring, etc.)

16. Color of object Red, with a green tint.

17. Sound None heard as we were in a truck, windows up.

18. Odor None to us.

19. Speed Unknown

20. Evidence of trail or exhaust A tail same color as the object 4 times in length as the diameter of the sphere.

21. Effect on clouds Not known

22. Tactics or maneuvers None

23. Manner of disappearance Dropped from sight beyond range of hills to THE WEST OF us.

24. What attracted attention to object Truck was stopped at junction and I was looking to the west or straight ahead when the object caught my eye.

25. Additional remarks of observer I do not believe this to be a meteor as this did not burn itself out in flight. It was same degree of light from first to last observance.

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Observer's signature (s) Wilbur L. Jackson

Title Protective Force Inspector

26. Additional remarks of investigator _____

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Title _____

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REPORT OF UNIFENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY PROTECTIVE FORCE
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

DATE 21 (Day) 12 (Month) 1950

1. Name of Observer Fleck (Last) Thomas (First) A. (M.I.)

Station assigned off duty Section -

Home Address 2158-A 35th St. Telephone 5004

Names of other known observers None

2. Time and date of sighting 0740 hours 21 (Day) 12 (Month) 1950

3. Point of observation 12 St - Los Alamos - 1300 block

4. Direction of object from observer 10 to 15° left of straight south.

5. Distance of object from observer 5-6 miles

6. Angle of elevation from horizon first appeared at about 35° above horizon

7. Direction of flight of object to earth at about 65-70° angle.

8. Time in sight 3 seconds

9. Number of objects One

10. Shape of object Rounds

11. Projections and/or indentations - -

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12. Apparent construction ?

13. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion ? ?

14. Size of object Apparent size of baseball

15. Luminosity of object Brilliant green
(Bright, very bright, glaring, etc.)

16. Color of object Green

17. Sound None

18. Odor None

19. Speed Less than meteoritic but very fast

20. Evidence of trail or exhaust Short trail of fire - green - red sparks or flame occasionally.

21. Effect on clouds None

22. Tactics or maneuvers None

23. Manner of disappearance Appeared to burn out just before hitting ground.

24. What attracted attention to object Its appearance

25. Additional remarks of observer Thought at first it was a meteorite as it appeared suddenly, light orange, yellow in color; short tail of flame. It immediately began to flare up, grew brite green, larger and brighter - seemed to sputter or fade two or three times omitting

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short spurts of red flame around edges. Turned a brilliant, flaring green, died down slightly and then abruptly went out.

Observer's signature /s/ Thomas A. Flask

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26. Additional remarks of investigator _____

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12 January 1951

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
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SYNOPSIS: An aerial object spherical shape with a tail was cited by CHESTER R. SMITH, 28 December 1950 in the area of Los Alamos, New Mexico, an Atomic Energy location.

DETAILS: Attachment more clearly delineates all pertinent details.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Above data forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, ATTN: MCIS and Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations; no further action.

Richard G. Cox

RICHARD G. COX
Major, USAF
District Commander

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1. Rpt fr Chester R. Smith dtd 28 Dec 50.
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LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

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DATE 28 (Day) Dec (Month), 1950

1. Name of Observer Smith (Last) Chester (First) R. (M.I.)

Station assigned 114-A Section A-1

Home Address 2548-B 36th St. Telephone 2412

Names of other known observers None

2. Time and date of sighting 0135 hours 28 (Day) Dec. (Month), 1950

3. Point of observation Tower Area - TA-33

4. Direction of object from observer Bearing approx. 160°

5. Distance of object from observer Unable to determine because of short time visible.

6. Angle of elevation from horizon Variable degrees 30 to 15

7. Direction of flight of object Vertically or in direction of approximately 160°

8. Time in sight approximately 3 seconds

9. Number of objects One

10. Shape of object Round - with tail

11. Projections and/or indentations None apparent.

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12. Apparent construction — Unknown

13. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion — Unknown

14. Size of object — Very Bright

15. Luminosity of object — Very Bright

16. Color of object — Bluish-green

17. Sound — None

18. Odor — None

19. Speed — Above 1000 M.P.H.

20. Evidence of trail or exhaust — Glowing tail

21. Effect on clouds — No clouds

22. Tactics or maneuvers — Straight flight

23. Manner ofddisappearance — Obscurred by tree

24. What attracted attention to object — Brilliance.

25. Additional remarks of observer — Because of speed and short time visible (approx. 3-4 seconds) it is not possible to answer 11 thru 14, 17 and 18

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Observer's signature /s/ Chester P. Smith

Title Security Inspector

26. Additional remarks of investigator

Investigator's signature

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SYNOPSIS: An aerial object spherical shape with a tail was cited by WILLIAMS O. HINRICHS, JR. 24 December 1950 in the area of Los Alamos, New Mexico, an Atomic Energy location.

DETAILS: Attachments more clearly delineate all pertinent details.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Above data forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, ATTN: MCIS and Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations; no further action.

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2. Ltr, Hq AMC, Subj: Same dtd 12 Jan 51

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LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

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DATE 25 (Day) December (Month) 1950

1. Name of Observer HINRICHS (Last) WILLIAMS (First) O. JR. (M.I.)

Station assigned 374 Section G-1

Home Address 2483-B 45th St. Telephone -

Names of other known observers Jackson, Wilbur L.

2. Time and date of sighting 1928 hours 24 December 1950

3. Point of observation Junction road #5 and West road.

4. Direction of object from observer West

5. Distance of object from observer Not known - Off in distance beyond hills

6. Angle of elevation from horizon Sixty degrees

7. Direction of flight of object South southeast to north northwest in falling arc.

8. Time in sight About two or three seconds

9. Number of objects One

10. Shape of object Sphere shaped with tail

11. Projections and/or indentations None

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12. Apparent construction Not known. Seemed to be a burning mass.

13. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion Not known.

14. Size of object Not known. Larger than meteor.

15. Luminosity of object Very bright glow.
(Bright, very bright, glaring, etc.)

16. Color of object Bright glow with notable green tint

17. Sound Not known

18. Odor Not known

19. Speed Not known

20. Evidence of trail or exhaust A trail about four times the length &f dia. Trail width equal to dia of sphere

21. Effect on clouds Clear sky. Not known

22. Tactics or maneuvers None. Followed slight arc in falling out of sight.

23. Manner of disappearance Dropped out of sight behind hills.

24. What attracted attention to object Swift moving object of very brightness larger than other visible objects in sky.

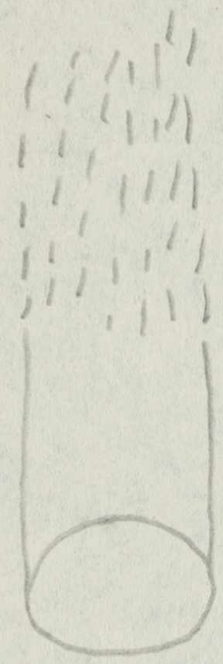
25. Additional remarks of observer Glow remained bright throughout observed flight. Following is approximate observance. First part of tail dense and gradually disspiating toward the end.

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Observer's signature /s/ William D. Hinrichs

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Counter Intelligence Div, Office of Special
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Attached for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned Subject, dated 18 August 1950.

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GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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18 August 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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File No: 24-8-0

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 19 July 1950 at approximately 2330 hours (MST), Sergeant A. H. RABORN and Corporal HOWARD D. LOCKE, Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico observed two objects about the size of a softball, changing in color from green to red, red to green and reddish brown. Observation was at Datil, New Mexico.

2. DETAILS: Information provided by Sergeant A. H. RABORN and Corporal HOWARD D. LOCKE regarding these objects sighted on 19 July 1950 is as follows:

a. Time and Date of Sighting - 19 July 1950, at approximately 2330 hours (MST).

b. Point of Observation - Datil, New Mexico

c. Number of Objects - Two (2)

d. Distance of Object from Observer - unable to estimate

(1) Elevation from Horizon - about ten (10) degrees

e. Appearance of Object:

(1) Color - Changing from green to red to green to reddish brown.

(2) Shape - Round

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(3) Luminosity - Very bright

(4) Apparent Construction - Unknown

(5) Tactics or Maneuvers - Stationary and then moving slowly. One (1) descended slightly and moved horizontally.

(6) Evidence of Exhaust - None

(7) Supports - None

(8) Propulsion - None

(9) Control and Stability - No comment.

(10) Air Ducts - None

(11) Speed - Moving slowly.

f. Sound - None

g. Manner of Disappearance - Similar to switching off an incandescent light.

h. Notes Relative to Observers:

(1) Name - A. H. RABORN, Sergeant, USAF

(2) Address - Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

(3) Occupation - Sergeant, USAF

(4) Reliability - Unknown

(1) Name - HOWARD D. LOCKE, Corporal, USAF

(2) Address - Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

(3) Occupation - Corporal, USAF

(4) Reliability - Unknown

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

File No: 24-8-0

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 1 August 1950, at approximately 2357 hours (MST), Mr. ELLSWORTH F. STEIN, Room 36, Dormitory T-274, Los Alamos, New Mexico, observed a round, white object approximately one (1) foot in circumference. Object was viewed from the junction of White Rock Road and road leading to Station 104, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

2. DETAILS: Information provided by Mr. ELLSWORTH F. STEIN regarding the object he sighted on 1 August 1950, is as follows:

a. Time and Date of Sighting: 1 August 1950, at 2357 hours.

b. Point of Observation: Junction of White Rock Road and road leading to Station #104, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

c. Number of Objects: One (1)

d. Distance of Object from Observer: One-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) mile

(1) Elevation from Horizon: Approximately five hundred (500) feet.

e. Appearance of Object:

(1) Color: White
(2) Shape: Round
(3) Luminosity: Very bright
(4) Apparent Construction: Unknown
(5) Tactics or Maneuvers: Traveling in straight line
(6) Evidence of Exhaust: Yes, faintly
(7) Supports: None
(8) Propulsion: None
(9) Control and Stability: No comment

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(10) Air Ducts: None
(11) Speed: 600 or 700 MPH

f. Sound: None

g. Manner of Disappearance: No comment

h. Notes Relative to Observer:

(1) Name: Mr. ELLSWORTH F. STEIN
(2) Address: Room 36, Dormitory T-274, Los Alamos, New Mexico
(3) Occupation: Security Inspector, Station 104, Section C-III, Los Alamos, New Mexico

3. ACTION: Reports furnished Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations.

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~~SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT~~

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 3 August 1950, at approximately 2218 hours (MST), Mr. FRANCIS R. QUINLAN, 3282-A Walnut Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico and Mr. PHILLIP C. MACKEY, 74 2nd Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico observed a circular, dull red colored object. Said object was viewed from a point approximately one (1) mile southeast of Station #345, Los Alamos, New Mexico for approximately one (1) second.

2. DETAILS: On 4 August 1950, Mr. FRANCIS R. QUINLAN and Mr. PHILLIP C. MACKEY stated that they had seen a circular object the size of an apple or baseball on 3 August 1950. The following information was furnished by QUINLAN and MACKEY:

a. Date of Sighting: 3 August 1950

b. Time of Sighting: 2218 hours (MST), in sight for approximately one (1) second

c. Where Sighted: Los Alamos, New Mexico from a point approximately 1 mile southeast of Station #345

d. Number of Objects: One (1)

e. Distance of Object from Observer: Unknown
(1) Angle of elevation from horizon: 55 degrees
(2) Altitude: Undetermined

f. Appearance of Object:
(1) Color: Dull Red
(2) Shape: Circular
(3) Apparent Construction: Unknown
(4) Size: Baseball or small apple

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g. Direction of Flight: Northeast to southwest

h. Tactics or Maneuvers: None

i. Evidence of Exhaust: Left a trail of light brighter than object

j. Effect on Clouds: None

k. Support or Propulsion: Unknown

l. Projections or indentations: None

m. Speed: Unknown

n. Sound: None

o. Manner of disappearance: Steady descent towards horizon at an angle of about 5 degrees. Just disappeared

p. Notes relative to observers:
(1) Name: Mr. FRANCIS R. QUINLAN
(2) Address: 3282-A Walnut St. Los Alamos, N. M.
(3) Occupation: Inspector, C-3 Section, Los Alamos
(4) Reliability of observing: Unknown

(1) Name: Mr. PHILLIP C. MACKEY
(2) Address: 74 2nd Street, Los Alamos, N. M.
(3) Occupation: Inspector, C-3, Section, Los Alamos
(4) Reliability of observing: Unknown

3. ACTION: Reports furnished Headquarters, OSI.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 7 August 1950, at approximately 0450 hours (MST), 1st Lt HENRY W. FRAZIER, AO-805023, 93rd Fighter Squadron, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, while flying at 30,000 feet observed what appeared to be an aircraft at 20,000 feet. FRAZIER descended towards the object which disappeared in the distance even though FRAZIER was flying at an indicated speed of 620 miles per hour.

2. DETAILS: On 7 August 1950, Lt FRAZIER advised that while he was over Santa Fe, New Mexico, at approximately 30,000 feet, he observed what he thought to be a C-47 or a C-54 transport type aircraft flying at approximately 20,000 feet. FRAZIER advised that he then started to descend following the object and that although he was indicating over 620 miles per hour he was unable to follow the object which disappeared in the distance.

a. Date of Sighting: 7 August 1950

b. Time of Sighting: 0450 MST, for approximately five minutes

c. Where Sighted: Santa Fe, New Mexico and vicinity

d. Number of Objects: One (1)

e. Observable Celestial Phenomena or Planets That May Account for the Sighting: None

f. Distance of Object from Observer:

(1) Laterally or Horizontally: Approximately fifteen (15) miles

(2) Altitude: 20,000 feet

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g. Time In Flight: Approximately five (5) minutes.

h. Appearance of Object:

(1) Color: Dark or Black

(2) Shape: Originally appeared to be an aircraft, later not identifiable.

(3) Apparent construction: Not able to verify.

(4) Size: Unknown

i. Direction of flight: Heading of 20 degrees.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Straight and level flight.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Effect on Clouds: None

m. Lights: None

n. Supports: None

o. Propulsion: Unknown

p. Control and Stability: No comment

q. Air Ducts: None

r. Speed: Over 620 m.p.h.

s. Sound: None.

t. Manner of disappearance: Lost in distance

u. Notes Relative to Observer:

(1) Name: 1st Lt HENRY W. FRAZIER
(2) Address: 3503 East Thaxton Street, Albuquerque, N.M.
(3) Occupation: Military Pilot
(4) Pertinent Hobbies: Sports, Modal Aircraft Building.
(5) Ability to Determine: Excellent
(6) Reliability of Observer: Unknown
(7) Former Sightings: None

v. Witnesses: None

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 31 July 1950, at 1154 hours (MST), JAMES L. SAVAGE, 1st Lt. AO-2063101, 188th Fighter Squadron, New Mexico National Guard while flying a routine training mission in an F-51 type of aircraft observed and chased an amber colored object of teardrop design. This chase lasted for twenty-six (26) minutes, and ended when object disappeared in clouds.

2. DETAILS: On 31 July 1950, 1st Lt. JAMES L. SAVAGE, reported that while on a routine training flight in an F-51 type of aircraft he had observed a flash below his left wing at an altitude of 14,500 feet. SAVAGE applied full power, descended to 12,200 feet and attaining a speed of 340 pursued the object. The following information was supplied by SAVAGE:

a. Date of Sighting: 31 July 1950

b. Time of Sighting: 1145 (MST), in sight for approximately 26 minutes, losing sight of object at about 1220.

c. Where Sighted: 12-15 miles northwest of Bernalillo, N.M. (35°22' N, 106°40' W)

d. Number of Objects: One (1)

e. Observable Celestial Phenomena or Planets That May Account for the Sighting: None

f. Distance of Object from Observer:

(1) Laterally or Horizontally: Approximately 3000 feet slightly above and behind the flight path of the object.

(2) Angle of Elevation from Horizon: Observer was above object at angle of about ten (10) degrees.

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(3) Altitude: 12,200 feet and gradual descent to 9,800 feet.

g. Time in Flight: About twenty-six (26) minutes.

h. Appearance of Object:

(1) Color: Bronze to amber

(2) Shape: Teardrop

(3) Apparent Construction: Very smooth, glistened

(4) Size: Slightly smaller than an F-51 aircraft

i. Direction of Flight: About 060°. Heading was a gradual turning to the right toward East.

j. Tactics or Manuevers: Following a definite course, very steady.

k. Evidence of Exhaust: None

l. Effect on Clouds: Appeared to avoid clouds on flight path. No effect was perceivable on clouds.

m. Lights: None visible

n. Supports: None

o. Propulsion: None

p. Control and Stability: No comment

q. Air Ducts: None

r. Speed: 340 MPH

s. Sound: None noticed

t. Manner of Disappearance: Disappeared into bank of cumulus clouds.

u. Where Disappeared: Grid coordinates 34°35' N, 105°35' W.

v. Time of Disappearance: 1220.

w. Notes Relative to observer: Name: JAMES L. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
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1. SYNOPSIS: On 15 July 1950, at approximately 1415 hours (MST), Mr. JOHN J. HODGSON, assigned to station GXM-4, Los Alamos, New Mexico, home address: 1945-B 40th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico observed a bright metallic, aluminum colored object. Said object was viewed for approximately one (1) minute from a window.

2. DETAILS: On 19 July 1950, Mr. JOHN J. HODGSON stated that he had seen a metallic object, shaped similar to a flying wing on 15 July 1950. This observation was made from a window on the north side of the "Gamma Building", Los Alamos, New Mexico. The following information was furnished by the interviewee:

a. Date of Sighting: 15 July 1950

b. Time of Sighting: 1415 hours (MST), in sight for approximately one minute.

c. Where Sighted: Los Alamos, New Mexico

d. Number of Objects: One (1)

e. Observable Celestial Phenomena or Planets That May Account for the Sighting: None

f. Distance of Object from Observer:

(1) Laterally or Horizontally: Approximately fifteen (15) miles

(2) Angle of Elevation from Horizon: 15 degrees

(3) Altitude: Undetermined

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g. Time in Flight: Approximately one (1) minute

h. Appearance of Object:

(1) Color: Aluminum

(2) Shape: Similar to Flying Wing

(3) Apparent Construction: A wing with a transparent section near the center and without fuselage

(4) Size: 35 feet overall

i. Direction of Flight: East to west over mountain range

j. Tactics or Maneuvers: Yawing but followed a straight course

k. Evidence of Exhaust: None

l. Effect on Clouds: None

m. Lights: None

n. Supports: None

o. Propulsion: None

p. Control and stability: No comment

q. Air ducts: None

r. Speed: 300 MPH

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Lost vision of object from window

u. Notes relative to observers:

(1) Name: Mr. JOHN J. HODGSON
(2) Address: 1945B 40th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico
(3) Occupation: Assigned to GMX-4, AEC
(4) Place of business: Los Alamos, New Mexico
(5) Pertinent hobbies: Unknown
(6) Ability to determine: Average
(7) Reliability of observing: Unknown
(8) Former sightings: None

v. Witness: None

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3. ACTION: Report furnished Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations.

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KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
BY Historian
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Dear Mr. Uthus:

This headquarters is in receipt of a request from the Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, that your Division be furnished a copy of a compilation entitled Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950. The request was directed to the 17th District, Office of Special Investigations, IG, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

In compliance with above request, there is being attached a copy of Summary. This compilation is furnished for informational purposes and is based on unevaluated individual reportings from various sources in the New Mexico area to the 17th OSI District Office.

Sincerely,

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
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1. Attached hereto is letter from Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, dated 12 July 1950, requesting an additional copy of the Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area compiled by this office.

2. In connection with this request, your attention is invited to letter your Headquarters, dated 26 June 1950, subject as above, in which you advised that distribution to selected agencies, not included in normal distribution, would be handled by your office.

3. In the event that distribution as requested in attached letter has not been made to the A. E. C. Security Division, there is attached hereto an additional copy of the Summary in order that the request may be honored, if desired by your office.

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2-Sum of Obser of AP in NM Area
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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 4 DEC 1975

United States Air Force
17th District Office of Special Investigation
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

Attention: Richard G. Cox, Major, USAF, District Commander

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Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the compilation entitled Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950.

It is requested that an additional copy of this report be sent to the

A.E.C. Security Division
1901 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Bruce Uthus, Chief
Physical Security Branch

and that the A.E.C. Security Division be included in the distribution for future reports; also, that the name of Mr. B. O. Wells be stricken since he is no longer employed by the Commission. It is requested that future reports to this installation be addressed to the attention of Lloyd C. Kersey.

The Security Division at Los Alamos desires to continue to cooperate in the work of your office in the investigation of these phenomena and will continue to report all observations from the Los Alamos area.

Very truly yours,

W. J. McElwreath

W. J. McElwreath, Director
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-8-0

5 July 1950

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
sighted on 29 June 1950
at Phoenix, Arizona
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Headquarters, United States Air Force
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1. Reference is made to Spot Report TWX from this Headquarters dated 30 June 1950, making reference to an undentified flying object sighted on 29 June 1950 at Phoenix, Arizona.

2. An interview with 1st Lt. JOHN D. FINK, AO-823052, 93rd Fighter Squadron, Kirtland AFB reveals that on 29 June 1950 at approximately 1840 hours Lt. FINK sighted this object. Lt. FINK climbed to 47,000 while flying an F-86 aircraft and observed that the object was a bright balloon with instruments attached and was floating at an altitude of 50,000 feet.

3. Lt. FINK described the speed of the balloon as being very slow and further described the balloon as being an "inverted tear drop".

4. Inasmuch as the previously unidentified object has been positively identified as a balloon, further investigation will not be conducted in this incident.

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MAJOR , USAF
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File No: (24-8)-28

6 July 1950

SUBJECT: Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your office, subject as above, dated 26 June 1950.

2. In compliance with paragraph 2 of reference letter, the Distribution as indicated on Page 3 of compilation, has been amended to indicate only those interested agencies in this area.

3. In compliance with paragraph 4 of reference report there is forwarded herewith six (6) copies of the compilation entitled as subject above.

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RICHARD G. COX
Major, USAF
District Commander

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2 Copies of Summary delivered to Geophysical Branch, Directorate of R & D, DCS/D who they will forward to their counterpart at Hq. AMC.
1 copy delivered to AFOIN.

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Dr. P. H. Wyckoff, Chief
Atmospheric Physics Laboratory
Base Directorate for Geophysical Research
Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories
230 Albany Street
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Attention: ERHM

Dear Dr. Wyckoff:

Your informative letter of February 6, mailed on February 10, concerning the high-speed balloons and the interesting reprints of Geophysical Research Directorate seminars given by Leonard B. Loeb and Dr. Benjamin Lax, have come to hand. This note is written to thank you for all of this material. I am greatly obliged for the trouble you have taken to obtain and transmit so much detailed and helpful information concerning the cost of the polyethelyne balloons and for the valuable suggestions made in regard to their launching. I feel sure that in the event a fireball project materializes, the high-speed balloon technique suggested by you will become a part of its S.O.P.

As a preliminary to setting down the project recommendations which you requested, I have very carefully reviewed all available fireball data (observers' reports, transit measurements, calculated real paths, etc.) covering incidents from those of December 5, 1948 to the extraordinary incident of February 7, 1950, which has been under intensive investigation for the last two weeks. As a result of this comprehensive review, particularly as it relates to the incident of February 7, 1950, I feel compelled to write you in somewhat different terms concerning my own part in the propsed fireball project than I had in mind when we last discussed this matter. In brief, I have come to the conclusion that, on the basis of the evidence now available to me, I would not be justified in recommending a fireball project. In my opinion, this evidence proves conclusively that the fireballs reported on fall into one of two categories: Those of the first category (the majority) are meteorite falls of unusual, but certainly not of impossible, magnitude, frequency and other characteristics; those of the second category (the minority) are U. S. guided missiles undergoing tests in the neighborhoods of the sensitive installations they are designed to defend. This interpretation of the latter category is the one that I proposed in answer to a question raised by Dr. Teller at the first Los Alamos conference on February 17, 1949. It was not taken seriously then and I doubt that it will be taken seriously at the present time. However, even if my interpretation of the unconventional fireballs is the correct one, it is obvious that those in position to confirm it should refuse to do so.

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The location and behavior of the bright green fireball of February 7, 1950 seems to me to furnish final confirmation of the interpretation given above, for it was the fifth unconventional fireball observed since June, 1949, of which the real path emanated from what I can roughly describe as the Vaughn, New Mexico area. Furthermore, in the same time interval, three other unconventional fireballs have had real paths emanating from an area north and west of Socorro, New Mexico. Finally, it is precisely in these areas that top secret U. S. installations, apparently radar in nature, were installed last June, installations from which, in spite of their highly favorable location, we have never had a single green fireball report.

Only one other point need be stressed, namely, that if I am wrong in interpreting the guided missiles as of U. S. origin, then certainly intensive, systematic investigation of these objects should not be delayed until the termination of the present academic year. Recent international developments compel one to sense the imperative necessity of immediate investigation of the unconventional green fireballs, in case you are in possession of information proving that they are not U. S. missiles.

If such an immediate investigation were to be undertaken, I would recommend that Dr. Fred L. Whippel, of Harvard College Observatory, be placed in charge of the photographic phase of the investigation; that Dr. Peter M. Millman, of the Dominion Observatory, be placed in charge of the spectrographic phase of the investigation; that Dr. L. A. Manning, of Stanford, and Dr. Millman be placed in charge of the radar investigation; and, finally, that Dr. William Crozier, of the New Mexico School of Mines, be placed in charge of dust collection and identification. On the basis of many intensive field surveys, I do not anticipate that ground search will lead to any recoveries, but in case such ground search is to be attempted, it should be carried out on the scale stressed in my conversations with you and Major Oder last month.

In conclusion, may I offer to serve, if needed, as consultant, as suggested in Major Oder's letter to me under date of November 29, 1949, with the stipulation, however, that my service be on a voluntary basis rather than on the $40 per day contract specified in Major Oder's letter.

With pleasant recollections of the visit I had recently with you and Major Oder, and with highest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Lincoln LaPaz, Head
Department of Mathematics
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File No: (24-8)-28

25 May 1950

SUBJECT: Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950

TO: Brigadier General Joseph F. Carroll
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. In a liaison meeting with other military and government intelligence and investigative agencies in December 1948, it was determined that the frequency of unexplained aerial phenomena in the New Mexico area was such that an organized plan of reporting these observations should be undertaken. The organization and physical location of units of this District were most suitable for collecting these data, therefore, since December 1948, this District has assumed the responsibility for collecting and reporting basic information with respect to aerial phenomena occurring in this general area. These reports have been distributed to the Air Materiel Command, USAF, in accordance with Air Intelligence Requirements No. 4, and to other interested military and government agencies.

2. There is attached, as a part of this summary, a compilation of aerial phenomena sightings that have occurred mostly in the New Mexico area and have been reported by this District Office subsequent to December 1948. This compilation of sightings is not a complete record of all reported observations, but includes only those in which sufficient information was available to justify their inclusion. The observers of these phenomena include scientists, Special Agents of the Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, airline pilots, military pilots, Los Alamos Security Inspectors, military personnel, and many other persons of various occupations whose reliability is not questioned. This compilation sets forth the most important characteristics with respect to each observation and evaluates each sighting into one of three classifications, (1) green fireball phenomenon, (2) disc or variation, and (3) probably meteoric.

3. There is also attached an analysis of the green fireball occurrences in this area made by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. Dr. LaPaz is the

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Director of the Institute of Meteoritics and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of New Mexico. He was Research Mathematician at the New Mexico Proving Grounds under an OSRD appointment in 1943 and 1944, and Technical Director of the Operations Analysis Section, Headquarters, Second Air Force, 1944-45. Since 1948, Dr. LaPaz has served on a voluntary basis as consultant for this District in connection with the green fireball investigations.

4. On 17 February 1949 and again on 14 October 1949, conferences were held at Los Alamos, New Mexico, for the purpose of discussing the green fireball phenomena. Representatives of the following organizations were present at these meetings: Fourth Army, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, University of New Mexico, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, University of California, U. S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Geophysical Research Division Air Materiel Command USAF, and the Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF. A logical explanation was not proffered with respect to the origin of the green fireballs. It was, however, generally concluded that the phenomena existed and that they should be studied scientifically until these occurrences have been satisfactorily explained. Further, that the continued occurrence of unexplained phenomena of this nature in the vicinity of sensitive installations is cause for concern.

5. The Geophysical Research Division, Air Materiel Command, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has recently let a contract to Land-Air, Inc., Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico, for a limited scientific study of green fireballs. The results of this scientific approach to the problem will undoubtedly be of great value in determining the origin of these phenomena.

6. This summary of observations of aerial phenomena has been prepared for the purpose of re-emphasizing and reiterating the fact that phenomena have continuously occurred in the New Mexico skies during the past 18 months and are continuing to occur, and, secondly, that these phenomena are occurring in the vicinity of sensitive military and government installations.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1. Summary of Sightings
2. Photo of Sighting No. 175 w/comments
3. Ltr fr Dr. LaPaz to Lt Col Rees, dtd 23 May 50
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SUMMARY OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA
Reported by the 17th District Office of Special Investigations (IG), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	*Reliability of Observers	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course Horizontal to Vertical	Color	Train or Trail	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Manner of Disappearance	**Evaluation
1	1946 18 Jan	2300	1	R	Point of impact on line between Brest and Kiev	Almost vertical descent followed by "bouncing" N to S		35° above Horizon Descending	Brilliant white		2 - 3 secs.	None		Compare w/planet Venus on unusually clear night.		Disappeared	(1) (2)
2	Latter part 1947	App. 2000	1	R	Vaughn, New Mexico		400' - 500'	Descending slowly in vertical manner	Bright white			None	Round	Larger than basketball	Descending slowly	Exploded	
3	1948 27 Jul	0835 0845	1	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico				Duralumin reflected light			None	Flat and round		Stationary at times		(2)
4	4 Aug	0200 & 0300	2	Unk	North Powder, Oregon	NW to SE	5500'	Horizontal line	Green					Softball	720 mph	Extinguished	(

LEGEND:
*Reliability of Observers: VR - Very Reliable R - Reliable Unk - Unknown Reliability

**Evaluation: (1) "Green Fireball Phenomena" (2) "Disk" or Variation (3) Probable Meteor

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5	1948 24 Oct	Night	1	Unk	Phoenix, Arizona	E to W			Green		75 Mts.			Star	Very slow	Became very bright and fell apart	(1) & (2)
6	3 or 4 Nov	App 2200	1	R	Vaughn, New Mexico		400' - 500'	Descending slowly in vertical manner	Bright White			None	Round	Larger than basketball	Descending slowly	Exploded	(3)
7	23 Nov	App 2200	1	R	Vaughn, New Mexico		400' - 500'	Descending slowly in vertical manner	Bright white			None	Round	Larger than basketball	Descending slowly	Exploded	(3)
8	5 Dec	2135	2	R	Las Vegas, New Mexico	W to E	Slightly above 9,000'	Horizontal slightly descending	Whitish orange		Few secs					Disappeared	(1)
9	5 Dec	App 2200	2	R	Albuquerque, New	No movement noted	10,500'	Parabolic curve	Green	Yes	2 secs	None	Round			Faded out	(1)
10	6 Dec	2255	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	E to W		Slight falling arch	Green	Yes	2--3 secs	None	Round	1/3 diameter of moon	Rapid	Vanished	(1)
11	8 Dec	1833	2	VR	Las Vegas, New Mexico	ENE to WSW	13,500'	Horizontal	Bright green	Yes	2 secs	None		Larger than a flare	Rapid rate of speed	Faded out	(1)

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12	1948 11 Dec	1930		Unk	Hood River, Oregon				Blue & white			Yes	Flash			Flash w/noise like thunder	(1) (2)
13	12 Dec	2102	5	VR	15 miles south of Las Vegas, New Mexico	E to W	8 - 10 miles	Horizontal	Very bright green		2.1-2.3 secs	None	Ball	Magnitude -4		Broke into 3 or 4 small fragments & disappeared	(1)
14	20 Dec	2054	4	R	Los Alamos New Mexico	W to E	Great height descending	20° to the horizon	Pale green or bluish white	Yes	1-1/2 secs	None	Ball	Basketball	High speed	Disappeared behind mountain	(1)
15	28 Dec	0431	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to S	Descended from high alt to 6000'	Descending in vertical path	white		Sev. secs	None	Star	Star	Slower than falling star	Disappeared w/greenish flash	(3)
16	1949 6 Jan	1730	1	Unk	Albuquerque New Mexico	SE to NW	1500' - 2000'	Horizontal	Bright white			None	Diamond	App. 2' long	Much faster than a jet	Disappeared	(1)
17	6 Jan	0310	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W	3 to 5° from observer	Horizontal	Brilliant green		2 secs	None			High speed	Disappeared behind mountainous horizon	(1)
18	30 Jan	1754	App 200	Unk	El Paso, Texas	NW to SE	3° - 5° above horizon	Horizontal	Green			None	Ball			Broke into pieces	(1)

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19	1949 30 Jan	1755	App 200	Unk	Roswell, New Mexico	W to E	2000'	Horizontal	Blue-green			None			Moving slowly	Disappeared to some. Disintegrated into shower of smaller lighted fragments	(1)
20	30 Jan	App 1800	App 200	Unk & R	Alamogordo, New Mexico	N to S	Angle of elev. 15°-30° from observer.	Gentle descent	Green		3 - 15 secs	None	Ball			Seemed to fizzle out	(1)
21	30 Jan	1854 1900	10	Unk	Ft. Worth, Texas	N to S	13° above horizon	30° downward from horizon	Green trailing sparks	Yes	1 - 7 secs	None		1/3 size of full moon		Disintegration	(1)
22	14 Feb	1840	2	Unk	Canado, New Mexico		Somewhat above horizon	Stationary then fell in slight curve to W	Brilliant white slightly green color	Yes		None			Stationary then fell in slight curve to W.		(1)

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23	1949 17 Feb	1300	1	Unk	Grants, New Mexico	Southward		Vertical climb then leveled off Gradual ascent	White	Yes		None	Oval	Larger than meteor		Disappeared	(1)
24	17 Feb		App 100	VR	Albuquerque, New Mexico	W to E			Brilliant white shifting to peach color		6 mts	None	Round shifting to ellipse	1 lunar diameter		Disappeared	(2)
25	27 Feb	1905	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E		Parallel to earth	Green-white		2 secs	None			Not as fast meteor	Disappeared abruptly	(1)
26	2 Mar	0010	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to S	"Low in sky"	Horizontal	Light		2 secs	None			Very fast	Disappeared behind trees	(1) (3)
27	3 Mar	0159	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Straight down		Straight down	Bright green							Disappeared	(1) (3)
28	6 Mar	2100	2	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	From N 74° W N 81° W	From 6° 45' above horizon		Blue-white light	Yes		None	Oblong	2' by 1'	Not known		(1)

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29	1949 6 Mar	2020	2	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N 40° E	59° above horizon		Blue-white light			None	Ball like flash	Basketball	"Fixed flash"		(1)
30	6 Mar	2045	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	From S 81° W to S 60° W	From 21° above horizon to 6°31' above		Light colored head orange trail	Yes		None	Round head with trail	About 10° in length			(1)
31	7 Mar	0115	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N 40° E	66° 15' above horizon		Brilliant blue-white			None	Like flash blub	Flash bulb			(1) (3)
32	7 Mar	0130	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N 16° W	27° 30' above horizon		Bright blue-white			None	Like flash bulb	Basketball	"Fixed flash"		(1) (3)
33	7 Mar	0130 0200	2	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	S 20° W	26° above horizon		Bluish white			None	Ball like flash	Flash bulb			(1) (3)
34	7 Mar	0145	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N 60° E		Dropped vertically to ground	Orange		2 secs	None	Tear-drop	2' by 1'		Disappeared behind trees	(3)

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35	1949 7 Mar	1810	1	Unk	Window Rock, Arizona	N	40 - 45° to horizon		Red (fire) in center shading to blue at edge	Yes	6-8 secs	None	Ball round-spherical	3' in diameter	200-300 mph	Disintegrated	(1)
36	8 Mar	1836	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	12,000' to 15,000'	Horizontal	Bright white with greenish tint		1-2 secs	None			App 800 mph	Either went out or disappeared behind cloud	(1)
37	8 Mar	1835	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	4,000 above terrain	Descending at 45° angle	Intense white light aluminum colored		Very short	None	Elliptical pointed at ends		Slower than twin-engined plane	Disappeared behind trees	(1)
38	8 Mar	0103	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	from S 58° E to S 54° E	From 58° above horizon to 54° above	Traveled in arc	Pale white light	Yes		None	Roundish head w/hazy smoke trail				(3)

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39	1949 8 Mar	0103	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	From N 56° W S 64° W	From 15° above horizon	Traveled in arc	Pale reddish nose whitish red trail	Yes		None	Lemon w/tail			Disappeared	(3)
40	13 Mar	2153	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	NE to SW or SW to NE	20° above horizon	Descending slightly	Bluish or greenish white	Yes	2-4 secs	None	Length twice diameter of ball	½ diameter of full moon			(1)
41	14 Mar	08-00-16Z	1	R	Airplane enroute fr Honolulu to Canton Is		6°-12° above airplane at 8,000	Horizontal			10 secs	None	Nose like bullet		65° in 9 secs		(1) (2)
42	27 Mar	1800 1805	1	Unk	Tucumcari, New Mexico	E to W	High in sky -app 30° above horizon		Amber	None	25 mts	None	Long & narrow			Faded out in distance	(2)
43	27 Mar	1800	1	Unk	Montoya, New Mexico	E to W	About 75° above		Orange flame	None	10 Mts	None	Long & narrow	Length-about 1/6 lunar diameter, width-about 1/5 length		Faded out in distance	(2)

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44	1949 27 Mar	1813	1	R	Tucumcari, New Mexico	E to W	Close to 45° above horizon		Bright orange	None	15 mts	None	Long & narrow			Faded out of sight in distance	(2)
45	27 Mar	1800	1	Unk	Tucumcari, New Mexico	E to W	60° above horizon		Orange fire	None	15 mts	None	Like kite tail	About size of C-47 at 10,000 ft.		Disappeared behind hills	(2)
46	31 Mar	2150	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas	SW	Est. 2,000'		Fire red to white	Yes		None	Spher-ical	App. size of basket-ball			(3)
47	5 Apr	2200	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	App. 300' above S slope of Pejarito Mt.	Arc	Green w/red after glow		½ - 1 sec	None			Tremendous speed	Disappeared behind mo-untain	(1)
48	6 Apr	1205	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	SE	About 15,000'		Be-tween dk & lt green		3 - 5 secs	None			Very fast		(1)
49	7 Apr	0135	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W	About 200 yds fr top of hill		Green		App 45 secs	None			Moved very slowly		(1) (2)
50	7 Apr	0100	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N			Green		5 secs	None			Moving slowly		(1)

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51	1949 12 Apr	1930	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	SE to NW	20° above horizon		White	None	8 secs	None	Round	1/8 size of moon	15° in 8 secs	Extinguished	(1)
52	15 Apr	1630	1	Unk	El Paso, Texas	Straight up	About 30°		Gray-ish	Yes	15 mts	None	Thin smoke trail	Very thin		Dissipated	(2)
53	18 Apr	0148	2	R	Flagstaff & Williams, Arizona	NW	App 12,000' to one. 75 - 100 miles to other observer		Green-ish blue		1 - 2 secs	None	Ball like	100 watt light bulb		Disappeared behind obstacle	(1) (3)
54	22 Apr	0905	1	Unk	Cliff, New Mexico	W to E	20° dropping slowly		Alum-inum	None	2 mts	None	Round, flat thin, disc-shape	Over 15' in diameter		Disappeared behind mountains	(2)
55	24 Apr	1033	5	VR	White Sands, New Mexico	N	25-29°		White light yellow		60 secs	None	Ellip-soid		Tremendous rate of speed	Disappeared due to distance	(2)
56	25 Apr	0630	2	Unk	Springer, New Mexico	2 groups going W 2 groups going E	Well above 30,000'		Silvery white	None	4 grps tot-aling about 20 sec	Yes	Round	Very small	Very fast well above speed of sound	Disappeared from view	(2)

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57	1949 28 Apr	App 1745	3	Unk	Tucson, Arizona	NE to SE or SW			Silver	None	12 - 40 mts	None	Cigar or sausage shape	From B-29 to a city block	300 - 600 mph	Faded from view	(2)
58	30 Apr	2215	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W	59° above horizon		Blue green	None	2 secs 2°	None	Round	Tenth of moon	2 seconds 2 degrees	Went out	(1)
59	3 May	2143	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	10° - 15° above horizon		Bright white light		10 secs	None			Very fast up to 1,000 mph		(1) (3)
60	3 May	2126 2143 2205	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	10° - 15° above horizon		White		3 - 7 secs each time	None		Large - similar to size of airplane landing lights	Very fast		(1) (3)
61	3 May	2126 2140	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	ESE to NWN	10° - 15° above horizon		2126-white 2140-red		5 sec 1st; 2 sec 2nd	None		2126-baseball diamond lights. 2140-slightly larger than firebox lights	Same speed as aircraft landing		(1) (3)

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	1949																
62	6 May	2040 2130	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas	W and N	App 1200' dropping to 440'		Alterna-ting pinkish to green	None	50 mts	None	Round	$\frac{1}{50}$ dollar diminish-ing to short quarter size	Very slow	Faded from sight	(2) (1)
63	6 May	0105	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to S	5° above horizon	Was going down at an angle of 30 - 35°	Green		Frac-tion of a sec	None	Round	App 1/8 size of full moon	Very high rate of speed	Disappeared west of Jemez Mts.	(1
64	7 May	2025 2105	4	R	Camp Hood, Texas	SE	1300'		Green-white	None	40 mts	None	Dia-mond shape	3 mils width	Covered 15 mils in 40 mins. horiz.	Dimmed and went out	(2) (1)
65	7 May	1940	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas	N and E	1000'		Reddish greenish white	None	57 sec	None	Dia-mond shape	3 mils width	Covered 20 mils in 57 secs horiz.	Dimmed and went out	(2) (1)
66	8 May	2008 2017	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas	N and E	1600'		Reddish greenish white	None	9 mts	None	Dia-mond	2 mils width	10 mils in 9 mts	Dimmed and went ouf	(1) (2)
67	8 May	0930 1100	4	Unk	Tucson, Arizona	W, 90° turn to the N	4000 to 20,000	Horizontal then rapid climb at 45° angle	White	None	10-20 mts	None	Metal-lic circu-lar	40-75' in in dia-meter	Motionless to faster than jet	Climbed at 45° angle until out of sight	(2

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205	1950 22 Mar	0010	3	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	SE to NW		Line para-llel w/line tangent to the earth	Blue center with orange exter-ior	None	1/20 - 3 secs	None	Round like ball from roman candle		1/20 secs 30° azimuth	Burned out	
206	1 Apr	0420	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	75° above horizon		White light	None	1 sec or less	None	Round			Disappeared behind building	
207	17 Apr	1530	10	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico		2,000' above horizon	Manuevered up & down & from side to side	Light green bright as tin foil	None	20-30 secs	None		1/16" at arm's length		Gradually went out of sight	(1
208	20 Apr	1530	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico			Manouvered up & down	Bright metal-lic	None	15-30 mts	None	Rough-ly circu-lar	Est. 9' in diameter	Faster than conventiona-l aircraft	Lost sight of object	(2)
209	1 May	1510	2	Unk	Kirtland AFB, New	SW to NE	Apparen-tly a few thou-sand feet	Was angl-ing down-ward	Silver lucid metal-lic object	None	Not quite a sec	None	Cylin-drical		Tremendous	Flash of brilliant white lig	(2)

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200	1950 21 Mar	1320	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	E to SW	App 45° above horizon		2 objects silver	None	10 mts	None	Round	App size of dime at arm's length	Excessive to jet flight	Gradually faded from view	(2)
201	21 Mar	1300	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	NE to SE	40,000-60,000'		Varied from shiny silver to shady gray	None	30 mts	None	Round	Size of end of thumb at arm's length	About same as jet aircraft	Disappeared	(2)
202	21 Mar	1315	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	E	75° above horizon		White	None	5 mts	None	Round	Smaller than fist at arm's length	App. 600 - 700 mph	Disappeared from range of vision	(2)
203	21 Mar	1300 1330	4	Unk	Kirtland AFB, New	SE to S	40° - 50° above horizon	Zig-zag motion up & down	Bright silver	None	1 mt	None	Round	Size of dime at arm's length	About same as fast jet aircraft	Disappeared from range of vision	(2)
204	22 Mar	1100	11	Unk	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	NW changing to N	25,000 to 30,000'	Horizontal	Tan to brown	None	5 - 6 secs	None	Flying wing	About size of golf ball held at arm's length	Extremely high speed	Disappeared	(2)

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195	1950 17 Mar	0307	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Straight down		Straight down	Orange & green	Yes	2-2 1/20 secs	None			Tremendous	Explosion on impact with earth or disintegration	(3)
196	17 Mar	0445	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Formed an arc		Formed an arc	Green	None	5 secs	None	Round	Quite small	Free fall	Fell toward earth	(3
197	17 Mar	0310	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico			Seemed to climb, change color, start down & disappear	Green turning to yellow	None	5 secs	None	Spherical	1/4 size of moon	Moderate	Suddenly	(
198	17 Mar	0307	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Earthward		Earthward		Yes	3 secs	None	Round	1/4 size of full moon	Extremely fast	Plunged to earth & 2 explosions were noted prior to disappearance	
199	20 Mar	0115	1	Unk	Clovis, New Mexico	From WNW	Above 12,000'		White w/light blue	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Spherical		2,000 mph	Disappeared from view	(3)

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190	1950 11 Mar	0100	1	R	Holloman AFB, New	App 270°	About 30° above horizon at distance of 50 miles	Straight flight	Changed from light orange to blood red to amber to light green	None	5 mts	None	Ping pong ball	Ping pong ball held at arm's length		Disappeared from view	
191	16 Mar	1100	10	Unk	Farmington, New Mexico	N to NE		Turned on their axis & maneuvered up & down	Bright luminous as tin foil	None	3 - 5 mts	None	Flat spheriodic	1 to 6"	Faster than conventional aircraft	Discontinued observation	(2)
192	16 Mar	1000	10	Unk	Farmington, New Mexico	NE	Over 20,000'	Skyward at at 60°-80°	Bright aluminum	None	30 mts	None	Oval & oblong	1/16" - ½" held at arm's length	Faster than conventional aircraft	Gradually disappeared	(2)
193	17 Mar	0310	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Toward earth		Toward earth	Reddish then green	None	1 sec	None				Appeared to fall to earth	(3)
194	17 Mar	0308	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	NE		Level flight	Greenish yellow	None	3 secs	None	Round	¼ size of full moon	Moderate	Like light going out	(3)

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184	1950 25 Feb	1545	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to SWS	Very high		White to silver	None	30 secs	None	Circu-lar	About size of 50¢ piece at its height	Very fast	Disappeared into glare of sun	(3)
185	25 Feb	1550	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S or SW	12,000'		Metal-lic	None	Few secs	None		As large or larger than average plane	Fast	Faded from view	(2)
186	25 Feb	1545 1555	14	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	NE to SW	Overhead at from 4 to 10 miles	Traveled w/a flut-tering motion	Silver	None	Few secs to 2 mts	None	Round	Vary from ¼" to small airplane	Very fast 500 - 1500 mph		(2)
187	25 Feb	1655	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W			Shiny silv-ery		10-15 secs	None	Round	About size of B-25 fuselage	Slow speed	Disappeared behind tree	(2)
188	10 Mar	1800 1830	6	Unk	Phoenix, Arizona	SE	40,000-50,000'	Moved up-ward at 60° angle	Alumi-num or quick silver	Yes	10 mts	None	Oval or ob-long	Size of moon	Extremely high	Disappeared	(2)
189	5 Mar	1135 1300	4	R	Vaughn, New Mexico	Traveled 195°		Straight flight	White	None	1 hr 25 mts	None	Round	Ping pong ball at arm's len-gth	180 to 200 mph	Ceased observation	(2)

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179	1950 24 Feb	Between 1315 1400	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Circled then E	Considerable altitude		Aluminum	Yes	2	None	Spherical	Rather large	Erratic	Unknown	(1)
180	25 Feb	1545 1555	12	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Heading toward ground	30° - 35° above horizon		Flashing silver	None	3 secs to 2 mts	None	Circular like plane fuselage	Small airplane	From very slow to very fast		(2)
181	25 Feb	2115	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Toward S	App. 20° above horizon	Almost vertical	Bright greenish white	Yes	1½ secs	None	Teardrop	3 times size of a shooting star	Slightly slower than falling star	Appeared to burn out	(1)
182	25 Feb	0200	1	R	Datil, New Mexico	NW			White changing to red & green	Yes	30 mts	None	Round		1° per 2 mts	Disappeared behind mountain	(2)
183	25 Feb	1410	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	1 to 3 miles at 30° above horizon		Metallic	None	2 mts	None	Oblong	10 - 15'	40 mph	Went below horizon	(2)

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174	1950 24 Feb	1400	1	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E by SE	About 20° above horizon		Bright white	None	20-30 secs	None	Round	Compared w/size of weather balloon as it disappeared in distance	Very slow	Faded out of sight	(2)
175 ***	24 Feb	1930	1	R	Datil, New Mexico	NW			White changing to red & green	Yes	2 hrs 30 mts	None	Round		1° per 2 mts.	Disappeared	(1) (2)
176	24 Feb	1345	1	Unk	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E then turned W	25,000-30,000'	Straight up	White, kept flashing like mirror in sun	None	20 mts	None			Very fast	Went straight up out of sight	(2)
177	24 Feb	1340	1	Unk	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W W to E then st. up	30,000'	Straight up	Silvery white	None	20 mts	None				Went straight up out of sight	(2)
178	24 Feb	1315	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Erratic generally NE	20,000-30,000'		Silvery	None	15 mts	None	Saucer shaped	100' across if at 20,000-30,000'	As fast or faster than sound	Disappeared	(2)

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169	1950 7 Feb	1945 2000	2	R	Between Tucumcari & Kirtland AFB, New Mexico			Flat Trajectory	Fire-ball white	Yes	2 - 4 secs	None			Over 1,000 mph	Faded out suddenly	(1)
170	15 Feb	1530	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	From NW to W	45° downward above horizon		Appoar-ed red & green	Yes	30	None	Round	That of a normal marble	Like shooting star trail	Faded out	(1) (3)
171	18 Feb	0510	5	R	Holloman AFB, New Mexico			Climbed	White and orange	None	1 hr 44 mts	None	Round to cone shape	Size of coffee cup at arm's length		Stopped observation	(2)
172	20 Feb	0530	2	Unk	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Station-ary	1,000' above 9,000' mt.	Stationary	White	None	5 mts	None	Round	App size of ½ dollar held at arm's length	Stationary	Disappeared from view behind cloud	(2)
173	24 Feb	1355	1	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	To W or SW	20° to 23° above horizon	Straight flight	White	None	1½ mts	None	Round	Compared in size to up-per dark portion of moon as it rises in E	1½ mts. to cover 2°		(2)

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163	9 Jan	2220	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Due W	60° above horizon	Straight course	Bluish white	Yes	2 secs	None	Pointed	Appeared as a point	10° per second	Luminosity stopped suddenly	(1)
164	9 Jan	2225	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico		75° - 80° above horizon	Straight line	Greenish white	None	3 secs	None	Round	-4 to -5 compared to Jupiter	25° per second	Behind horizon	(1)
165	12 Jan	1900	3	Unk	Holloman, New Mexico	To W		Changed altitude erratically	White changed to green & red	None	5 mts	None	Star like	About same size of Venus		Discontinued watching	(1) (2)
166	13 Jan	0605	3	Unk	Holloman AFB, New	E to W		Erratically up & down	White changed to green & red	None	Short time	None	Star like	About same size as Venus		Disappeared w/daylight	(3)
167	27 Jan	1715	1	Unk	Scullville, New Jersey	NW		Ascending at about 60° angle	White streak		30 mts				½ that of a fireworks rocket at close range	Faded gradually	(2)
168	7 Feb	1950 2015	2	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	SSE to E	40° - 45° above horizon	Horizontal	Reddish green	Yes	4 - 6 secs	None	Round elongated trail	Twice size of evening star	About same as falling star	Faded out in atmosphere	(1)

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159	1949 13 Dec	2005	3	R	Alamogordo, New Mexico	Station-ary then began to move downward slowly and to right	5,000'		White amber red green	None	9 mts	None	Circu-lar	1 - 1½ times size of a-verage st. light at a distance of 8 miles		Object took on brilliant green color, picked up speed and faded from view	(1) (2)
160	1950 6 Jan	2230	7	R	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W		Up & down and horizontal	White changed to green & red	None	45 mts	None	Star like	Slightly larger than planet Venus	Moved app. 15° to 20° from E to W during 45 mins it was ob-served	Stopped observation	(1) (2)
161	7 Jan	2215	2	Unk	Corona, New Mexico	From SW to SE		Descending	Yellow-ish white orange blue gr.	Yes	10 secs	None	Round ball shape	Same as cup 6" in dia-meter at arm's length	Compared w/fast jet fighter	Disappeared behind mt. range	(1)
162	9 Jan	2226	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico		80° - 40° above horizon	Horizontal	Incan-des-cent green	Yes	2 secs	None	Oval with trail			Disappeared behind trees	(1)

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153	1949 3 Dec	1805	1	R	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W		In an arc downward	Green fringe of orange light	None	2 secs	None	Circular	Somewhat larger than Venus		Disappeared behind building	(3)
154	4 Dec	1935	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W		Nearly horizontal	Green	None	2 - 3 secs	None	Round	Marble at arm's length		Went out like a candle	(1) (3)
155	4 Dec	1935	2	Unk	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to NE		Sloping descent	Green		1/5 sec	Yes	Round			Disappeared behind mt.	(1) (3)
156	5 Dec	1930 1945	3	Unk	Carrizozo, New Mexico		40° above horizon	In dive	Blue-green			None	Tear-drop		Very slow	Disappeared	(1) (3)
157	5 Dec	2240	1	Unk	Tularosa, New Mexico	E to W		Smooth arc downward	Blue w/yellowish red toward tail	Yes	1 sec	None	Streak of light	Appeared little long-longer than length of lead pencil at 6'		Appeared to hit ground near Tularosa, New Mexico	(1) (3)
158	9 Dec	1330	1	Unk	Farmington, New Mexico	Dropping vertically	500 ft.	Vertically down				None	Charred parachute or cargo net			Disappeared	(2)

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147	1949 19 Nov	2152	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical			Green		2 secs	None					(1)
148	25 Nov	2000	5	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W	15° - 10° above horizon	Downward 10° from the horizontal	Yellowish green		2 secs	None				Disappeared behind mt.	(1)
149	27 Nov	1800	1	Unk	McIntosh, New Mexico	Vertical	Less than 2,000'	Vertical descent	Green	None	1 sec	None	Shaped like a flare	Same as a signal flare	Same as falling signal flare	Same as signal flare	(1)
150	27 Nov	1730	1	Unk	Winslow, Arizona	E to W	30° above horizon		Bright blue-white	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Egg shape	Egg held at arm's length	3 - 4 secs to cover 15° - 20° of horizon	Dwindled out	(1)
151	27 Nov	1749	1	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W	3° - 5° above horizon	Sloping descent	Blue-white	None	1 - 2 secs	None	Round	Pencil eraser at arm's length	5° - 7° in 1 or 2 secs	Went out then on then out again	(1)
152	27 Nov	1749	1	R	Socorro, New Mexico	E to W	10° -40° above horizon	Arc	Pale green to pale blue	Yes	5 secs	None	Round	Quite large	Slower than meteor	Faded out gradually	(1)

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140	1949 14 Oct	2021	2	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	N to S		Horizontal	Red orange	Yes	10 secs	None	Round	1/3 - 1/4 size of moon		Broke into 2 pieces & disappeared	(1) (3)
141	14 Oct	1410 1415	1	Unk	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N			Front-green & silver Rear - Pale blue	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None		1/8 size of full moon	500 mph or more		(1)
142	21 Oct	2130	1	Unk	Roswell, New Mexico	SE to NW	30° above horizon		Very bright white	None	20-30 mts	None			Unknown		(2)
143	22 Oct	0228	1	R	Los Alamos New Mexico	NW to SE	On horizon		Bright green		2 secs	None		4 times size of a flare	150 mph	Disappeared behind a hill	(1)
144	22 Oct	0220	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical	50 - 100 ft.		Green		1 sec	None	Like flare	Small		Went out	(1)
145	16 Nov	1950	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Disap-peared to N			2 ob-jects bluish green			None			Stationary but disap-peared with speed of meteor	Disappeared from view	(1)
146	19 Nov	2152	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical			Green then yellow		2 secs	None					(1)

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135	1949 11 Oct	1045 1100	2	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico	NW to SE	If size of B-29 appeared to be 150,000'		White	None	10-15 secs	None	Round dish shape	2" in diameter at arm's length	Very fast compared w/falling star	Faded from view	(2)
136	12 Oct	1115	3	Unk	Roswell, New Mexico	S to NE	3,500'	Smooth arc	White (silver)	None	45-60 secs	None	Round probably elliptical		Faster than jet aircraft	Went beyond range of vision	(2)
137	12 Oct	1115	3	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico	Appeared from S & veered off to NE	If size of B-29 appeared to be 35,000'	Smooth arc	White or aluminum	None	45-60 secs	None	Round ball	35,000' 4" in diameter	1,500 mph	Faded from view	(2)
138	12 Oct	1340	4	R	Tucson, Arizona	From NE to SW	30,000'	Horizontal	White or silver	None	15 secs	None	Round	50 - 100' in diameter	1,000 mph	Faded from view	(2)
139	14 Oct	1420	3	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E	20,000'	Level flight just above horizon	Greenish blue-white trail	Yes	2 secs	None	Round	Appeared as a 12" disc		Burned out	(1)

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129	1949 7 Oct	2120	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Straight vertical drop	35° above horizon		Yellow to green	None	1 sec	None	Round	Half a moon	Dropped 15° in 1 sec	Behind Sandia Mountains	(1)
130	10 Oct	0406	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	SE to NE	3,000' above observa-tion pt.	Parallel to surface of earth	Brill-iant white	Yes	4 - 5 secs	None		Small	Appeared to be slower than a meteor	Disappeared	(3)
131	10 Oct	0107	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	W to E	45° above horizon		Bluish green	Yes	15 secs	None	Round	Size of fist at arm's len-gth	Slow	Died out	(1)
132	10 Oct	0107	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	SW to NE	45° above horizon	Executed dives	Green-ish blue w/red sparks trail-ing	Yes	4 secs	None	Round	Size of fist at arm's len-gth	Slow	Faded out	(1)
133	10 Oct	0107	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	N to NE	45° above horizon		Green	None	15 secs	None	Round	Size of fist at arm's len-gth	Slow	Burned out	(1)
134	11 Oct	2010	6	Unk	Roswell, New Mexico	Appeared moving to N & angl-ing slig-htly to E		Maneuvered up & down	Light green turned orange	Yes	45 mts	None	Round	Size of baseball			(1)

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123	1949 6 Oct	1800 1845	1	Unk	Mescalero, New Mexico		18° above horizon		Green	None	7 - 9 secs	None	Round	1/20 size of thumb at arm's length	Moving slowly	Disappeared behind a hill	(1)
124	6 Oct	1758	1	R	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W		Straight angular descent	Bluish white possibly lt. green tinge	None	4 secs	None	Circular	3 times the size of Jupiter or Venus	5° per sec.		(1)
125	6 Oct	1800	1	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico		4°20' to 7°3'		Green	None	5 - 6 secs	None	Round	Size of baseball at arm's length			(1)
126	6 Oct	1750	1	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W		Curved descent approaching vertical	Greenish white	None	1 sec	None	Similar to very flare	1/2 size of thumb at arm's length		Abrupt	(1)
127	6 Oct	1750	1	R	Wagon Mound, New Mexico	E to W		Horizontal	Greenish white	None	3 - 4 secs	None	Round	1 1/2" - 2" in diameter	App. that of meteor	Went out like like electric light	(1)
128	6 Oct	1758	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	NE to SW		At tail end of its course it arched over and fell	Brilliant green	None	10 secs	None	Tear drop			Seemed to burn out	(1)

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117	1949 27 Sep	0300	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	SE to NW	15° - 20° above horizon	Traveling in arc toward earth	Bright green	None	2 secs	None	Round	Same size as perime-ter fence light at distance of about 200 yds.	45° in 2 secs.	Brightened then went out	(1)
118	27 Sep	0130	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	S to N	20° above horizon	Made a gen-tle arc toward earth	Dark blue	Yes	2 secs	None	Coni-icle w/tail twice its dia-meter	Looked like a sky rocket	50° in 2 secs.	Burnt out	(3) (1)
119	27 Sep	0130	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico		45° above horizon	Moving tangent to earth	Green	None	1 sec	None	Round	Fist at arm's length	20° in 1 sec	Burnt out	(3) (1)
120	30 Sep	2257	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	S to W	55° to horizon		Yellow orange	None	2 - 3 secs	None		Slightly larger than shooting star	200 - 300 mph		(1)
121	2 Oct	2110	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico		20,000 - 30,000'	Went up & then down	Bright green	Yes	3 secs						(1)
122	6 Oct	1745	1	Unk	Mescalero, New Mexico		15½° above horizon	Descended in slight arc	Dark green	None	30 secs	None	Round	Big ball		Disappeared behind hills	(1)

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110	1949 30 Aug	2300	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Almost straight fall	90° over-overhead	Almost straight fall	Bright green w/red-dish tail	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None		Much larger than meteor		Burned out	(1)
111	15 Sep	0025	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico		30° above horizon		Yellow red		6 secs	None	Round	Size of baseball		Burst & ap-peared to disintegrate	(3)
112	16 Sep	0230	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E	3,000'	Horizontal	Orange	None	15 secs	None	Ball shape	Larger than falling star	Faster than airplane slower than falling star	Dimmed then disappeared completely	(3)
113	18 Sep	2015	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	W to S	45° above horizon		Dark yellow	None	3 - 4 secs	None	Round	Size of baseball		Unknown	(1)
114	19 Sep	0900	2	Unk	Tucson, Arizona	N	App 4000'		Grayish white	None	2 mts	None		2 to 3 ft across	600 mph	Faded from view	(2)
115	27 Sep	0300	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	From SE	45° above horizon	Traveling tangent to earth	Bright blue to white	None	4 secs	None	Round	About size of softball at 300 yds.	45° in 4 secs.	Obscured by building	(3)
116	27 Sep	0300	1	Unk	Sandia Base, New Mexico	To the N	10° above horizon		Yellow	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Round	Size of baseball at 25 yds.	Same rate as shoot-ing star	Died out	(3)

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105	1949 12 Aug	0445	1	Unk	Killeen Base, Texas	SE to NW	30° above horizon headed down	Headed down	Reddish	Yes	2 - 3 secs	Yes	Trail of flame	Fairly long streak of flame		Faded away	(3)
106	14 Aug	2135	1	R	Alamogordo, New Mexico		Appeared 25° Disappeared at 12°	10 - 15° off vertical	Reddish orange	Yes	2 secs	None	Round	Larger than Venus		Disappeared	(3)
107	20 Aug	2130	2	Unk	Douglas, Arizona	N to S	8,000' - 10,000'	Flat trajectory		None	6 - 10 secs	None	Round to oblong like inverted saucer	About size of single engine airplane	3500 to 4500 mph	Disappeared in distance	(2)
108	21 Aug	2115 2150	5	Unk	Nogales, Arizona		45° at low level 90° at high level	Horizontal to earth's surface	Dull orange	None	10 secs	None	Wafer	App size of volley ball	10 times speed of jet planes	Disappeared in space	(1) (3)
109	26 Aug	1345	1	R	Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona	SE to NW	App. 50,000	Horizontal at 50,000'	Brownish hazy color	None	60 secs		Similar to triangle with round edges	Est. to be app $\frac{1}{4}$ of inch when observed at 3 ft.	Terrific rate of speed	Faded from view	(2)

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	1949																
101	10 Aug	2200 2230	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	S to N	30° above horizon	Level flight	White w/yellow trail	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Oval	Size of shooting star	300 mph or faster	Faded out	(3)
102	10 Aug	2240	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S	8,000' or more	Straight flight with gradual incline	Light red diminishing to light yellow	Yes	2 - 3 secs	None	Round w/jagged trail	Much larger than evening star		Burned up and disintegrated	(3)
103	11 Aug	2030 2045 2052 2105 0010	Sev	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S	45 - 60° above horizon	Generally a level flight	White	Yes	3 - 5 secs	None	Flash like a rocket or training flare	Star size	Faster than any plane observed	Went out like a light	(3)
104	12 Aug	0010	2	Unk	Killeen Base, Texas	Due W in arc	45° above horizon	Straight & level flight w/ascent descent describing arc	Bluish white	Yes	10 secs	None	Broken circle resembling signal flare	Head size		Sudden disappearance	(3)

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	1949																
96	10 Aug	2035	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S		Level flight	Yellow to orange	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None		Like head-light of old car	60° in 2 secs	Cut out	(3)
97	10 Aug	2035 2207 2220 2240	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	W to E	30° - 45° above horizon	Level flight	White	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Round w/tail	Large flare	Greater speed than plane	Burned out	(3)
98	10 Aug	2040	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S	30° above horizon	Horizontal w/slight arc	Orange w/white tail	Yes	3 - 5 secs	None	Rocket	20 mm. tracer ammo.	Very great similar to falling star	Light grad-ually diminished	(3)
99	10 Aug	2100	1	Unk	Killeen Base, Texas	S	30° above horizon going up	Continued climbing at 30° angle until dis-appearance	Bright orange	Yes	5 secs	None	Redd-ish ball with long firey tail	Head size		Disappeared	(3)
100	10 Aug	2100 2120 2215 2250	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas		40° - 70° above horizon	#1, 3 & 4 almost hor-izontal #2 almost vertical	White with orange	Yes	1 sec for each one	None	Round with trail	Large star	Great speed	Went out like a light	(3)

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90	1949 6 Aug	2030	1	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico	N		Constant slight curve earthward	White (bluish)	Yes	1 sec	None	Round	App smaller than clenched fist	Similar to falling star	Went out	(1)
91	6 Aug	2020	1	Unk	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Descending to earth vertically	15° above horizon	Descending to earth vertically	Green	None	1 - 1½ secs	None	Round to pear shape	500 watt bulb about 1/5 mile away	10° in 1½ secs at 2 miles	Dissipated	(1)
92	6 Aug	2000	1	Unk	White Sands, New Mexico		40° above horizon	Straight line to earth	Observer color blind	None	1 sec	None	Round	Half size of fingernail at arm's length	Slightly faster than ordinary falling star	Disappeared behind sand dune	(1)
93	6 Aug	2000	1	R	Alamogordo, New Mexico	200°	30° above horizon	Long slow curve to earth	Bluish green	Yes	1 sec	None	Round	Tip of thumb at arm's length		Burned out	(1)
94	10 Aug	0010	2	Unk	Killeen Base, Texas	E to W	30° angle headed down	30° angle headed donw	Blue	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Oval	Head size		Sudden disappearance ance	(3)
95	10 Aug	2030	1	Unk	Killeen Base, Texas	N to S	30° above horizon		White	Yes	5 secs	None	Similar to comet			Disappeared	(3)

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85	1949 6 Aug	2000	1	Unk	Las Cruces, New Mexico	E to W			Bluish green	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Round	Bigger than falling star		Disappeared behind building	(1)
86	6 Aug	2000	1	Unk	Las Cruces, New Mexico	E to W	3°28" to 9°40" above horizon	Curve going up then fell in almost vertical direction	Reddish blue & green	Yes	4 - 5 secs	None	Round	App 6" in diameter		Disappeared gradually	(1)
87	6 Aug	2000	1	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico	Vertical	2°20" to 7°35" above horizon	Straight vertical flight	Bright white slight reddish cast	None	3 secs	None	Round	½ size of moon		Exploded then pieces died out	(1)
88	6 Aug	2000 2005	1	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W	2°4" to 12°7" above horizon	10° off vertical	White		2 secs	None		Large as auto spot-light at arm's length		Disappeared behind building	(1)
89	6 Aug	2015	1	Unk	Alamogordo, New Mexico	SW		Straight flight app 20° verti-cal dec-line	Whitish yellow (red trail)	Yes	1 sec	None	Round	Twice size normal falling star	Extremely fast - twice as fast as falling star	Disappeared behind moun-tain	(1)

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80	1949 28 Jul	2045	1	Unk	Killeen Base, Texas	N to S	30° above horizon		White w/tint of blue green	Yes	3-5 secs	None	Round w/tail	Size of evening star	Unable to estimate	Faded out	(1)
81	28 Jul	2259	1	Unk	Killeen, Texas	S to N	30° above horizon		2 predominately white. 1 had orange glow to tail	Yes	#1 at 2-3 secs #2 at 10 - 12 secs	None	Round w/tail	Tennis ball		Faded out	(1)
82	28 Jul	2258	1	Unk	Killeen, Texas	N to NW	30° above horizon		Initially blue turning white	None	15 - 20 secs	None	Round	3 times size evening star		Went out like light	(1) (3)
83	30 Jul	2135	1	R	Camp Hood, Texas	SE to NW	35° to horizon	Climbed in arc	Blue-white	Yes	2 - 2½ secs	None	Like rocket tail		2 - 2½ secs to cover arc of about 15°	Faded out	(1)
84	30 Jul	2204	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	SE to SW	App 30° above horizon	Straight flight losing altitude	Predominately white w/blue tint	Yes	2 - 3 secs	None	Round w/tail	Evening star or planet	Very fast	Gradually faded out	(3)

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75	1949 24 Jun	1545 1630	2	Unk	Mesa, Arizona	1 to SE 2 to E 3 to NE 4 vertical 5 to E		4 Horizontal 1 Vertical	Steel gray		4 at 30 mts 1 at 25 secs	None	Disc w/2 flanges		Max of 400 mph	Faded from view	(2)
76	27 Jun	0138	1	R	Albuquerque, New Mexico	W to E	30° to 90° above horizon		Similar to star Slightly more orange	Yes	2 mts	None	Round	Slightly larger than brightest star	140° in 2 mts.	Went behind building	(3)
77	29 Jun	2010	1	Unk	Flagstaff, Arizona	E to W	30° from vertical		Yellow in front Red behind	None		None	Bullet shaped	½ size of small airplane	Relatively slow	Over a hill	(1) (2)
78	30 Jun	1630	1	R	Seligman, Arizona	N	30° above horizon		Dull grey	None	8 secs	None	Circle	Appeared 1½" diameter at 10,000' altitude	2,000 mph or faster	Disappeared in distance	(2)
79	11 Jul	2110	1	Unk	Camp Hood, Texas	W by SW	30° above horizon		Pale red	None	2 secs	None	Ball - but not a perfect circle	Twice as large as evening star		Such as turning off flashlight	(3)

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68	1949 9 May	App 1430	1	R	Tucson, Arizona	SW to NE			Silvery	None	6-10 secs	None	Round & flat	25' in diameter	750-1000 mph	Faded from view	(2)
69	12 May	2115 2130	1	VR	Alamogordo, New Mexico		3° or 4° above horizon		White with green-ish tinge	None	4 mins	None	2 fuzzy stars	$\frac{1}{4}$ diameter of full moon		Vanished	(1) (2)
70	16 May	App 1700	1	Unk	Tucson, Arizona	E to W	5000'	Horizontal	Black	None	8-10 secs	None	Round solid flat	3 - 4' in diameter	800-1000 MPH	Behind air-craft hangar	(1)
71	2 Jun	0040	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to N	7000' - 10,000'	Descending	Green	Yes	1 sec	None	Ball of light				(1)
72	11 Jun	2057	1	R	Los Alamos,	SW to NE	25° above horizon		Green then red at end of flight	Yes	4 - 5 secs	None		Size of star			(1)
73	20 Jun	2010	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E			Green turned orange red be-fore va-nishing	None	3 secs	None	Round			Extinguished	(1)
74	20 Jun	2010	1	R	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E	Directly overhead		Blue green	None	1-1/2 secs	None				Vanished as tho e-ting'd.	(1)

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