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3 November 1950

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
Observed directly overhead San Francisco, California at approximately 0930 hours, 3 November 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unusual object observed in sky directly overhead San Francisco at 0930 hours, 3 November 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 3 November 1950 Mr. HARLOW E. LASS, 2345 Oakwood Drive, East Palo Alto, California was interviewed and stated that he in company with eight or ten other people observed a bright object in the sky directly overhead. At this time they were working in the Southern Pacific Freight Yard at 4th and 5th Street to Ting, San Francisco, California. The object was observed for a period of twenty (20) to thirty (30) minutes; shape appeared round; size was that of a silver dollar; color: white; only one (1) observed; no aero dynamic features discernible; no trailer exhaust or propulsion system observed; it appeared to be suspended in the air; no sound; moved approximately 10° accross the sky in the twenty (20) to thirty (30) minute period. No unusual features noticed. Altitude estimated at 20,000 feet. This was based upon comparison with a medium type aircraft. Observers were all railway employees with no previous aeronautical experience.

3. ACTION: None.

2 copies to: Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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19D OSI 24/40 SIR-15 27 September 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: RAWIN DEVICE WITH MESSAGE ATTACHED
Source: Vallejo News-Chronicle

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Photograph and article in the Vallejo News Chronicle describing a Wind Current Observation Kite with message attached from unidentified airman on Treasure Island. Radar Bomb Strike Station at Treasure Island Naval Station contacted and revealed it was a RAWIN DEVICE which is released twice daily to plot upper winds and the airman in the detachment affix names to the device for the purpose of receiving mail from the finder.

2. DETAILS: The Vallejo News Chronicle, Vallejo, California on Friday 1 September 1950 published photographs and an article regarding an object described as a "large, wind current, observation kite" which was found in the yard of Mrs. ILLENE BRINK, 907 Amador Street, Vallejo, California. The article stated that the "Kite" had a message attached which requested the finder to notify an airman in a U.S.A.F. Squadron at Treasure Island. Sgt. H. C. ADORNIK, AF-17249660, Detachment "E" 3903rd Radar Bomb Strike Station, USAF, Treasure Island Naval Station was contacted on 12 September 1950 and stated the device found in Vallejo was an instrument for determining the winds aloft in conjunction with Radar (RAWIN) and that his organization usually sent them aloft twice a day at 0800 and 1500 hours. ADORNIK further stated that it was the practice of the airman of the detachment to affix their name and the address of the unit to the Device requesting the finder to notify same as to the location at which the Device was found. ADORNICK advised that prior to approximately 1 September 1950 that there was nothing on the Device which identified the agency which released them, however, that he had since rectified this and that a card with the following statement is now affixed:

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3. ACTION: No action is contemplated by this office.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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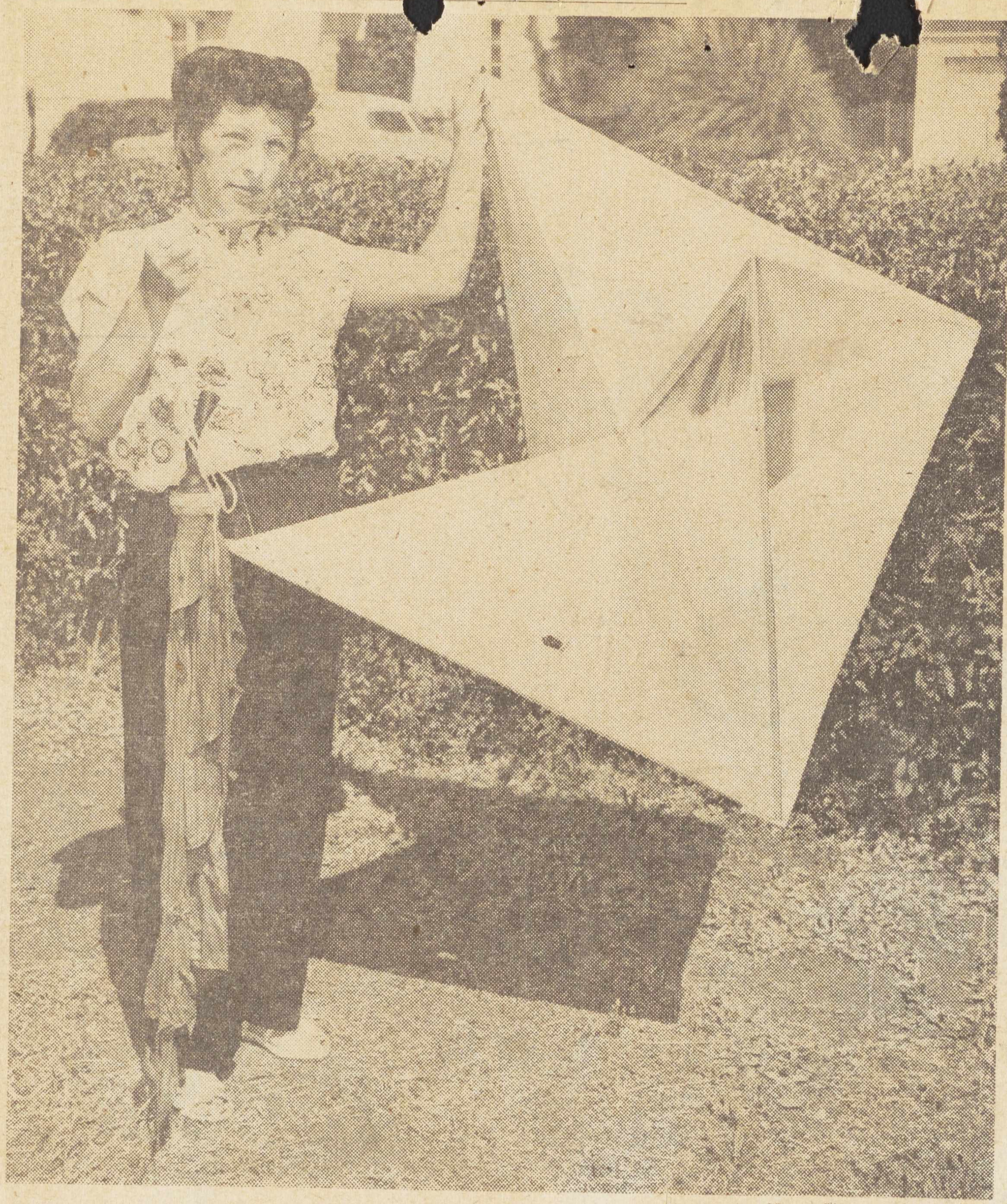
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News-Chronicle Photo

WHAT IS IT?—Mrs. Ilene Brink displays the strange kite that fell in her yard. After flying saucer and Russian balloon theories were discarded, it was decided that the kite had been used in wind current studies.

FLYING SAUCER WRONG AGAIN

Another flying saucer possibility exploded yesterday in the yard of Mrs. Ilene Brink, 907 Amador street.

The balloon attached to what appeared to be a large wind current observation kite broke and dropped the odd-shaped white and silver object beside her hedge.

Mrs. Brink and her neighbors investigated the object cautiously until they found a message on it requesting that the finder notify an airman in a U. S. Air Force [illegible]ron at Treasure Island.

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19th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Mr. Harry M. Kimball, SAC San Francisco Field Office FBI, stated via telephone that he had been advised by a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, J. P. Cahn, that they were interested in securing a story from Dr. SILAS M. NEWTON, currently registered at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, concerning his statement that he is in possession of definite information that flying saucers, men and munitions have landed on this planet from other planets.

2. Mr. Kimball advised Mr. Cahn that he should check with this District Headquarters to see what information might be available.

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13 September 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF BURNING OBJECT IN THE AIR
Rio Linda, California
8 September 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: On 8 September 1950 at approximately 1400 hours a burning object was noted falling slowly to the ground near Rio Linda, California.

2. DETAILS: On 8 September 1950 Mr. JOSEPH E. LATTA was interviewed at his residence on Taylor Street, Del Paso Heights, California and stated that at approximately 1400 hours on 8 September 1950 while he was working in his rice fields, which are located approximately 27 miles north of Sacramento, California, he detected a burning object falling very slowly through the air. LATTA asserted that when he first noticed the object it was at an altitude of approximately 200 feet, appeared to be about 10 feet in diameter and was falling at very slow rate of speed. LATTA stated that the light of the burning object was extremely bright and made it impossible to determine any specific details relative to the shape other than the fact that it appeared round to him. LATTA also stated that the object left a trail of blue smoke as it descended.

3. On 9 September 1950 Mr. EDGAR ERNST, Rural Route #1, Box 3100, Rio Linda, California, the person on whose property SUBJECT object purportedly landed was interviewed and stated that the object seen by LATTA was probably a flare which he had shot to scare ducks, which nested in his rice paddies. ERNST asserted that he had obtained a rifle, grenade launcher and flares from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Authority and that on 8 September 1950 he had shot flares at approximately

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1400 hours, 1600 hours and 1700 hours. ERNST stated that the chance of recovering discharged flares were very small due to the fact that he did not know exactly where they landed and that the remains were probably under water in the rice paddies.

4. ACTION: No further action is contemplated by this District office.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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TO : Hq, 19th DOSI, (IG) USAF
Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California

DATE: 11 September 1950

FROM : Detachment Commander, McClellan AFB Detachment
McClellan, California

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Burning Object in the Air
Rio Linda, California
8 September 1950

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2. On 8 September 1950, a night search of the area indicated by LATTA failed to reveal any evidence of a burning object having landed in the vicinity. Due to the fact that part of the area is under water (rice paddies) search was discontinued until the following morning.

3. On 9 September 1950, Mr. EDGAR ERNST, R #1, Box 3100, Rio Linda, California, the person on whose property subject object purportedly landed, was interviewed at his rice farm approximately one and one half miles northeast of LATTA's farm. ERNST stated that the object seen by LATTA was probably a flare which he had shot to scare ducks which nested in his rice paddies. ERNST asserted he had obtained a rifle, grenade launcher and flares from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Authority to disperse the ducks and that on 8 September 1950, he had shot flares at approximately 1400 hours, 1600 hours and 1700 hours. ERNST stated that chances of recovering the discharged flares were very small due to the fact that he did not know exactly where they landed and that the remains were probably under water in the rice paddies. He produced a sheet of paper authenticated by Mr. JAMES BIRCH of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Authority indicating that on 8 September 1950 he had been issued an Army Rifle, Calibre .30, Model 1903, Serial number 3545271 and one grenade launcher. ERNST produced the rifle, launcher and several flares, (Signal, Ground, White Star Parachute M 17 A1).

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION
WALTER P. BARNEY, 3108A

ORGANIZATION Air Provost Marshal,
McClellan AFB, California

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.
3221 Bal Moral Road
Sacramento, California
no telephone

BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.
Air Provost Marshal, McClellan AFB, Cal.
HI-9-3551, Extension 5124

DATE
8 September 1950

TIME
1830 hours

PLACE
Home: 2520 Duarte Ct., Sacramento, Calif.

HOW RECEIVED
Telephonically

TITLE
Unusual Sighting
Flaming Object North of Rio Linda, Cal.
8 September 1950

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II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

At 1830 hours on 8 September 1950, WALTER P. BARNEY, Major, 3108A, Air Provost Marshal, McClellan AFB, McClellan, California, informed the undersigned that a JOSEPH E. LATTA of Del Paso Heights, California had reported sighting a flaming object falling through the air and striking the ground north of Rio Linda, California.

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File No. 24/40-SIR-11

28 August 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL LIGHT
Northeast of Vacaville, California
14 August 1950
Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unusual bright light was observed Northeast of Vacaville, California at approximately 1930 hours 14 August 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 17 August 1950, Mrs. KATHARINE MOWERS, 319th West Street, Vacaville, California was interviewed and stated that she had observed the above cited light from her home. MOWERS further stated that she could not estimate the distance between her point of sight and the light. MOWERS advised that the sighting was at dusk and that she had telephonically advised OSI of the light in an attempt to call their attention to it and that immediately after observing the light, stars began appearing and it was lost to view. Mrs. MOWERS further advised that the light could have been a weather balloon light or an unusually bright star.

3. S/Sgt. JAMES W. BARKER, AF-42242320, 1st Sgt. 10/4L Weather Detachment, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, was interviewed and stated that no weather balloons have been released from this station in the past two (2) months.

4. ACTION: None.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
19th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

File No. 24/40 SIR-11 2 August 1950

SUBJECT: FRED W. REED
2021 West Third Street
Los Angeles 5, California
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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

1. Reference is made to letter from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, dated 1 August 1950 and inclosed letter sent to them from the Far East Command related to SUBJECT, copies of which are inclosed.

2. This information is being forwarded for such value as it may possibly have.

JOHN G. SWOPE
Colonel, USAF
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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

1 August 1950

Colonel John G. Swope
19th OSI District
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
Fairfield, California

Dear Colonel:

The inclosed letter was sent to us from the Far East Command. It would appear that Mr. Fred W. Reed, if his statements are correct, has gone a long way ahead of the Air Force and his invention should be of considerable interest.

For this reason, we are forwarding it to you for such action as you see fit.

Yours sincerely,

Alex G. Kirby

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2021 West Third Street
Los Angeles - 5 - California
July 5th, 1950

General Douglas MacArthur
U. S. Army Headquarters
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sir:

Because of the seriousness of difficulties in Korea, I believe I should inform you of the following facts:

1. I have invented, constructed and tested a plane which I flew with two passengers from Los Angeles to San Francisco-Cakland and return to Los Angeles. Time for the round trip - 38 minutes.

2. The engine in this plane was a Curtis - and not the finest Curtis motor at that.

3. I build this plane by SOUND. No rivets or bolts. Plane can be built in 2½ hours, This does not include time for placing motor.

4. Plane flies through the air without a sound. Cannot be detected by radar. We are now working on one or two experiments which, if successful, will make this plane operate like a dragon-fly. That is, stop suddenly and fly backwards. Sudden stop barely felt by pilot and crew.

My son, Frederick W. Reed is with you and has been with you for some time. He knows all about this plane. We will send you a set of the plans if you are interested and you can see for yourself.

We have a factory in which the milling machines can be placed and after the machinery is set the production of planes will be rapid.

Our reason for contacting you direct is that I believe you to be one of the greatest generals our Army has ever had and we believe you will want to keep this information for the United States only.

Yours truly,

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/s/ Fred W. Reed

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11 August 1950

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA
25 Miles East of Oakland, California

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

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, dated 7 August 1950.

2. Attached for your information is a copy of the Spot Intelligence Report that was forwarded to Headquarters OSI by this District.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

1 Incl:
Copy of Spot Intelligence Report
dated 10 August 1950.

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

RG C/ms

7 August 1950

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject (s) / Alleged Colored / Cloud, Vicinity of / San Rafael, California

TO: District Commander
19th District OSI (IG) USAF
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
Fairfield, California

1. Reference is made to article which appeared in the "Albuquerque Journal" on 3 August 1950. This article stated that a varied-colored cloud (green, blue, etc.), floating against the wind, was observed by several hundred people in and around San Rafael, California.

2. The article further stated that officials at Hamilton Air Force Base, California, were investigating. In the event any inquiry is conducted by your office, it is requested that the 17th OSI District receive a copy of your report.

RICHARD G. COX
Major, USAF
District Commander

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10 August 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA
25 Miles East of Oakland, California

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unusual cloud formation with brilliant coloration was observed North West of SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA and caused considerable excitement in the SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. Weather Bureau officials claimed the cloud to be an unusual grouping of moisture particles in the sky which gave vivid prismatic effects.

2. DETAILS: On 2 August 1950, Mr. JOSEPH L. CLOTHEIR, Aircraft Controller, OAKLAND Airport Service, together with two (2) other Controllers, of the OAKLAND Airport Service stated at approximately 1040 they noted a set of two (2) cloud formations close together and in the cloud formations they noticed a number of vivid colors running from a bright yellow into orange and pastel green running into blue at at approximately 330° from the OAKLAND Tower. The clouds once appeared to be very high. By 1100 the phenomena had dispersed and the clouds turned into the normal cloud formations. The distance appeared to be approximately 25 miles from the tower in an easterly direction; over water by the SAN MATEO BRIDGE approximately west and north of SAN JOSE.

3. They notified civilian pilots of commercial aircraft to investigate the formation. The following were contacted: UNITED AIRLINES, Trip 451, TWA Flight 40 (the pilot of this flight reported in a garbeled message that he thought the formation appeared to be vapor trails, but other reports from pilots and OAKLAND Tower did not agree); SAN FRANCISCO Tower contacted Captain ANDERSON, Pilot of American Airlines, Flight 721 and UNITED AIRLINES, Flight 452 from OAKLAND. The pilots names, other than Captain ANDERSON, are unknown.

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4. The following are controllers of the OAKLAND Airport Service who observed these cloud formations: Mr. JOSEPH L. CLOTHEIR, 456 Central, Aladema, California, Phone: Lakehurst 3-7579; Mr. JAMES K. CAMPBELL, 2529 Eagle Avenue, Alameda, California, Phone: Lakehurst 3-7070; Mr. JOHN ZENTMYER, 900 Gem St., Castro Vallejo, California, Phone: Lucerne 1-4717.

5. Weather Bureau officials claimed the cloud to be an unusual grouping of moisture particles in the sky which gave vivid prismatic effects.

6. ACTION: None.

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TO : DistComdr, 19th OSI Dist (IG), Fairfield-Suisun AFB

DATE: 2 August 1950

FROM : DISTCOM, Presidio Detachment

SUBJECT: SUBJECT UNKNOWN
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The following was reported to Colonel Swope by telephone by Major Cole at 1230, 2 August 1950:

2 "Mr. JOSEPH L. CLOTHEIR, Aircraft Controller, Oakland Airport Service, together with two other Controllers, of the Oakland Airport Service stated at approximately 1040 they noted a set of two cloud formations close together and in the cloud formations they noticed a number of vivid colors running from a bright yellow into orange and pastel green running into blue at approximately 330° from the Oakland Tower. The clouds once appeared to be very high. By 1100 the phenomena had dispersed and the clouds turned into the normal cloud formations. The distance appeared to be approximately 25 miles from the tower in an easterly direction; over water by the San Mateo Bridge approximately west and north of San Jose.

3 They notified civilian pilots of commercial aircraft to investigate the formation. The following were contacted: United Airlines, Trip 451, TWA Flight 40 (the pilot of this flight reported in a garbeled message that he thought the formation appeared to be vapor trails, but other reports from pilots and Oakland Tower did not agree); San Francisco Tower contacted Captain Anderson, Pilot of American Airlines, Flight 721 and United Airlines, Flight 452 from Oakland. The pilots names, other than Captain Anderson, are unknown.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Hamilton Air Force Base, California
0135 - 0200 hours 21 June 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Three noncommissioned officers at Hamilton Air Force Base, California on duty at the Operations Control Tower, Hamilton Air Force Base observed an elliptical object flying by Hamilton Air Force Base with an estimated speed of over 1000 miles per hour, between 0135 and 0200 hours 21 June 1950. The unconventional aircraft made three passes over Hamilton Air Force Base and disappeared towards the sea.

2. DETAILS: On 21 June 1950 at 0135, Staff Sergeant VIRGIL CAPURRO, Staff Sergeant ELLIS R. LORIMER (Control Tower Operator) and Corporal GARLAND L. PRYOR of the 1901 - 4 Detachment, AACS Squadron, Hamilton Air Force Base, California, while on duty in the control tower observed an object, described as elliptical, flying at a great rate of speed over Hamilton Air Force Base. They reported the shape to be similar to that of a fan marker symbol. The object had elongated edges on either side of its course. A blue flame similar to that of a acetylene torch was seen to protrude from the rear of the object. The speed was estimated by the men to have been over 1000 miles per hour. They base their estimate on the speed from estimates made of conventional aircraft and jets during the course of their duties in the control tower. The altitude of the object was estimated to be

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varying from 2000 to 5000 feet. The sighting was made by binoculars. The object made three passes over Hamilton Air Force Base with the first one on a Northeast heading; the second on a Northwest heading; and on the third the object made an arc around the field and disappeared towards the sea to the West. All flights were straight and level with the exception of the last in which the object was banked for the turn. No sound was heard. No radar observations were made as all radar installations of the 28th Air Division were inoperative. The object disappeared at 0200 hours 21 June 1950. (AGENTS NOTE: J.L. CLEEK, Editorial writer for the Vallejo Times - Herald and News - Chronicle personally advised this agent that he had observed three unconventional aircraft which he described in a similar manner on two (2) nights within the past week. CLEEK claims to have knowledge that these aircraft were an Air Force secret project and that they were being tested for night operation at Hamilton Air Force Base where they had three of this new type, unusually fast aircraft carefully hangared. CLEEK give this information to the agent at 1235, 21 June 1950 but stated that he was not using his information in the paper knowing the matter to be one which the Air Force did not desire to have publicized.).

3. ACTION: None.

KENNETH W. KING,
Lt. Colonel, USAF,
Acting District Commander.

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J. L. CLEEK

CHIEF EDITORIAL WRITER

MORNING TIMES-HERALD
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VALLEJO, CALIF.

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TO : District Commander, 19th District OSI (IG) USAF DATE: 22 June 1950
Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California
FROM : Detachment Commander, Hamilton Detachment, 19th Dist. OSI (IG) USAF

SUBJECT: Special Inquiry - Unidentified Object

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As per verbal instructions from the District Commander, the following report is submitted concerning an unidentified flying object observed at Hamilton AFB, California:

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a. Position: Over Hamilton AFB, California.

b. Time: 0135 - 0200 hours 21 June 1950.

c. Visibility: Weather clear eight miles.

d. Observers: VIRGIL CAPURRO, S/Sgt., USAF
ELLIS R. LORIMER, S/Sgt., USAF (Control Tower Operator)
GARLAND L. PRYOR, Cpl., USAF
All of the foregoing personnel are of the 1901-4 Detachment, AACS Squadron, Hamilton AFB, California.

e. Shape: The reported shape of the object was elliptical, as that of a fan marker symbol. The object was traversing with the elongated edges to either side of its course. A blue flame similar to that of a acetylene torch was seen to protrude from the rear of the object.

f. Speed: Estimated over 1000 miles per hour.

g. Color: The only color that could be observed was the color of the flame which was seen coming from the rear of the object.

h. Altitude: Estimated from 2000 to 5000 feet.

i. Sighting: By binoculars.

h. Heading: This object made three passes over Hamilton AFB, California. The first pass was on a north-east heading, the second on a north-west heading, and on the third it made an arc of the field, and disappeared towards the sea to the west.

j. Maneuverability: All flights were straight and level, except as previously stated, when the object made the third flight over the field, at which time it traveled in a lateral arc.

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k. Sound: None heard.

l. Radar Observations: During this time of sighting, all radar installations of the 28th Air Division were inoperative, therefore no observations by these units were made.

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2 Newspaper Clippings from Vallejo News Chronical, dtd 21 June 50.

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—Vallejo Times-Herald, Wed., June 21, 1950

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BAY FLYING DISC

'Saucer' Seen Five Times At Hamliton

A disc-shaped object roaring at between 1000 and 1500 miles an hour made at least five passes over Hamilton Air Force Base, Marin County, early today.

Three trained Air Force men reported the incident.

It was first seen by Corp. Roger G. Pryor, a control tower operator, who said he saw a blue flame shooting out as the "saucer" flashed by from the southwest and headed toward the northeast at about 2000 feet elevation.

'STAR' KEEPS GOING

"I thought it was a falling star, but it didn't fall—it just kept on going," Pryor said.

The first pass occurred at 1:35 a.m., Pryor said. The object was going so fast that he couldn't see it on the subsequent passes.

His observation was verified, however, by Staff Sgt. Ellis R. Lorimer, another control tower operator, and Staff Sgt. Virgil Cappuro, of the Airways Communications staff, as it returned from the northwest for another pass north of the field.

OBJECT DESCRIBED

All three said the object appeared circular, thick in the center and tapering to the edges.

Its speed was so great that its size could not be estimated.

The three airmen used binoculars as the disc made three more passes in the same area. It was accompanied by a roar like thunder.

The blue flame looked like an acetylene torch, they said.

On at least three passes, it appeared to be directly over the Hamilton beacon, which is just north of the field.

The sky was clear, though fog prevailed elsewhere in the Bay area.

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Weird Flying Disc Seen Near Vallejo

Three Hamilton Field airmen reported today they saw a "flying saucer" spewing blue flame make five passes at the air force base in the early morning darkness. The men, all trained observers, said the weird object traveling at an estimated speed of 1,000 to 1,500 miles an hour scooted back and forth between Vallejo and Hamilton Field before vanishing. They said the aerial object buzzed the field at an altitude of 2,000 to 5,000 feet. The men, all control operators, said they followed the disc with binoculars.

"I thought it was a falling star," said Corp. Rogert G. Pryor. "But it didn't fall. It just kept going."

S/Sgt. Ellis Lorimer and Sgt. Virgil Cappuro saw the saucer in the clear, early-morning sky. They said the object trailed blue flame behind it "like an acetylene torch."

High ranking Air Force officers immediately began an investigation and closely questioned the men.

They said the tower operators reported they heard no noise.

Officers also pointed out that it was dark and descriptions of the disc as being circular and thick in the center were probably faulty because darkness would have made it impossible to see well.

Air Force headquarters in Washington, D. C., said they had "no comment" and planned no action. They pointed out that after a long investigation conducted by a special force of trained personnel, the Air Force had concluded there were no such things as "flying saucers."

They said the Hamilton Field airmen may have seen a jet plane looking for its base. Most "saucer" reports, officers said, were based on misinterpretation of conventional objects or hoaxes.

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THE SACRAMENTO BEE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1950

Trio Say Discs Roared Over Hamilton Base

OAKLAND, June 21. — AP — The Oakland Tribune said a "disc shaped object," roaring at an estimated speed of 1,000 to 1,500 miles an hour, made five passes near Hamilton Air Force Base early today.

The newspaper quoted three air force non commissioned officers who claimed the flying saucer, "shooting blue flame and with a roar like thunder" dived near a beacon just north of the field.

Hamilton Field is in Marin County, about 25 miles north of San Francisco.

Saw Blue Flame

Corporal Roger G. Pryor, a control tower operator, reported he saw the blue flame as the saucer flashed by from the southwest and headed northeast.

"I thought it was a falling star," the Tribune quoted Pryor. "But it did not fall. It just kept on going."

Pryor said the first pass was at 1:35 AM, and the object traveled so fast he could not see the subsequent approaches.

The Tribune declared Pryor's observation was verified by Staff Sergeant Ellis R. Lorimer, another control tower operator, and Staff Sergeant Virgil Cappuro, member of the airways communications staff.

They said the saucer returned from the northwest and made another pass north of the field, then later made three more approaches.

Circular Object

The Tribune reported the airmen described the object as circular, thick in the center and tapering to the sides. They used binoculars in following its course and described its approach altitude at between 2,000 and 5,000 feet.

The observers added the sky was clear over Hamilton Field, although high fog prevailed elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay area.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: "Flying Saucer" Photograph
PAUL TRENT
McMinnville, Oregon

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

1. SYNOPSIS Photograph in Vallejo News Chronicle Wednesday, 21 June 1950 showing two positions of a strange wingless object or "flying saucer". Sergeant LAWRENCE J. HYDER, ASN-19312729, 1704th Air Traffic Squadron (MATS), Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, advised that farmer PAUL TRENT is known to his towns-people as an honest and "solid" citizen.

2. DETAILS: The Vallejo News Chronicle, Vallejo, California on Wednesday 21 June 1950 published photographs of a unconventional aircraft or "flying saucer" which had been taken by farmer PAUL TRENT in McMinnville, Oregon. (See Inclosure #1). Sgt. LAWRENCE J. HYDER, ASN-19312729, a native of McMinnville, Oregon, advised this District that PAUL TRENT and all the TRENTS are known to residents of McMinnville, Oregon as being substantial, solid, honest citizens of the community. HYDER stated that while he was home on leave, approximately 8 June 1950 his home town paper the "Telephone Register" published these photographs on the front page with the story that PAUL TRENT stated the "Saucer" was shining like silver, made no noise or smoke and shortly afterward disappeared over the horizon to the Northwest. PAUL TRENT released the photographs for publication only after many of his fellow towns-people and the editor of the local paper had exercised pressure on him to permit their publication according to HYDER.

3. ACTION: None.

1 Incl:
Newspaper clipping from the Vallejo News Chronicle 21 June 1950.

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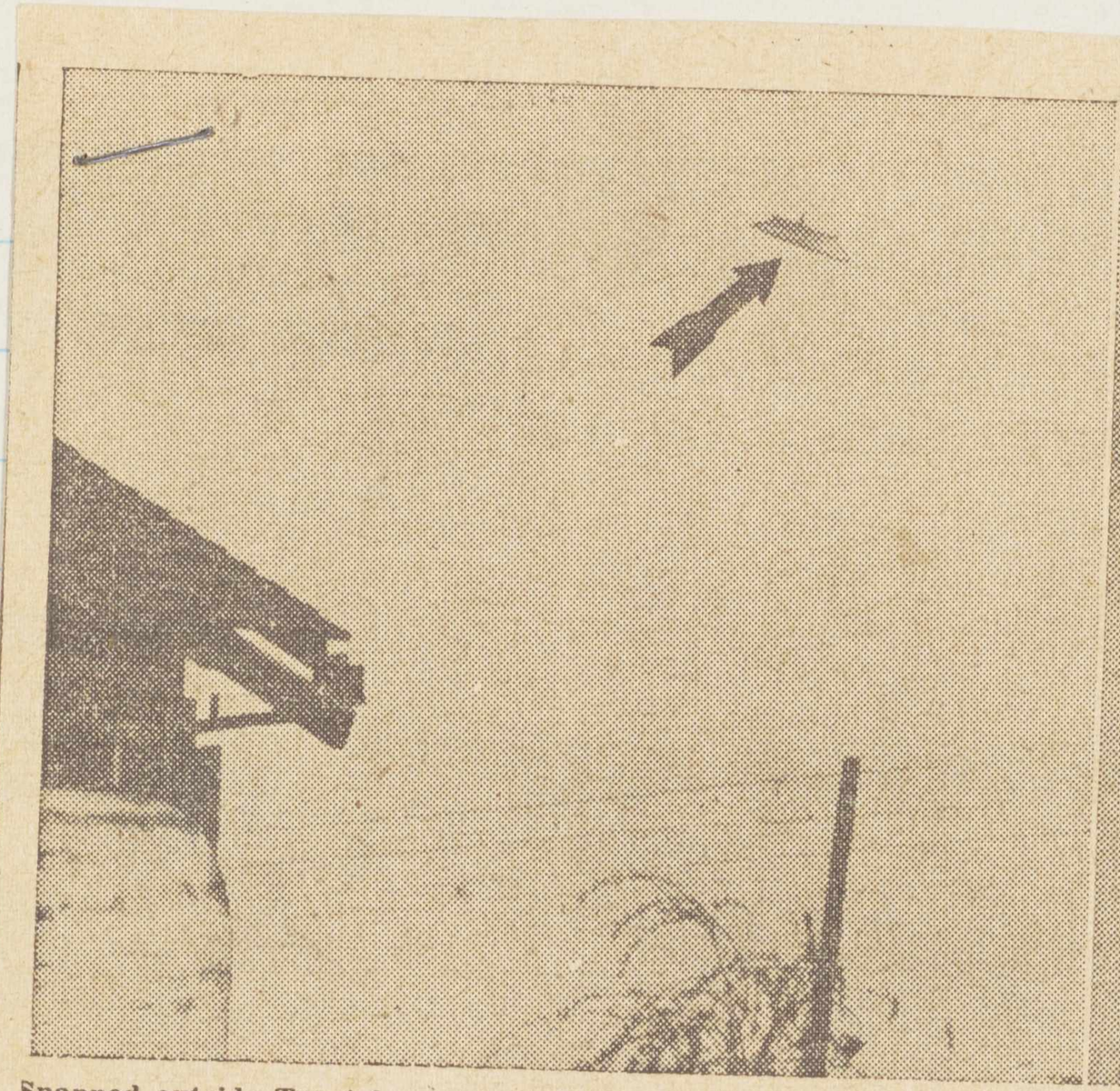
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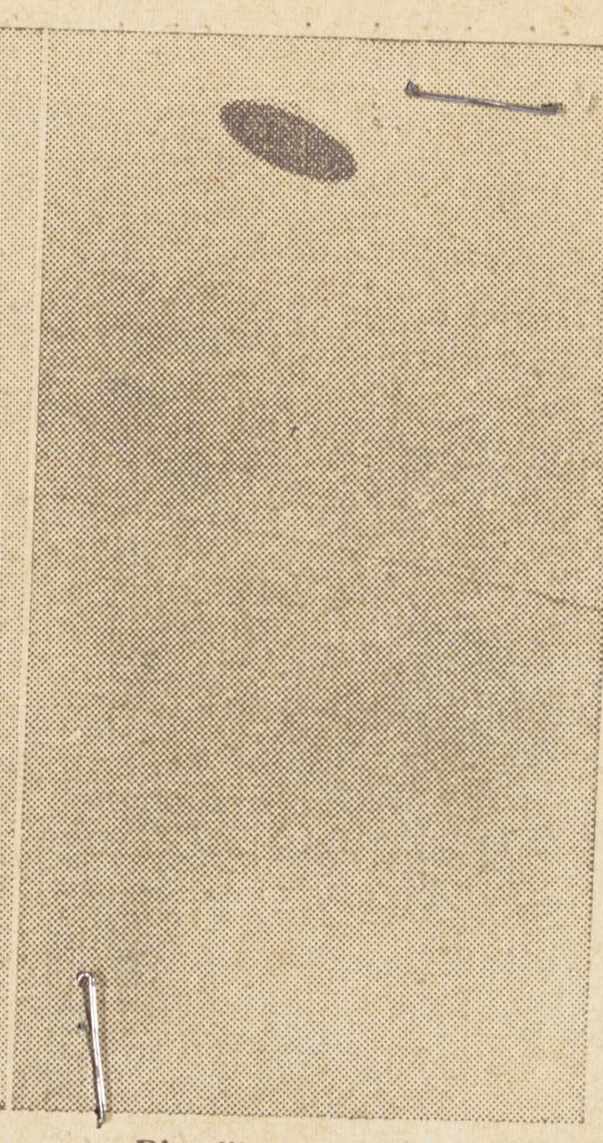
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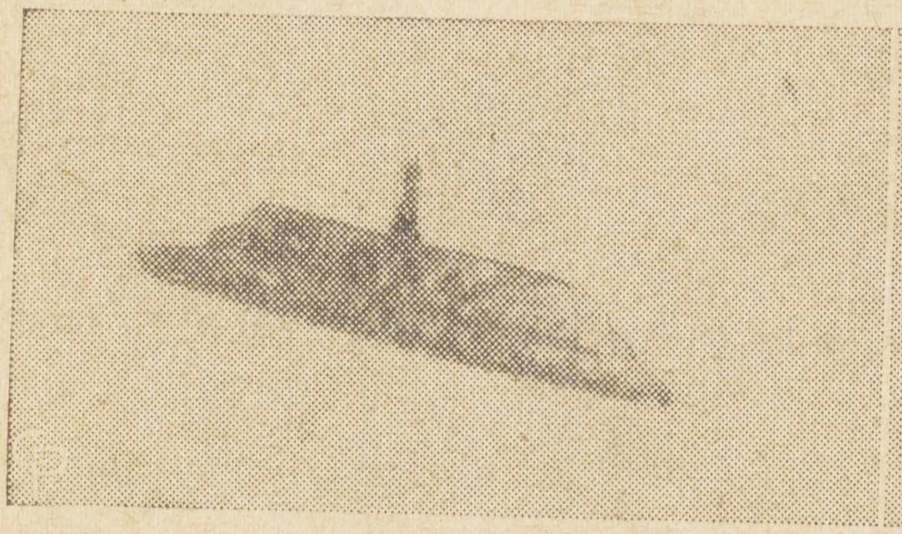
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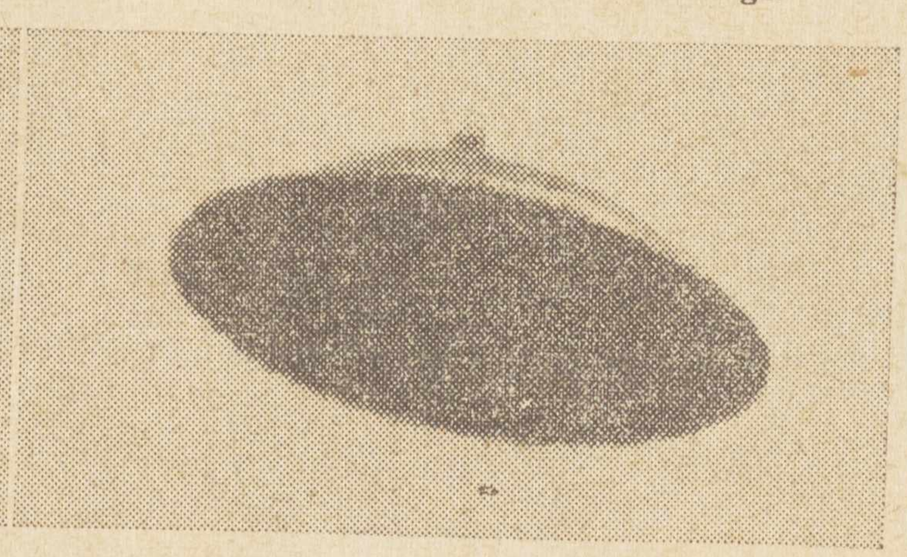


Snapped outside Trent home, saucer (arrow) looks like inverted dish.



Disc-like, no wings.





Blowups of two photos at top. The "thing" appeared to be silvery, 20 or 30 feet in diameter.

FARMER PAUL TRENT, McMinnville, Ore., was called to the back yard by his excited wife, who pointed skyward at what you see in the photos above—obviously one of the mysterious flying saucers. He got his camera quickly and made two photos. "There wasn't any flame and it was moving fairly slow," says Trent. "Then I snapped the first picture. It moved a little to the left and I moved to the right to take another picture. Then it seemed to pick up speed . . . vanished."

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SUBJECT: "Flying Saucer" Photograph
PAUL TRENT
McMinnville, Oregon

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

1. SYNOPSIS Photograph in the Independent-Journal, Wednesday, 14 June 1950 of a strange wingless object resembling "flying saucer".

2. DETAILS: The Independent-Journal, San Rafael, California carried a photograph of a strange wingless object resembling "flying saucer" which was photographed by PAUL TRENT of McMinnville, Oregon as it soared over his farm.

3. ACTION: None.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
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19D OSI 24-40 SIR-7 12 May 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
Source
Sacramento Union, newspaper, Editorial

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Editorial in Sacramento Union, Sacramento, California based on commentary of H. J. TAYLOR states that flying saucers or discs are harmless, non-explosive, and a military secret of the United States of America; their use will not be known generally until USAF releases the information.

2. DETAILS: The Sacramento Union newspaper dated 1 May 1950 carried the editorial entitled "Flying Discs" information received by this office indicates that the editorial was based upon a commentary of H. J. TAYLOR. "NEXT TIME your Sacramento neighbor tells you he saw a flying disc, do not look at him as though he had suddenly gone out of his mind. For, the chances are he did see a flying disc.

For, now it can be told - flying discs are American secret weapons. They vary in size from 20 inches in diameter and six inches thick to 250 feet in diameter. Most of them are round, but some are flat and edged upwards like saucers. They have no sound, no propelling mechanism, and no smoke, or light.

They can appear to stand momentarily in the air, but they can move like lightning. They are utterly harmless. They fly all the way from 1000 feet to 30,000 feet, and even higher. What they're used for is a military secret, which will not be generally known until the United States Air Force releases the information. But it is an important and a wonderful purpose, and the country will thrill with pride when the news is finally made known.

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"If a flying disc should happen to land, intact, in Sacramento or vicinity, those who found it would discovered that it had been labelled "military secret of the United States of America." The person who found it would be asked to call a long distance telephone number - printed on the disc - and report his findings to a U. S. Air Base.

The discs are harmless and non-explosive. But they're real and genuine, and they do not come from Russia, but are all released in the United States of America."

3. ACTION: None.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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TO : Headquarters, 19th DOSI, (IG)
Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California

DATE: 4 May 1950

FROM : DETCO, Mather AFB Detachment
Mather Field, California

SUBJECT: EDITORIAL CLIPPED FROM SACRAMENTO UNION

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1. The enclosed article from the Sacramento Union newspaper dated 1 May 1950 is forwarded for your information. This article was extracted from the editorial page, by-line not listed, information supposedly from information given by radio commentator H. J. TAYLOR.

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NEXT TIME your Sacramento neighbor tells you he saw a flying disc, do not look at him as though he had suddenly gone out of his mind. For, the chances are he did see a flying disc.

For, now it can be told—flying discs are American secret weapons. They vary in size from 20 inches in diameter and six inches thick to 250 feet in diameter. Most of them are round, but some are flat and edged upwards like saucers. They have no sound, no propelling mechanism, and no smoke or light.

They can appear to stand momentarily in the air, but they can move like lightning. They are utterly harmless. They fly all the way from 1000 feet to 30,000 feet, and even higher. What they're used for is a military secret, which will not be generally known until the United States Air Force releases the information. But it is an important and a wonderful purpose, and the country will thrill with pride when the news is finally made known.

If a flying disc should happen to land, intact, in Sacramento or vicinity, those who found it would discovered that it had been labelled "military secret of the United States of America." The person who found it would be asked to call a long distance telephone number—printed on the disc—and report his findings to a U. S. Air Base.

The discs are harmless and non-explosive. But they're real and genuine, and they do not come from Russia, but are all released in the United States of America.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting
Dougway Proving Grounds, Utah
25 April 1950

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

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1. SYNOPSIS: Military security patrols reported a series of unusual lights and flying objects of unknown origin over Dougway Proving Grounds in early morning hours 25 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: G-2 Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California reports that the CID Field Office, Salt Lake City, Utah reported unconventional aircraft sighting. Military security patrols at Dougway Proving Grounds reported to the Intelligence Officer of Western Chemical Center that on 25 April 1950 in the early morning hours over the Ammunition Storage Area in the vicinity of Dougway Mountain a series of unusual lights and flying objects of unknown origin were observed. The characteristics and size of a "flying icebox" were described. This flying object while in flight was surrounded by an aura of spears of light jutting diagonally from the main body. A 24-hour search of that area at Dougway Proving Grounds is in effect until further notice.

3. ACTION: None by this office. A 24-hour search of that area by Dougway Proving Grounds is in effect until further notice.

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Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

Info copy to: Commanding General,
Headquarters Sixth Army
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ATTN: Asst. Chief of Staff
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SUBJECT: Report from CID Field Office, Salt Lake City, Utah

1 2 May 50 PM G-2 1. The following report was received from the CID Field Office, Salt Lake City, Utah:

"Military security patrols at Dugway Proving Grounds reported to the Intelligence Officer of Western Chemical Center that on 25 April 1950 in the early morning hours over the Ammunition Storage Area in the vicinity of Dougway Mountain a series of unusual lights and flying objects of unknown origin were observed. The characteristics and size of a "flying icebox" were described. This flying object while in flight was surrounded by an aura of spears of light jutting diagonally from the main body. A 24-hour search of that area of Dougway Proving Grounds is in effect until further notice."

2. For your information.

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TO : Commanding General,
Headquarters Sixth Army,
Presidio of San Francisco,
California,
ATTN: Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

Transmitted herewith for your information is one copy each of Spot Intelligence Reports, SIR-3, SIR-4 and SIR-5.

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Incl #2: Info copy of SIR-4
Incl #3: Info copy of SIR-5

JOHN G. SWOPE,
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21 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting
Medford Airport,
Medford, Oregon, 8 August 1949

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

1. SYNOPSIS: WALLACE LEE McDONALD, Aviation Photographers Mate, First Class, Naval Air Auxiliary Station, Monterey, California observed five (5) unconventional aircraft or objects, oval in shape or like a convex lens, "oval on the top and flat at the bottom" between 1300 and 1330 on 8 August 1949. The objects were traveling east-southeast from the Medford Airport in a straight line at a speed estimated to be approximately 150 miles per hour. Estimated altitude 10,000'; although from altitude of 8,000' in the air objects still appeared 10,000' higher than aircraft. Objects remained in sight for thirty (30) minutes and were observed by tower, ground and commercial airlines personnel. Objects were in a "off balance V", one leading; one to the left and three to the right.

2. DETAILS: On 12 April 1950 WALLACE LEE McDONALD, Aviation Photographers Mate, First Class, Naval Air Auxiliary Station, Monterey, California provided information regarding the observation of unconventional aircraft or unidentified objects on 8 August 1949. McDONALD'S long book showed that his SNB-5 was refueled at Medford, Oregon 8 August 1949. The pilot was P. O. HULL, AP1, of Seattle; the co-pilot R. TUGWELL, Chief Air Pilot; and J. H. SPARKS, AF1, Alameda, crewman. All observed five (5) white, luminous objects overhead traveling east-southeast in an off balanced V-formation. One object appeared to be leading the formation with one to its left and three on its right. McDONALD stated that at first the impression was one of dandelion seeds blowing along, and then it was realized

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the objects were at an altitude estimated at 10,000 feet. The diameter of each object was estimated to be 35 feet. McDONALD stated the pilot called the tower and asked if they had observed anything. The tower reported that they had seen flying saucers overhead. Pilot HULL requested clearance for take-off and the tower asked if they intended to attain altitude enough to follow the objects. McDONALD further stated that on attaining 8000 feet altitude the formation of the objects could still be seen and their shapes appeared to be that similar to a camera lens; over (convex) on top, and flat on the bottom. They appeared to be traveling at a speed of 150 miles per hour, east-southeast from the Medford Airport moving in a straight line. Time of observation was between 1300 and 1330 8 August 1949. The objects did not reflect color but gave off "fluorescent glow". No sound was heard or exhaust trails observed. The objects remained in sight for a period of thirty (30) minutes. From an altitude of 8000 feet in the air McDONALD stated the objects appeared to be 10,000 feet higher than their aircraft. McDONALD attempted to obtain a photograph but was unable to do so as his camera had a six inch focal length lens and a nine inch plate which was not adequate for photographing the objects at such a distance. During the period of observation one object dropped down an estimated 1,000 feet out of the formation and then returned. This object was the last one of the right echelon.

3. ACTION: None. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Sixth Army forwarded this information without action.

Evaluation: (B-3).

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
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Newspaper Clipping from
the MONTEREY PENINSULA HERALD,
Tuesday, 11 April 1950.

NEW REPORTS OF FLYING SAUCERS . . .

Three Monterey Residents Tell Experiences

By RITCH LOVEJOY

Three Monterey people were ready to tell of their experiences in sighting flying objects today, although they had not made a report at the time because they feared ridicule.

Those who saw the objects now commonly referred to as "flying discs" were:

W. Lee MacDonald, AF1, flying photographer for the U. S. Navy air force, who logged sighting five discs and chasing them over Medford, Oregon, August 8, 1949.

Mrs. J. V. Kays, 521 Laurel avenue, Pacific Grove, who saw flying objects February 11.

Mrs. K. McNally, who lives just east of the Monterey Airport, and who saw an object near the horizon April 1. (She phoned The Herald that day, but the date caused laughter in the newsroom, and nobody would take her seriously.)

Mrs. McNally's husband was also a witness, and MacDonald was with three others in the plane which gave chase.

Here's MacDonald's story:

His log book shows that the SNB-5 was landed at Medford, Oregon, on the way from Alameda to Seattle, and had gassed up at 1:15 p.m. (The plane will make 175 miles an hour.)

The pilot, P. O. Hull, AP1, Seattle; the co-pilot, R. Tugwell, chief air pilot; and J. H. Sparks, AF1, Alameda, were with MacDonald on the ground, when they noticed five white and rather luminous objects overhead and going west in V-formation. The sky was blue. Low clouds lay on the horizon. The V was "off-balance" —three objects on one side and two on the other.

COMING HEAD ON

"They were like dandelion seed blowing along—or seemed so at first glance, and I looked again and noticed they had taken a different angle and were coming toward us. We made a few cracks about them being some of those flying saucers we'd been hearing about. I noticed they were in a direct line of travel at what seemed about 10,000 feet. If they were at 10,000 feet, they were about 35 feet across.

"The pilot called the tower, and asked if they had seen anything. They reported that they had seen flying saucers overhead. The pilot remarked that he had seen them, and asked clearance for a take-off. The tower asked if we wanted to try to get high enough to follow, and we did.

WATCHED 30 MINUTES

"I had a camera in the rear hatch inside the door, where a panel opened up. We took off to the west and circled the field for altitude. The objects were now to the east and slightly south over Medford. At 8,000 feet we could see them ahead still like an off-balance V formation. From 8,000 feet, their shapes hadn't changed, or their size, so it was hard to tell whether we had estimated the altitude correctly.

"We watched them for thirty minutes. One dropped down what seemed 1,000 feet out of formation, and then returned. It was the last one on the side where there were three of them. We had no binoculars, and the camera, with a six-inch focal length and nine-inch plate was not adequate to photograph them at such a distance.

"They were within the atmosphere of the earth. I have photographed from planes since 1945, and consider myself a qualified observer. If you lose your sense of scale, your sense of relationships is gone. I do not consider the light, or whiteness, to have been reflection, because in reflection even at great distance there is usually a dark spot."

When asked what sensation he had upon seeing the objects, MacDonald replied, "I couldn't believe it. When I first saw them I couldn't believe my eyes."

The interview was held in the office of Public Information Officer A. M. Zakarian, Lt. (jg).

Mrs. Kay's story:

"Just after dark February 11, I looked in one of our rooms which was dark, to see if my mother, Mrs. Mabel Bussy, and visiting friends had returned home. I saw three lights in the sky through the window.

"They came from out over the bay, and were cut like a piece of crescent-shaped paper, three of them in formation, one higher than the other two. They were swinging back and forth, and going into a heavy wind. I thought at first

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Monterey People Tell Of Saucers

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it was some sort of advertising stunt, and then I felt a little shocked.

"I could hear no sound in the sky. I first thought they wouldn't clear the house, and then saw that they were well above. I was confused as to the distance and size. I held one hand out against the other, and when I cupped both together, that was the size of each object.

"They moved very rapidly. I went out on the porch just as one went beyond my vision behind the houses, and went upon the street just in time to see the last one. The light seemed to emanate from them, not in an electrical glow, but from themselves."

Mrs. McNally says:

"I was due to go to work at 8 p.m., and it was 7:35 p.m. when I looked out the window and an object popped into view just as I was watching the planet Mars. The object was wine-red. I called my husband. The object was stationary for about five minutes. We discussed whether it could be the port light of a plane, and decided it couldn't be. Then it moved south suddenly, and there was no starboard light showing, so we knew that it couldn't be a plane.

"It was an object that seemed to be down near the horizon, and since we had been watching Mars, I would call this about the size of five regular stars. It was not the red of a plane light, but a dark, wine-red.

"It turned back north, then went northeast, and gathered tremendous speed and was gone. It seemed closer than a star, and low in the sky."

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Tuesday, 11 April 1950.

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Once Only at 8:46

He was a Fiend and a Fool for Blondes

VICTOR LAGEN in "The Magnificent Brute"



Times 7:00 and 9:56



A Real Tough Guy With a Chip on His Shoulder

George Raft
Joan Bennett
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House Across the Way

Once Only at 8:34

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WASHINGTON, April 11 today disclaimed any knowle change between an American they ordered an immediate i Soviet protest of the alleged

The State Department said first information it had. An i mine the facts, the depart- ment said. It declined further comment.

The official disclosure of the Soviet protest was made by Michael J. McDermott, State De- partment press officer, about an hour after Moscow announced a U. S. B-29 fired on Soviet fighter planes and one of the Russians replied.

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21 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting
Pacific Grove, California,
11 February 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Three (3) objects were sighted over Pacific Grove, California between 2030 and 2100 hours on 11 February 1950 by Mrs. J. V. KAYS, housewife, 521 Laurel Avenue, Pacific Grove, California. KAYS stated the objects were traveling very fast from Northeast to Southwest and swinging from left to right as though rocking. Objects appeared low to her and she gained the impression that they were going to hit the house next door when first sighted. Objects seemed to be flying in a V-formation, one (1) above and two (2) below with "one ahead and one to each side". Due to inaccurate estimate of altitude KAYS had no definite opinion of size of objects.

2. DETAILS: Between 2030 and 2100 hours, 11 February 1950 Mrs. J. V. KAYS, housewife of 521 Laurel Avenue, Pacific Grove, California observed three (3) lights in the sky through the window of her home. She stated that the lights appeared to come out over the bay and were in formation, one higher than the other two with one ahead and two behind to the side of the leading object. KAYS stated the objects were swinging back and forth and she first thought it was sort of an advertising stunt. KAYS could hear no sound and stated she was confused as to distance and size but by cupping her outstretched hands from her position the objects measured 13½" in diameter. The objects moved very rapidly and a light seemed to emenate from them. They were traveling from northeast to southwest.

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KAYS stated that she had seen nothing in her past experience with which to compare the objects sighted.

3. ACTION: None. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Sixth Army forwarded this information without action.

Evaluation: (C-3).

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

Info copy to: Commanding General,
Headquarters Sixth Army,
Presidio of San Francisco,
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ATTN: Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, Presidio of San Francisco, California, 18 Apr 50

TO: Commanding Officer, 19th OSI District, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Fairfield, California

The above reports are forwarded for such action as you see fit.

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THRU: Commanding General
4th Infantry Division
Fort Ord, California

TO: Commanding General
Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, California
ATTENTION: AC of S, G-2

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1. On 12 April 1950 Mrs. J. V. Kays, housewife, 521 Laurel Avenue, Pacific Grove, California was interviewed in reference to having seen unconventional aircraft and stated in substance as follows:

a. Location and time: The objects were sighted over Pacific Grove, California between 2030 and 2100 hours 11 Feb 1950.

b. Weather and visibility: Weather was clear and cold with a strong wind blowing to the northeast. Visibility was good and stars were visible in the sky.

c. Number of objects: Three.

d. Shape of objects: No definite opinion; however, using her two outstretched hands as a measure, from her position the objects measured 13⅛ inches in diameter.

e. Color: Best described as emitting a cold light.

f. Speed: Travelled very fast.

g. Direction: Travelling from northeast to southwest.

h. Maneuverability: As the objects moved forward they swung from the left to the right as if rocking.

i. Altitude: No definite distance however they appeared to be very low to her and she feared they were going to hit the house next door when first sighted.

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j. Sound: None.

k. Exhaust trails: None.

l. Additional information: She checked the body shape between the articles but could see none. Objects seemed to be flying in a "V" formation, one above and two below or one ahead and one to each side. The objects disappeared over the roof of the house next door one at a time. First, the center object disappeared, then the object on the left disappeared, and then the object to the right disappeared over the roof of the house next door. Mrs. Kays stated that she had nothing in her past experience with which to compare the objects sighted. (C-3)

2. On 12 April 1950 Wallace Lee McDonald, Aviation Photographers Mate First Class, Naval Air Auxiliary Station, Monterey, California was interviewed concerning his observation of the objects and stated in substance:

a. Location and time: Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, 1300-1330 hours, 8 Aug 1949.

b. Weather and visibility: Unlimited.

c. Number of objects: Five (5).

d. Shape of objects: They appeared to be oval in shape; or they resembled a camera lens, oval on top and flat on the bottom.

e. Size: Assuming the objects were at the altitude of 10,000 feet, they measured 35 feet in diameter.

f. Color: The objects did not reflect color but gave off a glow described as fluorescent.

g. Speed: Approximately 150 miles per hour.

h. Direction: East, southeast, from the Medford Airport.

i. Maneuverability: Moved in a straight line.

j. Altitude: Estimated from the ground at 10,000 feet. From an altitude of 8,000 feet in the air the objects still seemed to be 10,000 feet high.

k. Sound: None.

l. Exhaust trails: None.

m. Additional information: Objects lined in formation of flight were too consistent to be wind blown. The objects were too far distant

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to note attachments, if any. To the observer they were object points. The objects were sighted for a period of thirty minutes. Personnel employed at the Medford, Oregon Airport, including tower, ground and commercial airlines personnel, also saw these objects. The formation from which the objects were moving was described as an off-balance "V", one object to the left of the leading object and three to the right side of the leading object.

3. Newspaper clipping is attached. (B-3)

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Headquarters 4th Inf Div., Office of AC of S, G-2, Fort Ord, California, 13 April 1950.

TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California.
Attention: AC of S, G-2

Forwarded in compliance with Par 2, Ltr Hdqrs Sixth Army dated 18 November 1948, file AMGBI 319, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting
at Salinas, California, 9 April 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unconventional aircraft traveling at an altitude estimated at 4000 feet and in a Northerly direction was observed at 0653 hours on 9 April 1950 at Salinas, California. The object was seen by three persons, who varied in details but agreed that it was not a conventional aircraft. Information reported to DO#19 by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco.

2. DETAILS: At approximately 0653, 9 April 1950 three (3) residents of Salinas, California while on Romey Lane West and South Main Street, Salinas observed an unconventional aireraft. The observations were made by RAY McBRIDE, Deputy Sheriff, Monterey County, who resides at 544 East Market Street, Salinas; L. R. BRADLEY, Deputy Sheriff, Monterey County, 610 Central Street, Salinas, and Miss MARIE STANLEY (Age 15) 517 Anita Street, Seaside, Juvenile Delinquent Home, Salinas. The weather was clear with good visibility. McBRIDE and BRADLEY estimated the altitude of the object to be 4000 feet; were undetermined as to its shape; indicated that the object gave off a bright reflection, and appeared chrome or aluminum. BRADIEY estimated the size to be 30 to 40 feet in circumference and McBRIDE could give no estimate of size. The sheriffs stated the object was traveling north. They could offer no additional information.

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MARIE STANLEY offered the same information with the additional comment that the objects shape was round like a plate or ball and its size 30 to 40 feet in diameter. When STANLEY observed the object it "seemed to be standing still".

3. ACTION: None. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Sixth Army forwarded this information without action.

Evaluation: (C-6)

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, Presidio of San Francisco, California, 18 Apr 50

TO: Commanding Officer, 19th OSI District, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Fairfield, California

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THRU: Commanding General
4th Infantry Division
Fort Ord, California

TO: Commanding General
Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, California
ATTENTION: AC of S, G-2

1. On 11 April 1950 Ray McBride, Deputy Sheriff, Monterey County, who resides at 544 East Market Street, Salinas, California, was interviewed in reference to having seen unconventional aircraft and stated in substance as follows:

a. Location and time: At 0653 hours 9 April 1950 Sheriff McBride was at Romey Lane West and South Main Street, Salinas, California when he saw unconventional aircraft.

b. Weather and visibility: Weather clear; visibility good.

c. Number of objects: One.

d. Shape of object: No opinion.

e. Size: No opinion.

f. Color: Chrome or aluminum.

g. Speed: Mr. McBride saw the object for a period of less than one-tenth of a second and could give no indication of speed.

h. Direction: When he saw it, it was turning right, heading north.

i. Maneuverability: No opinion.

j. Altitude: Approximately 4000 feet.

k. Sound: No opinion.

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l. Exhaust trails: No opinion.

m. Additional information: None. (C-3)

2. On 11 April 1950 L. R. Bradley, Deputy Sheriff, Monterey County, 610 Central, Salinas, California, was interviewed in reference to his having seen unconventional aircraft and he stated in substance as follows:

a. Location and time: 0653 hours 9 April 1950 at Romey Lane West and South Main Street, Salinas, California.

b. Weather and visibility: Weather clear; visibility good.

c. Number of objects: One.

d. Shape of object: No opinion.

e. Size of object: 30 to 40 feet in circumference.

f. Color: No opinion. Object gave off a bright reflection.

g. Speed: No opinion.

h. Direction: Object was traveling north.

i. Maneuverability: No opinion.

j. Altitude: Approximately 4000 feet.

k. Sound: No opinion.

l. Exhaust trails: None seen.

m. Additional information: None. (C-3)

3. On 11 April 1950 Miss Marie Stanley, 517 Anita Street, Seaside, California (who is 15 years of age), Juvenile Delinquent Home, Salinas, California, was interviewed concerning her observation of the object and stated in substance:

a. Location and time: 0653 hours 9 April 1950 at Romey Lane West and South Main Street, Salinas, California.

b. Weather and visibility: Weather nice; visibility good.

c. Number of objects: One.

d. Shape of object: Round like a plate and round as a ball.

e. Size: 30 to 40 feet in diameter.

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f. Color: Resembled glass.

g. Speed: No opinion.

h. Direction: No opinion.

i. Maneuverability: The object seemed to be standing still.

j. Altitude: Not very high.

k. Sound: None.

l. Exhuast trail: None.

m. Additional information: None. (F-6)

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Headquarters 4th Inf Div., Office of AC of S, G-2, Fort Ord, California, 13 April 1950.

TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California.
Attention: AC of S, G-2

Forwarded in compliance with Par 2, Ltr Hdqrs Sixth Army dated 18 November 1948, file AMGBI 319, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft. This report is a continuation of the report forwarded by this office 11 April 1950.

FRANCIS L. HOPPER
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting
San Pedro, California, 8 March 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified object appearing to have the same magnitude and brilliance as the planet Venus but moving smoothly and rapidly with slightly less than the speed of a shooting star was observed at 1715 in the vicinity of San Pedro, California, traveling West to East. The object appeared again North of the observer in the vicinity of Santa Ana slightly from East to West and disappeared in the vicinity of Santa Monica. The object, reported as traveling more rapidly than any airplane observed, was seen by Colonel LAWRENCE B. BIXBY, FA, who provided a sketch to accompany his report. Information reported to DO#19 by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

2. DETAILS: At approximately 1715, 8 March 1950 Colonel LAWRENCE B. BIXBY, FA, walking in a westerly direction on West 30th Street, San Pedro, California observed a small speck moving rapidly accross the sky in a generally southeast direction. Immediately after sighting the speck it "seemed to become a brilliant light", BIXBY reported the brilliance and magnitude of the unknown object to be the same as the planet Venus," as an evening star". The object moved smoothly and rapidly with what appeared to be slightly less than the speed of a shooting star and, according to BIXBY, moved more rapidly

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3. ACTION: Photostatic copies of the map were made by DO#19 for forwarding with this report. No investigative action taken. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Sixth Army forwarded the information without action.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Occurrence in the Sky

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TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California

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Office of the AC of S, G-2, Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California

TO: Office of Special Investigations, District 19, United States Air Force, Fairfield-Suisun, California
ATTN: Colonel Swope

The attached is forwarded for your information and such action as is deemed necessary.

A. G. KIRBY
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SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Occurrence in the Sky

TO: Chief, Southern California Sub-District
Fort MacArthur
San Pedro, California

1. The following report is submitted as a result of personal observation of an extremely rapidly moving object in the sky above San Pedro, Long Beach and Santa Monica, California:

a. On the evening of 8 March 1950, at approximately 1715 hours, I was walking slowly up the hill on West 30th Street, San Pedro, California, and was approaching the crossing of Baywater Street, which is a block west of Gaffey Street. I was moving west. The sky was fairly clear directly overhead, but with a few light clouds at very high altitude. The sun, which was to my left front, was sinking into a very heavy cloud-bank over the ocean and my attention had been attracted by the sky.

b. I suddenly became conscious of the motion of what appeared to be a small speck moving rapidly across the sky in the direction in which I was looking. It was moving from my right to my left (generally south). Immediately after it had caught my eye it seemed to become a brilliant light. My first thought was that it was a shooting star. It appeared to have the same magnitude and brilliance as the planet Venus, as an evening star, but moved smoothly and rapidly and with what appeared to be slightly less than the speed of a shooting star, yet much more rapidly than any airplane that I have observed. After a very few seconds the brilliant light disappeared, but I could still trace the path of the object in the sky over Long Beach harbor, to the east of where I was standing.

c. It disappeared from view over Long Beach and my eye caught an airplane in the same direction. The plane, which appeared to be a C-47, was at a much lower altitude (perhaps three or four thousand feet), seemed extremely slow-moving in comparison with the first object described, and was moving from south to north directly over San Pedro Bay towards Long Beach.

d. As I continued to look to the east, my eye again caught the rapidly moving object. It had changed direction and appeared to be moving on a broad curve from the area over Santa Ana toward Segundo and Santa Monica. At first it was nothing more than a speck in the sky, but

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as it passed over the area which I would judge to be Inglewood-Torrance-Huntington Park, the brilliant light appeared again and I was quite aware that the light was a reflection of sunlight from the body of the object. A comparison of the relative positions of the sun, the object, and my location will indicate that this was probably the explanation of the brilliant light. (See map). On each occasion the brilliant light lasted only for two to three seconds.

e. When the brilliant light ceased I was still able to trace the path of the object. It seemed to start another broad curve from northwest to northeast, then disappeared in some thin white clouds that were at high altitude.

f. After the object disappeared I again turned to look at the airplane over Long Beach. As nearly as I can judge, it had moved a distance of between five and ten miles. During that time the object in the sky must have covered at least forty or fifty miles, but I have no sound basis for estimating its ground speed.

2. a. It was impossible to estimate the size or shape of the object, as these were no more clear that the appearance of an artillery shell when watched from ~~from~~ the breech of a gun during firing into the sky.

b. It was impossible to judge the speed of the object, for its altitude was uncertain. It did, however, cover a very great distance in the time that I observed it, and was many times more rapid in flight than the airplane (See map). It appeared to make no change in altitude as nearly as I could judge, and it disappeared above clouds which I believe are of the type formed from ice crystals at extremely high altitude.

c. The attached sketch gives an idea of the directions involved, but I cannot vouch for its accuracy as to scale, due to the fact there was no way to judge the distance to the object. For example: When the object appeared to me to have been over Long Beach, it might well have been farther away and hence over Santa Ana.

3. As a check on the reliability of the observation the following note is added: I described what I had seen upon my arrival at my quarters at approximately 1730 hours on 8 March to my wife. The morning radio announcements on the following day carried news that several people in Southern California had seen a "flying disc" on March 8th.

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Sketch Map

LAWRENCE B. BIXBY
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15 February 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting
Alameda, California, 7 February 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified cone-shaped object sighted in air over Alameda, California, 1730 PST 7 February 1950. Bright silver in color, one-half to three-quarters the size of ordinary parachute, traveling at speed of sixty to seventy miles per hour, disappearing in Southeast direction from Alameda. Under observation approximately ten minutes by two witnesses. Information taken initially by Assistant Officer of the Day, Alameda Naval Air Station, and subsequently forwarded to this district office by Fourth Air Force headquarters, Hamilton AFB, California. (Director of Intelligence, Fourth Air Force - A-3).

2. DETAILS: At approximately 1730 hours, Pacific Standard Time, 7 February 1950, an object was sighted in the air over Alameda County, California by a Mr. CLARK, 1456 Sylvia Way, San Leandro, California and by Mr. PAGE, 799 Victoria Avenue, San Leandro, California. The weather at the time was clear, with visibility approximately ten miles. Only one object was sighted, and this object appeared conicle in shape, with the base much like an ice-cream cone, and the top rounded somewhat like the canopy of a parachute. The object was bright silver in color and approximately one-half to three-fourths the size of an ordinary parachute. It was traveling at a speed of sixty to seventy miles per hour, with no definite heading. It appeared to hover at times and then "lazily" move on to another position and hover again. The object was observed by the two witnesses

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for a period of about ten minutes, when it finally disappeared in a Southeast direction from Alameda. In addition to the movements described above, the object would change from the perpendicular position to a horizontal position in flight. One witness reported no exhaust trail, while the other states an exhaust trail was visible and that it was much like that of a jet or rocket. Both individuals reported the object to be at an altitude of 2500 to 5000 feet.

3. ACTION: The two observers were interviewed by the Assistant Officer of the Day at Alameda Naval Air Station, who indicated that he was impressed with their story. Alameda Naval Air Station Operations informed Hamilton Flight Service that they were not investigating the sighting but were merely reporting it for information purposes. On 9 February 1950 the Director of Intelligence, Fourth Air Force forwarded a report of the sighting to the 19th District OSI.

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COMPLAINT FORM

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: WILLIAM A LARSEN, Major, 9466A	DATE: 9 February 1950 / TIME: 0815
ORGANIZATION: Hq & Hq Sq, Fourth AF, Hamilton AFB	PLACE: OSI Office, Hamilton Det.
RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.: 24 Cypress Road, San Anselmo, California Phone--San Rafael 6973 M	HOW RECEIVED: Telephonically
BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.: Intelligence Office, Bldg. #420 Hamilton AFB, California Phone--San Rafael 5800, Ext. 5102	TITLE: Unidentified ~~XXXX~~ Object. Aeriel
	CHARACTER: Special Inquiry 24-

II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Major LARSEN, reported that he had read a article in the Oakland Tribune newspaper, dated 9 February 1950, that a unidentified aeriel object was seen over the city of Oakland, California, 8 February 1950.

Major LARSEN further reported that a 1st Lt. TUCHSEN, 27th Fighter Sq., 1st Fighter Group, March AFB, California, informed him(LARSEN) that he had seen what he believed was the same object that was refered to in the Oakland Tribune. TUCHSEN further stated that he had observed said object through a pair of binoculars and identified object as being caused by a B-29 pulling a short vapor trail.

Major LARSEN, again called this writer, 1500 hours, 9 February 1950, and advised that he had a copy of report of the incident for our information. See inclosure #1.

Incl:
1. cc of Subject To Letter, Headquarters 78th Fighter Wing, Hamilton AFB, California, dated 8 February 1950.

Agent's Notes:

The witnesses are in Presidio's territory.

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IN REPLY REFER TO: OT 373.5

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

TO : Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base,
Hamilton, California
Attn: Director of Intelligence

Under the provisions of Par 4, ConAC Letter 200-1, dated 10 October 1949, the following report of information on "Flying Discs" is submitted:

(1) Location and time of sighting: Over Alameda, California 1730 PST 7 February 1950.

(2) Weather: Clear, 10 miles visibility.

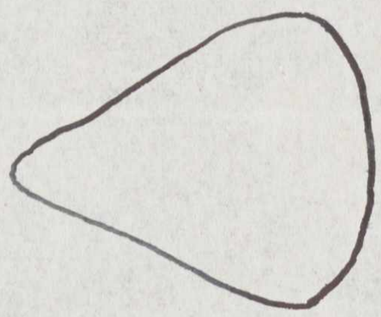
(3) Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

Mr Clark, 1456 Sylvia Way, San Leandro, California. Mr Clark is a civilian employee at Alameda Naval Air Station. He works the night shift in the Power Plant.

Mr Page, 799 Victoria Ave, San Leandro, California. Mr Page is a civilian employee at Alameda Naval Air Station. He works the night shift in the Power Plant.

(4) Photographs: None available.

(5) Sketch of objects' configuration:



(6) Objects sighted:

(a) Number: One (1).

(b) Shape: Conical, with the base much like an ice-cream cone, and the top rounded somewhat like the canopy of a parachute.

(c) One-half (1/2) to three-fourths (3/4) the size of an ordinary parachute.

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(d) Color: Bright Silver.

(e) Speed: Sixty (60) to seventy (70) miles per hour.

(f) Heading: No definite heading. The object appeared to hover at times and then "lazily" move on to another position and hover again. Mr Clark and Mr Page observed the object for a period of ten (10) minutes. It finally disappeared in a South-east direction from Alameda.

(g) Maneuverability: In addition to the movements as indicated in (f) above, the object would change from the perpendicular position to a horizontal position in flight.

(h) Altitude: Both individuals reported the object to be 2500 to 5000 feet altitude.

(i) Sound: None.

(j) Exhaust trail: One observer states an exhaust trail appeared to be much like that of a jet or a rocket. The other states no exhaust trail observed.

Remarks: The Ass't O.D. at Alameda Naval Air Station interviewed the two observers and indicated that he was sure they had seen something worth while reporting and seemed impressed by their story. Alameda Naval Air Station Operations informed Hamilton Flight Service that the only investigation that they were making was informing Hamilton Air Force Base for further investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE L. PAUL
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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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United States Air Force
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Gentlemen;

Enclosed find the form issued to any one who claims to have sighted a U.F.O.

Perhaps if I were not so damned bitter against any one who sits behind a desk, and says, The people are "Crackpots, nuts, and having illisations, perhaps I could write a much better letter. However those people and their explainations they try to feed the general public, I have my own opinion of.

I have read a book, put out by a high ranking Colonel in the air corp, who tried to explain a wy a sighting in Ohio, by saying the COAST GUARD, signelede a Ship on a foggy night with the ships spot light.

Having lived in New York Harbor, area, I heard the ships fog horns every time it got foggy, and if the COAST GUARD did not hear of FOG HORNS, I think it is about time they learned.

However that is his explaination and I hope this form does not fall into a ny hands such as the Colonelm who wrote that Book.

Well over a year ago. I have made, a standing offer.

This is it.

Do you want to see a U.F.O. any night in the week ?

Have you any equipment that can test it over a distanct sighting ?

I can point it out, if you have the time to wait.

Can you take any pictures of it. ?

Can you"triangle "" in Matha mathics ?

See it with the naked eye,telecope, Binoculars, or any way you prefer. Set your equipment up in my back yard, leave it, and come back to-morrow night and finish your tests.

If one night is not enough- take a week.

That is the offer I made and still stands.

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Now, after sighting this object, and several others, (large ones) and many small ones, I am going to really try and think back over a year ago for the first time, and would like to explain one thing.

Sighting it every nigh, and watching it, and seeing an erratic pattern, to you it may sound confusing a little, but I shall try and be as simple, and as plain as I can be.

If however you desire to bring along any equipment, or photo cameras, or a ny other tests you may want, Please remember MY OWN TIME IS VERY LIMITED. But just come ahead, and may be you can take over after I go out to work for my daily wages.

I have lived in 42660 Applewood St , Fremont , California .

I now live at Pleasanton, California, and still see the objects.

One large one, over the year has changed the pattern of flight. and to see what I mean, I could show rather than tell in a letter.

I have counted as many as three, from the same general area, arising in one night.

A lot of my co-workers at General Motors, have also sighted these.

I have told others to watc h for the large one, but they did not recognize it perhaps when they have seen it. It doe s look like a star, after it is up aways.

It moves slowly, and must be watched, constantly ~~xx~~ and compared to a stationary object, Like the roof on G.M. to se e it going up.

Recently having mocved to Pleasanton, I have shown several people through a pair of 7x50 binoculars, another object. (Large) The same kind as risies at the plant area. This is not the same one.

Altho a scope or binoculars are not needed, to see this.

I shall fill the form out, and if you would like to take any tests, or desire any further information , for over a years sighting, I will try and oblige.

Raymond Spears

Ray Spea rs

General Delievery
Pleasanton, California.

P.S. I have heard of several other sightings over near Santa Cruz , California Area, but the were much lower and shorter. Strictly hearsay.

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object? 1ST ONE A WEEK END IN
   ____ Day, APRIL Month, 1964 Year

2. Time of day: ABOUT 8:30 Hour, ____ Minutes
   (Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone:
   (Circle One): a. Eastern
   b. Central
   c. Mountain
   d. (Pacific)
   e. Other ____

WATCHING-OVER-YEAR
(Circle One): a. (Daylight Saving)
b. (Standard) AND

4. Where were you when you saw the object?
   42660 APPLEWOOD ST Nearest Postal Address, FREMONT City or Town, CALIF. State or Country
   ALSO - NOW SOME SIGHTINGS A PLEASANTON EACH NIGHT -

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)
   (Hours) Hours, Minutes, Seconds

   (a. Certain)
   b. Fairly certain
   c. Not very sure
   d. Just a guess

   5.1 How was time in sight determined? STARTED LOOKING ABOUT 8:30 PM AND STOP FOR BED AT - 5. AM
   5.2 Was object in sight continuously? (Yes) ____ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?
   SECOND OBJECT - OVER YEARS TIME SOME NIGHT - CLEAR
   DAY: (a. Bright) b. Cloudy
   NIGHT: a. (Bright) b. (Cloudy) - SOME CLOUDY

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?
   NOT-THE-FIRST-ONE
   (Circle One): (a. In front of you)
   b. In back of you
   c. To your right
   d. To your left
   e. Overhead
   f. Don't remember
   SECOND ONE Yes

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (*Circle One*):

a. None — SOMETIMES
b. A few — "
c. Many — "
d. Don't remember OVER YEARS TIME

8.2 MOON (*Circle One*): HIGHER FURTHER BACK

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight – pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (*Circle One*): OVER YEARS SIGHTING

a. (Clear sky)
b. ~~Hazy~~
c. (Scattered clouds)
d. ~~Thick or heavy clouds~~

WEATHER (*Circle One*):

(a. Dry)
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (*Circle One*):

(a. Solid) BRIGHT-
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
(d. As a light)
e. Don't remember

NAKED EYE - LIGHT
BINOCULARS - "
TELESCOPE - ROUND AND COLORED-

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (*Circle One*): YES

(a. Brighter)
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:
FLASHLIGHT AT END OF LONG DARK TUNNEL-

12. The edges of the object were:

(*Circle One*): a. Fuzzy or blurred — NAKED EYE
b. Like a bright star — BINOCULARS
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember — TELESCOPE
e. Other _____

13. Did the object: OVER YEARS SIGHTING- A FEW NIGHTS (*Circle One for each question*)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	(Yes)	No	Don't know

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? – YES – WHEN PLANES CAME NEAR IT – IT BLACKED OUT LIGHTING UP AGAIN – AFTER PLANES LEFT. THIS INCLUDING ALL NIGHTS – OVER YEAR.

15. Did the object move behind something ~~at any~~ time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: BUT ON CLOUDY NIGHTS – CLOUDS MOVED IN FRONT OF IT.

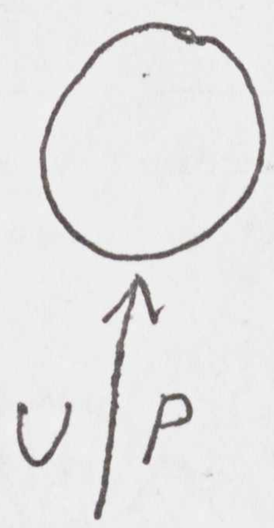
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. (Sound) – NONE –

b. Color SEEN THROUGH SCOPE – COLORS FLOWED THRU FROM BOTTOM TO TOP.

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? WOULD ALMOST COVER A POSTAGE STAMP AT 2 YARDS AWAY (APPROX) – WITH MY EYESIGHT – STAMP WITH WHITE HOUSE AND FLAG –

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



THROUGH SCOPE – NO-EXHAUST-
NO-VAPOR-TRAILS
NO WINGS
NO-PROTRUSIONS
NO – NOTHING – JUST PLAIN ROUND-

ALSO SEE NOTES ON DIRECTION

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20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? - BUT-ANY-PERSON GOOD-AT- MATH CAN FIGURE IT OUT-

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was? PERSON- GOOD AT- TRIANGLEATION CAN-

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One): WC-WERE-BACK YARD 42660 APPLEWOOD ST FREMONT- CALIF,

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other PLEASANTON CALIF SECOND OBJECT

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?
(b. In the residential section of a city?)
c. In open countryside? - OBJECT SIGHTED IN WIDE OPEN SPACES-
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One) OVER YEARS SIGHTING SOME NIGHTS - YES-

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object? BOTH OBJECTS ALSO - SMALL ONES

(Circle One) Yes No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	(Yes) WIFE	No	e. Binoculars	(Yes)	No
b. Sun glasses	(Yes)	No	f. Telescope	(Yes)	No
c. Windshield	(Yes)	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	(Yes) KITCHEN-	No	h. Other NAKED EYE-Yes		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

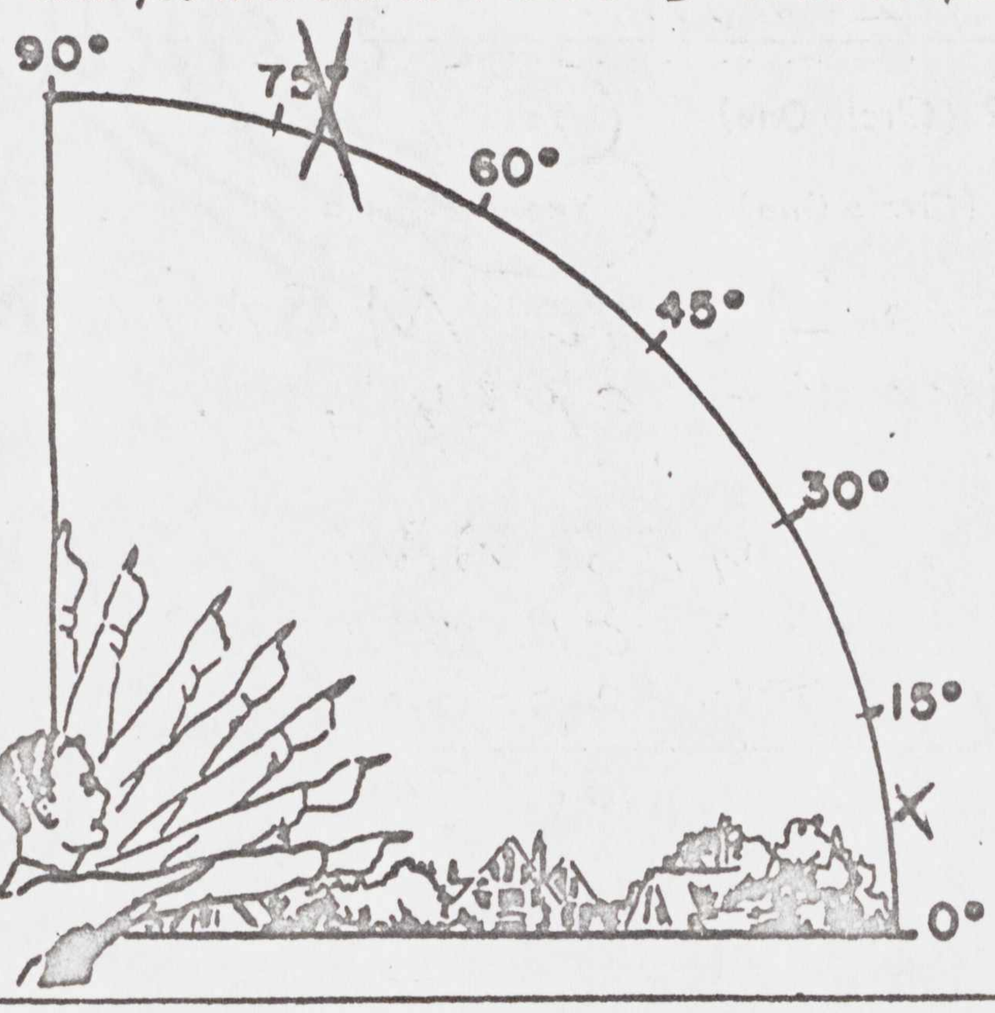
SMALL ONES - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS FLASHING RED & GREEN

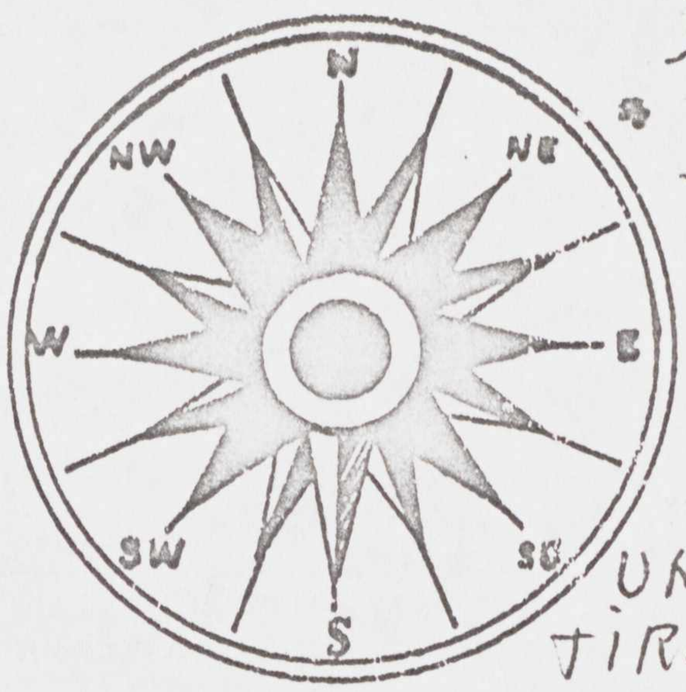
NAKED-EYE-LARGE-OBJECT- A SMALL PINWHEEL OF COLOR- REVOLVING

SMALL FLOURESENT LIGHT- -UNTIL-VIEWED-TARU-SCOPE

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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





RED AND GREEN SMALL OBJECT

• LARGE FIRST

▲ LAST- UNTIL I TIRED OF WATCHING ALMOST 9 HOURS LATER-

28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

OVER-YEARS-TIME-PATTERN-TURNED-ERRATIC-

FIRST 9 HOWEVER NOW IT IS GOING

GENERAL - G.M. RIGHT NOW

9 HOME

15 MILES- NOW

HOME G.M. RIGHT-

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? SMALLS- MANY-

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

LARGE ONES OVER YEARS TIME-
BEHIND PLANT- 3 or 4 A NIGHT
EARLY ONE MORNING- LARGE ONE SEEMED
IN-TROUBLE- COUNTED 5-6 AROUND IT
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN MORE-
SUN-UP- BY THEN BUT OBJECTS
COULD BE SEEN-

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30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

BEFORE APRIL-1964 NO- AFTER MAY 1965- OVER PLEASANTON-YES-

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) (Yes) No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) (Yes) No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses: TOO MANY TO MENTION- SOME I DO NOT KNOW- ONLY WORK WITH- CAN OBTAIN SOME NAMES AND OR GIVE NAMES ADDRESSES- IF- REQUIRED- ADDRESS MAY BE OBTAIN AT WORING OFFICES

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME SPEARS (Last Name) RAYMOND (First Name) ——— (Middle Name)

ADDRESS GEN. DELIEVERY (Street) PLEASANTON (City) ___ (Zone) CALIF (State)

FIRST SEEN- 42660 APPLEWOOD ST- FREMONT-

TELEPHONE NUMBER ~~NONE~~ AGE 46 SEX MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

SOME AIR CRAFT RECOGNITION IN ARMY- 1940- 1945-

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? NOBODY-FOR THE-DO (Day) WERS-THAT-BE- (Month) (Year) CALL- EVERY- ONE- A-CRACKPOT- NUT- OR OTHER-

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 20 (Day) SEPT- (Month) 1965 (Year)

SIGHTED OBJECTS WELL OVER- YEAR- -1964

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

I have watched the object arising for well over a years time.

Note on question 19. Over a years time, as stated in the one question 28. The object which arises, has no set pattern, and when first sightings were made the object arose xx almost straight up. Lately, as time permitted me to watch it, and as I drive much further now to and from work, the objects seems to be on my right when I leave the plant, and after driving some 15 miles northeast, which should put the object well on my left, the object is well on my right and in the rear of me when I arrive home.

I have shown this object to men who served in the Air Force have tried to show others, army, Navy , and any-who might be interested in sa id U.F.O.S Quite a few men on picket duty saw large object arising over the hill in the rear of G.M. Plant at Fremont, California. during strike in 1964.

Hear say evident includes the following.

A friend,-knows of a man who works for the water Deptat, has told me they were missing three thousand gallon of water per day. from the pipe line between, the San Joaquin Valley, and the Calaveras Resevoir. They could not account for the lost water.

Some three weeks after this information was passed to me,

They had a news broad cast over a T.V. Station, they had found a leak in a pipe at GEARY AND MARKET STS. San Francisco.

It seems to me, that a leak in the pipe of that size would sure raise something, by washing out under the pavement, and collapis ing the street.

Over a years time-- First we spotted the small one(Red and GreenFlashing) andit was while watching that, we saw the large one going up.

On top of the hill in the rear of G,M. is a lone tree.

we were sitting in the yard at 42660 Applewood St, Fremont, Calif. when My wife saw the Flashes. She went in and broug ht out a pair of small binoculars. It was while looking at it, the larger object arose from behind the hill.

This object seen through a 40x60 scope- is round.

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and if viewed and watched close, four colors can be seen- red- blue- pink- green- arising from the bottom to the top.

Also the small objects if viewed through a sccpe, colors Red-Blue-P,nk-Gree-n . Can be seen faintly rising up from the bottom to the top.

I made a standing offer- over a year ago. It still stands.

Do you want to see a U.F.O. ?

Do you have the time.?

Do you have a good camera ?

Do you have any other equipment ?

Can you figure Tr,iangleation ?

I have scope- Bioculars- , but you can see it with naked eye.

Set up any equipment in my back yard. If more than one night is needed. leave your equipment, It will be safe. Come back at any time you wish, I can show you it.

You may need help to see it the first time, but I can almost Guanrantee to show you one. almost every night-. I have time to work with you.

Saturday night, and sunday night are the best for me, onafter I get off from work. 2:24. Meet me outside of G.M. At F emont, no binoculars, no scope, no nothing, Naked eye. However scope will be brought in, if you tell me in time.

That is standing offer I made. It still stand.

Raymond Spears

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Raymond Spears
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Pleasanton, California

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26 July 1963

Unidentified Flying Object, 4 June 1963, Richmond, California

Comdr, Travis AFB

1. The attached correspondence was forwarded to this District Office for your action under AFR 200-2.

2. Files of this District Office fail to reflect any information regarding Mrs. NEVA TRACY or Mrs. EDWARD J. GORMAN.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ROBERT S. RATLIFF
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Counterintelligence Division

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1. Ltr, 4 Jul 63, fm Mrs. TRACY and Mrs. GORMAN
2. Envelope, postmarked 5 Jul 63, Oakland, Calif.

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Hq, 19th District OSI (I[illegible] USAF
Travis Air Force Base
California

19D OSI 24-352

7 February 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects observed by Chas. E. Flynn

TO: Commander
Travis Air Force Base
California

1. Reference is made to paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, as it pertains to the reporting of unidentified flying objects.

2. Transmitted herewith is a copy of a letter, dated 23 January 1958, signed by CHARLES E. FLYNN, 1503 "E" Street, Napa, California, which was forwarded to this District Office by the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Francisco, California.

3. This matter was coordinated with Captain S. T. OVEROSE, Air Provost Marshal, and was then referred to the Intelligence Officer, 82nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron (ADC), Travis Air Force Base, for appropriate action.

4. No further action is contemplated by this District Office in this matter, unless so requested.

WILLIAM E. ZUERNER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Charles E. Flynn
1503 "E" Street
Napa, Calif.
January 23, 1958

Gentlemen:

Early this morning, at about 6:30 AM, a Campanion and I were Steelhead fishing on the Russian River below the Jimtown Bridge. It was still rather dark for there was very dense clouds over head. I was standing around having a smoke when a mysterious object came speeding out of the western sky and within a few seconds disappeared in the East. A minute later there was the sound of a muffled boom.

This mysterious object appeared to be a white ball of light followed by a long blue to red tail. This tail was fringed by white light.

In my mind this was not a Jet Aircraft because there was no engine noise, or do I believe it was a rocket, because of the same reason, no noise. I then thought it might be a metor but I believe a metor would have blown to pieces long before it passed through the cloud layer which I believe might have been lower than 5,000 feet.

I am very interested in what this object could have been, & would appreciate it if you could inform me on the matter. As for the exact line of the flight of the object, I can supply further information on request.

Please do not over look this letter as a prank, for it is a true fact.

Thank you,

/s/ Charley E. Flynn

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HQ., 19TH DISTRICT OSI (1G) USAF
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE
CALIFORNIA

19D OSI 24-342

10 December 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
Stead Air Force Base
Nevada

1. A letter dated 5 November 1957, written by Mr. G. A. ROGERS, 1185 Sharon Way, Reno, Nevada, has been received by this office. The letter pertains to the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. ROGERS on 16 September 1957, and was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who, in turn, referred it to the Office of Special Investigations.

2. Reference is made to paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, pertaining to the reporting of information relating to unidentified flying objects.

3. On 4 December 1957, Mr. ROGERS was interviewed by Special Agent CARLYLE D. SCHAAD and furnished the following information concerning the sighting:

(1) Description of the object:

(a) Shape: Round

(b) Size: Approximately eighteen inches (18") in diameter

(c) Color: Vivid, deep orange and red

(d) Number: One (1)

(e) Formation: N/A

(f) Any discernible features or details: None

(g) Tail, trail or exhaust, including size of same compared with size of object: Orange jet flame appearing along the top rim

(h) Sound: None

(i) Other pertinent or unusual features: None

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(2) Description of course of object:

(a) What first called the attention of observer to object: N/A

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed: Ground level, below horizon of the peak of Mt Wheeler (Altitude: 13,058 feet). Object remained stationary.

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: See "2b" above.

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Object remained stationary.

(e) Manner of disappearance of object: Diminished and disappeared.

(f) Length of time in sight: Object observed twice for approximately one and one-half (1½) to two (2) minutes duration, with approximately three (3) minutes lapse between sightings.

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground-visual

(b) No optical aids utilized

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) Zulu time-date group of sighting: 0700 Zulu time, 16 September 1957.

(b) Light conditions: Night

(5) Location of observer: Observing was traveling North on U. S. Highway 93, Nevada, approximately five (5) miles South of Lincoln County line, Nevada (38 degrees 2 minutes; 114 degrees 5 minutes), One Hundred (100) miles Northeast of the Eastern edge of the Bombing Range North of Las Vegas, Nevada. Object observed was reported to be approximately twenty-five (25) miles North Northeast of the position of the observer.

(6) Identifying information of observer:

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(a) Mr. GEORGE A. ROGERS, Civilian, 1185 Sharon Way, Reno, Nevada; Mortician, and Owner of Rogers Funeral Homes.

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear, with no cloud cover and no moon.

(b) Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots:

At 10,000 feet - 10 knots from 200 degrees
At 11,000 feet - 10 knots from 200 degrees
At 15,000 feet - 15 knots from 200 degrees

(c) Ceiling: Not available

(d) Visibility: Not available

(e) Amount of cloud cover: See "7a" above

(f) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: N/A

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None

(9) Interception or identification action: None

(10) Location of any air traffic in the area at the time of sighting: N/A

4. Three individuals, Mr. TED BERRUM, Chief of Police, Mr. WILLIAM BRODHEAD, Captain of Detectives, and Mr. DALLAS SEEVERS, Chief, ID Bureau, all Reno Police Department, Reno, Nevada, were interviewed, and all advised that Mr. ROGERS enjoys a sound and reliable reputation.

5. No further investigation is contemplated by this office and the case is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

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WILLIAM E. ZUERNER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Hq, 19th District OSI (IG), USAF
Travis Air Force Base
California

19D OSI 24-341 19 November 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects 24-165- Miscellaneous

TO: Commander
Travis Air Force Base
California

1. Reference is made to paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, as it pertains to the reporting of unidentified flying objects.

2. At approximately 1145 hours, 18 November 1957, Mrs. ALICE JOSEPHINE BAKER, Route 1, Box 351, Dixon, California, telephonically advised that at approximately 0130 hours, 16 November 1957, she sighted an unidentified flying object "UFOB". According to Mrs. BAKER, she was proceeding in a northeasterly direction on the road which leads from the North Gate of Travis Air Force Base. She was approximately five miles distant from the North Gate when she sighted an orange object approximately one to two hundred feet above the ground. Mrs. BAKER estimated she was approximately six hundred feet from the object, which was traveling in the same direction as she.

3. Set forth below is the information pertaining to the sighting:

(1) Description of the object:

(a) Shape: Flat on the bottom and convex on top, somewhat resembling a semi-circle.

(b) Size compared to a known object: About twenty (20) to fifty (50) feet in length.

(c) Color: Bright orange, with the bottom of the object being a brighter orange than the top.

(d) Number: One (1).

(e) Formation, if more than one: N/A.

(f) Any discernible features or details: No trail or exhaust.

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(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object: No trail or exhaust.

(h) Sound: No sound, although Mrs. BAKER advised that she had noticed interference on her car radio immediately prior to the sighting.

(i) Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) What first called the attention of observer to the object? N/A.

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed: Mrs. BAKER estimated the object to be about 45 degrees in elevation at the first time of sighting, and about 55 degrees at the time the object disappeared from sight.

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object upon disappearance: See (b) above.

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of the object: Mrs. BAKER estimated the object was going approximately 25 miles per hour when she first sighted it. She advised that she stopped her car because she was afraid that she was going to overtake the object; however, the object accelerated its speed to about 90 miles per hour as it disappeared from sight.

(e) Manner of disappearance of object: See (d) above.

(f) Length of time in sight: Approximately twenty (20) minutes.

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Visual.

(b) No optical aids utilized.

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 0930 Zulu time, Saturday morning, 16 November 1957.

(b) Light conditions: Night.

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(5) Location of observer: See paragraph 2 above.

(6) Identifying information of all observers:

(a) Civilian: Mrs. ALICE JOSEPHINE BAKER, Age 22
Route 1, Box 351
Dixon, California - Clerk with the Capehart Housing Project, Travis AFB, California.

(b) Military: N/A

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions: Mrs. BAKER advised that visibility was very good, with only a few clouds in the sky.

(b) Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office:

- Wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots -

At 6,000-foot level - 310 degrees, 15 knots
" 10,000-foot level - 330 degrees, 20 knots
" 16,000-foot level - 310 degrees, 25 knots
" 20,000-foot level - 310 degrees, 35 knots
" 30,000-foot level - Unknown
" 50,000-foot level - Unknown
" 80,000-foot level - Unknown

(c) Ceiling: Unlimited.

(d) Visibility: 15 miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover: No cloud cover.

(f) No local thunderstorms in the area.

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None.

(9) Interception or identification action taken: None.

(10) Location of any air traffic in the area at the time of the sighting: T/Sgt PEARSON, AF 39 046 670, NCOIC, Base Operations, advised that between the hours 0901 and 0921, there were four (4) aircraft in the immediate area in which the object was sighted, a C-124, R7-V, C-97 and a DC-4.

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19D ltr to Comdr, Travis AFB, Calif., File 19D 24-341, Subj: UFOB, dtd 19 Nov 57.

4. The above information was telephonically furnished to Captain OVEROSE, Provost Marshal, Travis Air Force Base, at approximately 1315 hours, 18 November 1957.

5. No further investigation is contemplated and this case is considered CLOSED in the files of this District Office.

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WILLIAM E. ZUERNER
Colonel USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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Hq, 19th District OSI (IG) USAF
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California

19D OSI 24-313

17 August 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects - SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Parks Air Force Base
California

1. This office was telephonically informed by Mr. W. N. STEVENS, 9429 Gem Avenue, Castro Valley, California, Telephone: Lucaren 2-4113, that between the hours 1200-1500, 22 July 1956, while on a mountain trip he had observed an unidentified flying object and wished to report the details. STEVENS related that he is employed by the Land-Air, Inc., Oakland Airport, and that should he have to be interviewed, he would be available at his residence after 1700 hours.

2. AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, requires you to report this information on Air Force Form 112 to the Air Defense Command. Regulations issued by the Director, Office of Special Investigations, preclude this office from conducting an investigation unless so requested by the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

Ernest J. Boucher

ERNEST J. BOUCHER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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FILE NO. 24-180

DATE 28 July 1953

REPORT MADE BY
WILLIAM M. STRATTON, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO#19, Travis AFB, Calif.

PERIOD
20, 24 July 1953

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO#19, Travis AFB, Calif.

STATUS
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TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object
Brush Creek, California

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Initial Report

SYNOPSIS

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Investigation requested by Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Background data and reliability of BLACK and VAN ALLEN could not be determined through interviews with civil authorities in Butte County, California. District Forest Ranger advised BLACK and VAN ALLEN claim to be mining fissionable material at junction of Marble and Jordan Creeks. The object did not appear.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation requested by Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, upon receipt of information that an unidentified Aerial Object had been sighted at Brush Creek, Butte County, California, on 20 May and 20 June 1953 by two miners, JOHN Q. BLACK and JOHN VAN ALLEN, and that considerable attention by national and local press had been directed toward the reported sighting.

2. On 7 July 1953, a letter was received from the Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, dated 29 June 1953, Subj: "Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object, Brush Creek, California," which quoted a news item as follows:

"BRUSH CREEK, Calif., June 24--(UP)--Two grizzled miners today asked the Butte County sheriff's office for permission to shoot at a midget-manned 'flying saucer' that keeps invading their mountain diggings.

The miners, John Q. Black and John Van Allen, who operated a small gold mine in the remote Marble Creek area a few miles north of here, told Sheriff's Capt Fred Preston the 'saucer' landed twice on a sandbar at the junction of Marble and Jordon Creeks.

Each time, they said, a little man resembling a midget got out of the contraption, scooped up a bucket of water in a shiny pail, and handed it to someone inside.

When he saw them, they said, he jumped into the 'saucer' and it zoomed away without making a sound.

The object was described as having a tripod landing gear which left marks on the sandbar. The observers stated the craft was manned."

The letter further stated that the unidentified object had been sighted on 20 May and 20 June 1953.

AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

3. On 20 July 1953, Captain ALBERT L. CHRISTENSEN, Butte County Sheriff's Office, advised that two miners, JOHN Q. BLACK and JOHN VAN ALLEN on 24 June 1953 reported sighting an unidentified Aerial Object near their mining site at the junction of Marble and Jordan Creeks, Plumas National Forrest, Butte County, California, on 20 May and 20 June 1953. CHRISTENSEN further advised that neither BLACK or VAN ALLEN are known in Oroville and that they did not reside in Oroville or in Butte County. CHRISTENSEN stated that the Butte County Sheriff's Office had taken a "wait and see" attitude toward the reported incident and that inasmuch as the reported sightings have occured on the 20th of the preceeding two months, the Sheriff's office had dispatched an undersheriff to the

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scene of the reporting sighting on 20 July 1953, to be on hand in the event the said miners reported another sighting. CHRISTENSEN further stated that through news medium, many people have read of the previous sightings and it is expected that a large number of sightseers will be on hand on 20 July 1953, to witness another "possible landing of the object."

AT BRUSH CREEK, CALIFORNIA

4. On 20 July 1953, Sgt WALTER JOHNSON, star #1117, California Highway Patrol, who had been sent to Brush Creek to assist in traffic control, advised he had talked with both BLACK and VAN ALLEN earlier in the day. JOHNSON stated that both men were consistent in their story of the previous sightings of the object, but that both gave vague and conflicting stories when questioned about footprints or markings left by the object on previous occasions. JOHNSON further stated he did not know anything concerning the miners' backgrounds, or of their reputation for reliability in the area.

5. On 20 July 1953, District Ranger WILLIAM E. TURPIN, Plumas National Forrest, advised he has known BLACK and VAN ALLEN for approximately three (3) years, and that neither of the two appear to be drinkers. TURPIN further advised he has visited the miners' claim on numerous occasions; that he has ordered them, several times, to clean up the camp area to reduce fire hazard, and that the two men have sunk a shaft approximately 40 to 50 feet into the side of the mountain, claiming to be mining "fissionable material." TURPIN stated the two have not filed for a claim in the three summers they have been there, and to the best of TURPIN's knowledge, the two have never taken anything resembling ore from the mine or the surrounding area. TURPIN added he did not know anything concerning the background or reliability of either BLACK or VAN ALLEN, or where they reside in winter.

AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

6. On 24 July 1953, Undersheriff BERT N. LUCAS, Butte County Sheriff's Office, advised he had been present at Brush Creek on 20 July 1953 when the unidentified object was supposed to reappear, but had not talked to either BLACK or VAN ALLEN. LUCAS stated he did not know anything concerning the background or reliability of the two men. LUCAS further stated that news reporters representing papers from Chico, Oroville, and Sacramento, California, had been present on the 20th, as well as a news broadcaster representing a local Oroville radio station. The unidentified object did not appear.

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FOR THE COMMANDER, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO.

1. Newspaper clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle, dated 19 July 1953.
2. Newspaper clipping from Appeal-Democrat, Marysville, dated 21 July 1953.

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Martinez, California
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT R. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: MCEP

1. Attached are two (2) copies of the Closed report of Special Agent WILLIAM M. STRATTON, 19th OSI District (IG), Travis Air Force Base, California, dated 26 August 1952, File 24-150, subject as above.

2. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of a report by Special Agent William M. Stratton, OSI District Office 19, dated 26 August 1952, reflecting the completed results of an investigation conducted relative to the above subject. No further inquiry into this matter is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-150

DATE 26 AUG 1952

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REPORT MADE BY
WILLIAM M. STRATTON, S/A

TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Martinez, California
last week June 52

REPORT MADE AT
DO #19, Travis AFB, California

PERIOD
18, 20 August 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #19, Travis AFB, California

STATUS
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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 19th District, Travis AFB. In the last week of June 1952, JOSHUA E. HOLMBLAD, 2505 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, Calif., observed what appeared to be a round, brightly orange-colored object 4 to 6 inches in dimeter, travelling at a high rate of speed in a southerly direction. Estimated time of sighting approximately 2140 hours. A similar object sighted by HOLMBLAD three or four nights later travelling in an identical course as the first object. Mrs. JOSHUA E. HOLMBLAD and Mrs. ELIZABETH BAKER, witnesses to the second occurence, verified HOLMBLAD'S testimony as to description and speed of object. Miss NATALIE BAKER, another witness, stated the object appeared to consist of four or five small bluish lights in close formation, flying at a slower rate of speed than indicated by other witnesses. Mr. WAYNE EDWARDS who also witnessed the occurence not available for interview.

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19D OSI 24-150

DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by Major GORDON T. COLLEY, District Commander, 19th District, Travis AFB, California, and based upon receipt of information contained in a letter from J. A. SPENCER, Major, AF Reserve, 3701 Serrano Street, Martinez, California, that Mr. J. HOMBLAD, 2505 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, California, with six witnesses saw a flying object described as spherical, flash across the sky at 2210 hours, 14 July 1952, and again at 2223 hours, 15 July 1952.

AT MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA

2. On 18 August 1952, JOSHUA E. HOLMBLAD, Painting Contractor, 2505 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, California, stated that at approximately 2140 hours in the last week of June 1952 (exact date unknown), he visually observed what appeared to be a single, round, bright orange-colored object travelling at a high rate of speed in a southerly direction over his residence. HOLMBLAD further stated he first sighted the object when it was low on the northern horizon, and appeared to be four to six inches in diameter, displayed no aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, sound or other distinguishable features. HOLMBLAD said he was standing in the yard of his residence located at 2505 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, California, when he observed the object, and advised that it passed directly over him, followed a straight course , and disappeared over the southern horizon without changing course a few seconds after initial sighting. Altitude and distance was unknown by HOLMBLAD. HOLMBLAD described the night of the occurrence as being exceptionally clear, with no unusual meteorological or celestial activity. HOLMBLAD further advised that the only air traffic in the area usually passed in an East-West direction, but he did not recall observing any aircraft in the area on this particular evening.

3. HOLMBLAD stated that a few nights later, he and his wife, Mrs. J. E. HOLMBLAD, and their neighbors, Mrs. ELIZABETH BAKER, Miss NATALIE BAKER, 508 Arch Street, and Mr. WAYNE EDWARDS, Arch Street, all of Martinez, California, were standing in the alley adjacent to the HOLMBLAD residence when they sighted an object directly overhead similar to the object sighted by HOLMBLAD a few nights earlier, progressing at the same rate of speed in a southerly direction. The description and actions of this second object were exactly the same as those of the first object according to HOLMBLAD, whose description was verified through testimony of Mrs. HOLMBLAD and Mrs. BAKER. Miss NATALIE BAKER, however, stated that the object appeared to consist of four or five small bluish lights in close formation, travelling at a slower rate of speed than that described by the HOLMBLADS and her mother, Mrs. BAKER. Both Mrs. BAKER and her daughter, NATALIE, stated they were under the impression that the object was an airplane, but neither could recall seeing any distinguishing features or hearing any sound of an aircraft.

4. None of the witnesses could recall the exact date of the occurrence, nor could they accurately describe the speed of the object.

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All described the night of the second occurrence as being clear, with no unusual meteorological or celestial activity. There were no aircraft in the area at the time. The actual time of sighting the object varied from Mrs. BAKER'S estimate of approximately 2030 hours to Mr. HOLMBLAD'S estimate of approximately 2150 hours. MR. WAYNE EDWARDS is on vacation and could not be reached for interview.

AGENT'S NOTE: Contra Costa County Municipal Airport (Buchanan Field) is located approximately 160 degrees south, six miles from location of observers.

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19 August 1952

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted over Suisun Marsh,
Solano County, California
20 April 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding Officer
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ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information is one copy of the report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES F. ALBRIGHT, 19th OSI District, file 24-151, dated 11 August 1952, subject as above.

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2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 19th OSI District, Travis Air Force Base, predicated upon receipt of letter from Dr. A. W. WARD concerning the sighting of a bright luminous object traveling in the sky.

3. WARD was interviewed and stated the object was sighted at approximately 0300 hours, 20 April 1952 from his country home on Grizzly Island, Solano County, California. The object was traveling in a straight line from the northwest horizon to the southwest horizon; the altitude and speed of the object were not estimated. WARD observed no aerodynamic features of the object and stated it did not appear to be a 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 paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-151

DATE 11 AUG 1952

REPORT MADE BY
S/A CHARLES F. ALBRIGHT

REPORT MADE AT
DO #19, Travis AFB

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30, 31 July 1952

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DO #19, Travis AFB

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
sighted over Suisun Marsh,
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Investigation initiated by District Commander upon information that Doctor A. W. WARD had sighted a bright luminous object travelling across the sky. WARD interviewed, related object sighted approximately 0300 hours, 20 April 1952, from WARD's country home on Grizzly Island, Solano County, California. The object was travelling in a straight line from the northwest horizon to the southwest horizon, the altitude and speed of object were not estimated. WARD observed no aerodynamic features of the object and related object did not appear to be a meteor.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by the District Commander, upon receipt of a letter from Doctor A. W. WARD, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California, dated 23 April 1952, concerning the sighting of a bright luminous object traveling in the sky.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 30 July 1952, Dr. A. W. WARD, residence address, 1125 Greenwich Street, San Francisco, was interviewed at his place of business, 450 Sutter Street. WARD advised that on the morning of 20 April 1952 he sighted an object in the sky of unconventional design. WARD gave the following information concerning the object: Object appeared to form an imperfect circle. The edges were clearly defined but not extremely sharp and did not appear to be "fuzzy" or as though the object were a shining light. The object appeared to be about twice the diameter of the moon when the moon is in a vertical position in the sky. The object was luminous and bluish-white in color. Only one object was seen and no aerodynamic features were observed. No trail or exhaust was noticed, nor was any sound heard. WARD could offer no information as to the manner of propulsion. The speed of the object was not measured nor estimated, but WARD advised the object moved from the northwest horizon to the southwest horizon in approximately one to two minutes. The object moved in a straight line and performed no maneuvers. This object disappeared and reappeared abruptly three times while in transit. This disappearance and reappearance did not occur in a regular fashion or definite time interval. The disappearance occured each time as though a light were turned off. The object did not fade away and WARD does not believe the object moved behind anything during the times it was not observed. After the third disappearance on the southwest horizon the object was lost to view. During the time observed the object did not change its size or shape. The object showed no variation in color and did not appear to have light or dark areas. Ward was not positive the object was solid but stated it appeared to be shining of its own light and does not believe the light was reflected. The object did not appear to be rotating. WARD stated that at the time of sighting this object he was alone in his country home located on Grizzly Island in Montezuma Slough approximately one mile northwest of Birds Landing in Solano County, California. Nearest identifying land marks are, Kirby Hills about 1/4 miles to the north. WARD does not know the latitude and longtitude of this residence (WARD advised he has since sold the house). The house is approximately 3 to 5 feet above sea level and observation was made from a first floor window facing almost due west. The window was opened but screened. The observation was made with the naked eye, and no binoculars were used. WARD advised he did not note the exact time but believes it was between 0300 and 0330 hours,

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approximately a couple of hours before sunrise. The object appeared in the northwest and WARD advised he first noticed the object as it came into view from his right. The object moved south across the sky keeping to the west and disappeared in the southwest. The altitude and distance of the object were not estimated. The object appeared above the range of hills to the west and was approximately 25° above the horizontal line of sight. The object was observed for approximately one to two minutes, the actual time was not measured. No witnesses were present. WARD stated at the time of the sighting, he was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. WARD stated he was not subject to hallucinations. WARD advised he had been asleep and upon arising had glanced out of the window and paused to admire the beautiful view and while doing so noticed the object. WARD stated there was very little, if any, wind, the sky was cloudless, stars were very bright, visibility was excellent. The moon was not visible. The temperature was cool but not cold. WARD stated the object did not appear to be a meteor and knew of no activity or condition which might account for the object. WARD advised he had no physical evidence of this phenomenon. WARD stated he had never seen a phenomenon of this type before and added the object did not appear to be a reflection of searchlights on clouds or lights on an aircraft.

3. WARD stated he is a Dentist by profession. WARD related he has normal vision and does not require the use of glasses in viewing distant objects.

4. On 31 July 1952, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, advised Daylight Savings Time went into effect on 27 April 1952.

5. On 31 July 1952, the U. S. Weather Bureau advised the sun rose at 0529 PST on 20 April 1952.

6. On 31 July 1952, the U. S. Coast Geodetic Survey advised the moon rose at 0325 PST and set at 1516 PST on 20 April 1952. Last quarter of the old moon was on 17 April 1952 and the new moon rose on 23 April 1952.

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Counter Intelligence Division
Dir. of Special Investigations, IG

Colonel Barnard/mb/Code 192
Ext 140 AFCSI-6

1. Information has been received from the FBI to the effect that a Mr. Fred Blumenthal, in the office of Drew Pearson, had contacted the Bureau, advising that Pearson had been in contact with Dr. W. A. Rhodes concerning photographs which Rhodes allegedly made of a Flying Disc in the vicinity of Phoenix, Arizona, in June of 1947.

2. Dr. Rhodes allegedly informed Drew Pearson that the FBI borrowed his negatives on the Flying Disc and that he had asked for their return. The FBI informed Rhodes that the negatives were not available.

3. The FBI informed Mr. Blumenthal that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. Rhodes, and in fact Rhodes knew full well that the FBI turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Hamilton Field, on 30 August 1947, with the understanding that he might never have them returned.

4. Blumenthal was informed by the Bureau that the FBI did not investigate this matter and did not investigate Rhodes. Mr. Blumenthal stated he would contact OSI for what assistance they might be able to give him.

5. OSI has not received any inquiry from Mr. Pearson or any of his representatives.

6. For your information on 18 October 1949, a letter was received from OSI District 19, transmitting copies of the photographs taken by Rhodes, and advising that the originals were in custody of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, Intelligence, Hamilton AFB, California. A background investigation was run on Rhodes, by OSI, for the benefit of AMC, which reflected that Rhodes had created the name PANORAMIC RESEARCH LABORATORY, to impress people with his importance. He was reported to be a musician by trade, but had no steady job. Neighbors considered him to be an

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excellent neighbor, who caused no trouble, but judged him to be emotionally high strung, egotistical, and a genius in fundamentals of radio. He conducts no business through his "Laboratory," but reportedly devotes all his time to research.

7. The above information has been forwarded to the Director, Office of Public Information, Office of Secretary of the Air Force.

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11 June 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, COUNTER INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES, Information Concerning Flying Disc

1. On 11 June 1952, Mr. Philcox of the FBI, advised that a Mr. Fred Blumenthal in the office of Drew Pearson, had contacted Mr. Wick, FBI, on 4 June 1952. Blumenthal stated that Pearson had been in contact with Dr. W. A. Rhodes (Phoenix Telephone No. 5-0048) concerning photographs which the above captioned individual took of a flying Disc in the Phoenix area in June of 1947.

2. Blumenthal stated that Dr. Rhodes informed Drew Pearson on 4 June that the FBI borrowed his negatives on the Flying Disc and that he had asked for their return. The FBI told Rhodes the negatives were not available.

3. Mr. Blumenthal was advised by Mr. Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. Rhoades, and in fact Rhoades knew full well that the FBI turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, 4th Air Force, Hamilton Field, on 30 August 1947, with the understanding that he might never have them returned.

4. Blumenthal was advised that the FBI did not investigate this matter and did not investigate Rhoades.

5. Mr. Blumenthal stated he would contact the OSI of the Department of the Air Force for what assistance they might be able to give him.

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Flying object reportedly seen
at Stockton, California on
22 May 1952
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TO: Commanding Officer
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ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent MARK L. McDERMOTT, 19th OSI District, file 24-148, dated 26 June 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 19th OSI District, Travis Air Rorce Base, California, based on information from Mr. PICKERING that he and several other persons had seen a rectangular object in the sky.

3. PICKERING described object. Mr. GONZALES and Mr. STOCKDALE stated they observed object and believed it to be a weather balloon.

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

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. 24-148

DATE 26 June 1952

REPORT MADE BY
MARK L. McDERMOTT S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #19, Travis AFB, California

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TITLE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Flying object reportedly seen at Stockton, California on 22 May 1952

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REFERENCE
TWX, 19D 0875, dtd 23 May 1952, to Hq OSI

SYNOPSIS

This investigation initiated by District Commander, 19th District OSI (IG) USAF, Travis AFB, California based on information received from Mr. EDWARD PICKERING to the effect that he and several other persons had seen a retangular object in the sky at approximately 1240 hours 22 May 1952. PICKERING stated object was at approximately 30,000 feet altitude on a horizontal azimuth of approximately 350 degrees and on vertical angle of approximately 85 degrees. Mr. PHILLIP V. GONZALES stated that he also observed object but believed it to be a weather balloon. Mr. MERLE G. STOCKDALE stated he observed object and believed it to be a weather balloon.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by direction of District Commander, 19th District OSI (IG) USAF, Travis Air Force Base, California, based upon information received from Mr. EDWARD PICKERING, Civilian employee, Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California to the effect that he and several other persons had seen a rectangular object over the Naval Supply Annex at approximately 1240 hours, 22 May 1952, which object seemed to be at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

2. On 22 May 1952, EDWARD H. PICKERING, age 31, 1635 Mendicino Street, was interviewed at which time he stated substantially as follows: At approximately 1240 hours, 22 May 1952, PICKERING was contacted by PHILIP GONZALES, a co-worker, and informed that GONZALES had observed an object in the sky which object seemed to be hovering at a very high altitude. At this PICKERING went outside of the building in which he was working, accompanied by GONZALES, at which time GONZALES pointed out the object in the sky. PICKERING stated that he observed an object at approximately 30,000 feet altitude, bright silver in color, appearing rectangular in shape, which object remained almost stationery. PICKERING declared that he visually placed the object in relation to the edge of a building so as to determine drift, rise and motion. For a period of four (4) minutes, the object remained stationery, then disappeared. The object was last seen at 1305 hours. PICKERING advised that the object did not fly away, but merely disappeared from sight. PICKERING stated that according to his estimate, the object was on a horizontal azimuth of approximately 350 degrees and on a vertical angle of 85 degrees.

3. On 22 May 1952, Mr. PHILLIP V. GONZALES, 1951 Harding Way, West, was interviewed at which time he stated that on 22 May 1952 as he was proceeding along a side walk in the vicinity of the Supply Annex, he noticed several persons looking into the sky. GONZALES stated that upon looking up he observed what appeared to be a round or oval shaped object very high in the sky in a northerly direction. GONZALES stated that he continued to observe the object for a period of two to five minutes after which the object disappeared. GONZALES declared that he was almost certain that the object was a weather balloon. GONZALES explained that he had seen a number of weather balloons released from Ordnance Depots, and in his opinion the object in the sky was definitely the same type.

4. MERLE G. STOCKDALE, employee of the Navy at the Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California was contacted at his home, 130 West Poplar Street, Stockton, California. Mr. STOCKDALE advised that he is employed as an Assistant Division Supervisor (Ordnance) at the Naval Supply Annex. STOCKDALE stated his attention was called to an object sometime shortly before 1300 hours 22 May 1952, by another employee. STOCKDALE stated there was no telescope available or any other instrument with which to look at the object. STOCKDALE described what he saw as appearing to be a globe having no wing or tail assembly and was of a silvery color. He looked at the

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object for a period two to three minutes to seven or eight minutes during which time it did not appear to move. STOCKDALE further stated at the time he was looking at the object there were no clouds in the sky but several aircraft were flying in the vicinity and a slight breeze was blowing. In his opinion, STOCKDALE stated the object appeared to him to be very similar to the weather balloons which had been released from the Stockton Airport. He stated when he first looked at the object he thought it was a balloon and he still thinks it was a balloon.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Object

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Travis Air Force Base, California	Hq & Hq Sq, 5th Strat Rcn Wg, Travis AFB

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
5 January 1952	4 January 1952	Unknown

PREPARED BY (Officer) Maj John F. Larimer Intel Officer
1st Lt. William J. Quinn Jr. Asst Intel Of.

SOURCE: Pfc Clifford W. Smith AF 1631394

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

Ltr fr Hq USAF, dtd 8 Sep 50, Subj: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Acft.

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.)

Pfc Smith, an Airman assigned to this organization reported sighting an unidentified aerial object on the morning of 4 January 1952. This sighting was different from any other he had previously observed. The observer could not account for the object leaving the area or its disappearance.

Unidentified Objected seen near Travis Housing Project, Travis AFB, Calif

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The following report is submitted as the result of an interview with Pfc. Clifford W. Smith, AF1631394, 4110th Armament and Electronics Squadron, 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Heavy, Travis Air Force Base, California, on 5 January 1952:

On 4 January 1952 between the hours of 0500 and 0530 the informant sighted what appeared to be an undentified flying object. The weather during the time of sighting was very dark but clear, the moon was not visible however a high, broken, overcast was observed over the area. Smith was alone at the time and there were no nearby witnesses seen in the vicinity. He was walking east on Travis Avenue in front of the Wherry Housing Area when he sighted the unidentified object heading on a relative bearing approximately forty-five (45) degrees to the left about one-quarter (¼) mile distance at an estimated altitude of three hundred (300) feet. The unidentified sighting appeared to be going forward and downward at an extremely high rate of speed described as being comparable to that of a jet type aircraft coming down from out of the clouds. To Smith the unidentified object appeared to be a tear drop shaped apparition very bright green in color lighting up a large area at the time. A red flame estimated as about thirty (30) feet long shooting out large phosphorent colored sparks appeared to the observer to be coming from the rear of the unidentified object. During the period of sighting between fifteen (15) to thirty (30) seconds the unidentified object seemed to Smith to descend about fifty (50) feet in altitude from the initial sighting position. There was no sound heard or crash observed during the sighting time. The observer stated he is familiar with the appearance of Meteors and shooting stars and that the unidentified object he sighted had no resemblance to either of the foregoing.

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Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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Attached for your information is a letter from OSI District #19 concerning captioned subject, dated 3 November 1950. No further action is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

19D OSI 24/40 SIR-16 3 November 1950

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
Observed directly overhead San Francisco, California at approximately 0930 hours, 3 November 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unusual object observed in sky directly overhead San Francisco at 0930 hours, 3 November 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 3 November 1950 Mr. HARLOW E. LASS, 2345 Oakwood Drive, East Palo Alto, California was interviewed and stated that he in company with eight or ten other people observed a bright object in the sky directly overhead. At this time they were working in the Southern Pacific Freight Yard at 4th and 5th Street to Ting, San Francisco, California. The object was observed for a period of twenty (20) to thirty (30) minutes; shape appeared round; size was that of a silver dollar; color: white; only one (1) observed; no aero dynamic features discernible; no trailer exhaust or propulsion system observed; it appeared to be suspended in the air; no sound; moved approximately 10° accross the sky in the twenty (20) to thirty (30) minute period. No unusual features noticed. Altitude estimated at 20,000 feet. This was based upon comparison with a medium type aircraft. Observers were all railway employees with no previous aeronautical experience.

3. ACTION: None.

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District Commander.

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19D OSI 24/40 SIR-15 27 September 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SUBJECT: RAWIN DEVICE WITH MESSAGE ATTACHED
Source: Vallejo News-Chronicle

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Photograph and article in the Vallejo News Chronicle describing a Wind Current Observation Kite with message attached from unidentified airman on Treasure Island. Radar Bomb Strike Station at Treasure Island Naval Station contacted and revealed it was a RAWIN DEVICE which is released twice daily to plot upper winds and the airman in the detachment affix names to the device for the purpose of receiving mail from the finder.

2. DETAILS: The Vallejo News Chronicle, Vallejo, California on Friday 1 September 1950 published photographs and an article regarding an object described as a "large, wind current, observation kite" which was found in the yard of Mrs. ILLENE BRINK, 907 Amador Street, Vallejo, California. The article stated that the "Kite" had a message attached which requested the finder to notify an airman in a U.S.A.F. Squadron at Treasure Island. Sgt. H. C. ADORNIK, AF-17249660, Detachment "E", 3903rd Radar Bomb Strike Station, USAF, Treasure Island Naval Station was contacted on 12 September 1950 and stated the device found in Vallejo was an instrument for determining the winds aloft in conjunction with Radar (RAWIN) and that his organization usually sent them aloft twice a day at 0800 and 1500 hours. ADORNIK further stated that it was the practice of the airman of the detachment to affix their name and the address of the unit to the Device requesting the finder to notify same as to the location at which the Device was found. ADORNICK advised that prior to approximately 1 September 1950 that there was nothing on the Device which identified the agency which released them, however, that he had since rectified this and that a card with the following statement is now affixed:

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"NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

THIS DEVICE CONSISTS OF A FOIL COVERED RADAR REFLECTER KITE ATTACHED TO HYDROGEN FILLED RUBBER BALLON. IT HAS BEEN USED BY THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO OBTAIN METEOROLOGICAL WIND DATA. THIS DEVICE IS NOT DANGEROUS AND IS OF NO FURTHER USE TO THE USAF".

3. ACTION: No action is contemplated by this office.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
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19D OSI 24/40-SIR-14 13 September 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF BURNING OBJECT IN THE AIR
Rio Linda, California
8 September 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: On 8 September 1950 at approximately 1400 hours a burning object was noted falling slowly to the ground near Rio Linda, California.

2. DETAILS: On 8 September 1950 Mr. JOSEPH E. LATTA was interviewed at his residence on Taylor Street, Del Paso Heights, California and stated that at approximately 1400 hours on 8 September 1950 while he was working in his rice fields, which are located approximately 27 miles north of Sacramento, California, he detected a burning object falling very slowly through the air. LATTA asserted that when he first noticed the object it was at an altitude of approximately 200 feet, appeared to be about 10 feet in diameter and was falling at very slow rate of speed. LATTA stated that the light of the burning object was extremely bright and made it impossible to determine any specific details relative to the shape other than the fact that it appeared round to him. LATTA also stated that the object left a trail of blue smoke as it descended.

3. On 9 September 1950 Mr. EDGAR ERNST, Rural Route #1, Box 3100, Rio Linda, California, the person on whose property SUBJECT object purportedly landed was interviewed and stated that the object seen by LATTA was probably a flare which he had shot to scare ducks, which nested in his rice paddies. ERNST asserted that he had obtained a rifle, grenade launcher and flares from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Authority and that on 8 September 1950 he had shot flares at approximately

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1400 hours, 1600 hours and 1700 hours. ERNST stated that the chance of recovering discharged flares were very small due to the fact that he did not know exactly where they landed and that the remains were probably under water in the rice paddies.

4. ACTION: No further action is contemplated by this District office.

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28 August 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL LIGHT
Northeast of Vacaville, California
14 August 1950
Unconventional Aircraft

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TO : Headquarters, USAF
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Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: An unusual bright light was observed Northeast of Vacaville, California at approximately 1930 hours 14 August 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 17 August 1950, Mrs. KATHARINE MOWERS, 319th West Street, Vacaville, California was interviewed and stated that she had observed the above cited light from her home. MOWERS further stated that she could not estimate the distance between her point of sight and the light. MOWERS advised that the sighting was at dusk and that she had telephonically advised OSI of the light in an attempt to call their attention to it and that immediately after observing the light, stars began appearing and it was lost to view. Mrs. MOWERS further advised that the light could have been a weather balloon light or an unusually bright star.

3. S/Sgt. JAMES W. BARKER, AF-42242320, 1st Sgt. 10/4L Weather Detachment, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, was interviewed and stated that no weather balloons have been released from this station in the past two (2) months.

4. ACTION: None.

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10 August 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA
25 Miles East of Oakland, California

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unusual cloud formation with brilliant coloration was observed North West of SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA and caused considerable excitement in the SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. Weather Bureau officials claimed the cloud to be an unusual grouping of moisture particles in the sky which gave vivid prismatic effects.

2. DETAILS: On 2 August 1950, Mr. JOSEPH L. CLOTHEIR, Aircraft Controller, OAKLAND Airport Service, together with two (2) other Controllers, of the OAKLAND Airport Service stated at approximately 1040 they noted a set of two (2) cloud formations close together and in the cloud formations they noticed a number of vivid colors running from a bright yellow into orange and pastel green running into blue at at approximately 330° from the OAKLAND Tower. The clouds once appeared to be very high. By 1100 the phenomena had dispersed and the clouds turned into the normal cloud formations. The distance appeared to be approximately 25 miles from the tower in an easterly direction; over water by the SAN MATEO BRIDGE approximately west and north of SAN JOSE.

3. They notified civilian pilots of commercial aircraft to investigate the formation. The following were contacted: UNITED AIRLINES, Trip 451, TWA Flight 40 (the pilot of this flight reported in a garbeled message that he thought the formation appeared to be vapor trails, but other reports from pilots and OAKLAND Tower did not agree); SAN FRANCISCO Tower contacted Captain ANDERSON, Pilot of American Airlines, Flight 721 and UNITED AIRLINES, Flight 452 from OAKLAND. The pilots names, other than Captain ANDERSON, are unknown.

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4. The following are controllers of the OAKLAND Airport Service who observed these cloud formations: Mr. JOSEPH L. CLOTHEIR, 456 Central, Aladema, California, Phone: Lakehurst 3-7579; Mr. JAMES K. CAMPBELL, 2529 Eagle Avenue, Alameda, California, Phone: Lakehurst 3-7070; Mr. JOHN ZENTMYER, 900 Gem St., Castro Vallejo, California, Phone: Lucerne 1-4717.

5. Weather Bureau officials claimed the cloud to be an unusual grouping of moisture particles in the sky which gave vivid prismatic effects.

6. ACTION: None.

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(Unclassified) FRED W. REED, 2021 West Third Street, Los Angeles 5, Calif.
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SUBJECT: FRED W. REED
2021 West Third Street
Los Angeles 5, California
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TO : Headquarters, USAF
Director of Special Investigations
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, dated 1 August 1950 and inclosed letter sent to them from the Far East Command related to SUBJECT, copies of which are inclosed.

2. This information is being forwarded for such value as it may possibly have.

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Presidio of San Francisco, California
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

1 August 1950

Colonel John G. Swope
19th OSI District
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
Fairfield, California

Dear Colonel:

The inclosed letter was sent to us from the Far East Command. It would appear that Mr. Fred W. Reed, if his statements are correct, has gone a long way ahead of the Air Force and his invention should be of considerable interest.

For this reason, we are forwarding it to you for such action as you see fit.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ ALEX G. KIRBY
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2021 West Third Street
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General Douglas MacArthur
U. S. Army Headquarters
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sir:

Because of the seriousness of difficulties in Korea, I believe I should inform you of the following facts:

1. I have invented, constructed and tested a plane which I flew with two passengers from Los Angeles to San Francisco-Oakland and return to Los Angeles. Time for the round trip - 38 minutes.

2. The engine in this plane was a Curtis - and not the finest Curtis motor at that.

3. I build this plane by SOUND. No rivets or bolts. Plane can be built in 2 1/2 hours. This does not include time for placing motor.

4. Plane flies through the air without a sound. Cannot be detected by radar. We are now working on one or two experiments which, if successful, will make this plane operate like a dragon-fly. That is, stop suddenly and fly backwards. Sudden stop barely felt by pilot and crew.

My son, Frederick W. Reed is with you and has been with you for some time. He knows all about this plane. We will send you a set of the plans if you are interested and you can see for yourself.

We have a factory in which the milling machines can be placed and after the machinery is set the production of planes will be rapid.

Our reason for contacting you direct is that I believe you to be one of the greatness generals our Army has ever had and we believe you will want to keep this information for the United States only.

Yours truly,

/s/ Fred W. Reed

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FROM: Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O 26+5

Lt Col MacDuff/he/74507
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Concur in the conclusions of Mr. Edwin J. Beienburg, Philco Field Engineer, that sufficient information is not available for the purpose of arriving at any definite conclusions. However, in view of the fact that the original incident happened in October 1949 and no additional reports of similar incidents have been received, further investigation appears unnecessary.

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Concur in the conclusions of Mr. Edwin J. Beienburg, Philco Field Engineer, that sufficient information is not available for the purpose of arriving at any definite conclusions. However, in view of the fact that the original incident happened in October 1949 and no additional reports of similar incidents have been received, further investigation appears unnecessary.

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TO: Counter Intelligence Division, Office of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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COMMENT NO. 3

FROM: Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

Lt Col MacDuff/he/74507
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1. Full evaluation of the information contained in the attached letter cannot be made until the additional information requested by the Director of Communications in Comment No. 2 is obtained.

2. Although no information is available in this Directorate, it is understood that ground radars have been used in the vicinity of White Sands, New Mexico in connection with guided missile control experiments. The operation of such equipment in the area may have a direct bearing on the phenomena reported by Captain Goodbody.

3. In addition, the reasons for Captain Goodbody's reference to espionage have not been stated and should be clarified.

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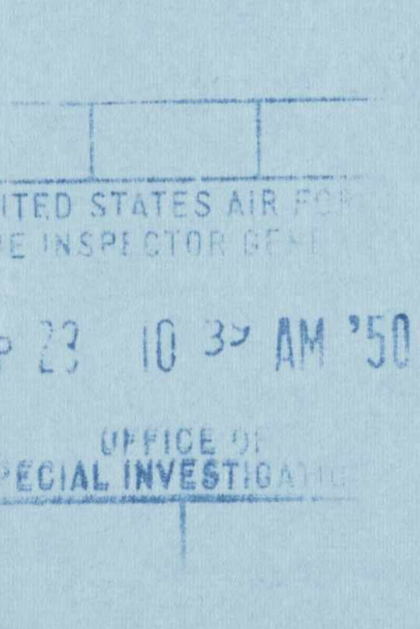
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TO: Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O
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FROM: Director of Communications

DATE 23 AUG 19[illegible]

COMMENT NO. 2
Lt Gordon/bl/73206
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1. Information presented in the attached letter, although incomplete, indicates that the radar phenomena reported by Captain Goodbody probably was the response of a ground racon (beacon) equipment of the AN/CPN-6 type.

2. Since there are no beacons known to be operating at the location indicated, it is requested that additional information be secured, if possible, in order to permit a more definite evaluation of this phenomena to be made. Answers to the following questions are requested.

a. What type of radar equipment was Captain Goodbody operating when this incident occurred?

b. What other radar equipment was installed in the aircraft?

c. What equipment included under 2b. above was in operation during the times in question?

d. How many equally spaced arcs were observed? (The AN/CPN-6 could cause 2 thru 6 to appear).

e. Was the radar equipment operated by Captain Goodbody switched to beacon position when this phenomena was observed?

f. Was search PPI presentation unusually weak?

3. Further evaluation will be withheld pending receipt of additional information requested. It is noted that the length of time which has elapsed since this phenomena was observed in October 1949 may materially reduce the value of this investigation since any illegally operated electronic equipment could have been removed in the interim.

Hugh H. Moreland

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Lt Col Nold/bjm/53623
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FROM: Counter Intelligence Div, Office of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Attached for information is a copy of letter with inclosures from DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, concerning captioned subject, dated 27 July 1950.

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A. No, exceptionally strong.

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- CANAL
- DRY LAKE BED
- SALT LAKE
- GLACIER
- SALT PANS (EVAPORATOR)
- RICE FIELD
- SWAMP
- SPRING
- WELL
- WATER HOLE
- RESERVOIR

RELIEF FEATURES

- CONTOURS
- APPROXIMATE CONTOURS
- HACHURES
- BLUFF, CLIFF, OR ESCARPMENT
- LAVA FLOW
- SAND DUNES
- SAND AREA
- GRAVEL
- LEVEE OR ESKER
- SPOT ELEVATION (IN FEET)
- HIGHEST ELEVATION ON CHART (IN FEET)

CULTURAL FEATURES

- LARGE CITY
- CITY
- TOWN OR VILLAGE
- PROMINENT LANDMARK (WITH APPROPRIATE NOTE)
- MINE
- LOOKOUT TOWER
- RACE TRACK
- COAST GUARD STATION
- RANGER STATION
- OIL TANKS
- OIL FIELD
- BOUNDARY (INTERNATIONAL)
- BOUNDARY (STATE)
- PIPE LINE
- DAM
- TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE LINE
- RAILROAD (SINGLE TRACK)
- RAILROAD (MULTIPLE TRACKS)
- RAILROAD (ABANDONED)
- BRIDGE (RAILROAD)
- TUNNEL (RAILROAD)
- HIGHWAY (SUPERHIGHWAY)
- HIGHWAY (MAIN ROUTE)
- HIGHWAY (SECONDARY ROUTE)
- TRAIL
- BRIDGE (HIGHWAY)
- TUNNEL (HIGHWAY)

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ELEVATIONS IN FEET

APPROXIMATE LIMITS OF INTERCEPTION

WEST TRACK

EAST TRACK

APPROXIMATE AREA TO PLOT OF ORIGINATING GROUND SIGNALS

PROHIBITED AREA

(Joins Denver) (Joins Albuquerque) (Joins Grand Canyon) (Joins Prescott) (Joins Grand Junction)

STATUTE MILES

PRICE 25 CENTS

TRINIDAD (S-4)

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LANDPLANE	SEAPLANE	
⊙	⊕	Military base
⊙	⊕	Civil
⊙	⊕	Joint civil and military base
○	⊕	Military
◇	⊕	Civil
◇	⊕	Joint civil and military
Ø	⚓	Landing strip or sheltered anchorage
○	⚓	Landing area or emergency anchorage

COMPLETE FACILITIES
"Complete facilities" includes refueling services, complete repairs, shelter and, where applicable, passenger or cargo services and/or seaplane ramp with hauling-out facilities.

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"Limited facilities" includes refueling services for normal traffic and limited repair facilities.

Limited or no facilities or information thereon not complete.

AIR NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Rotating light
Rotating light (With flashing code)
Rotating light (With course lights) 17
Flashing light
Flashing light (With code)
Obstruction light
Marine light
Lightship

F-fixed FL-flashing Occ-occulting Alt-alternating Gp-group R-red W-white G-green B-blue (U)-unwatched SEC-sector sec-second
Marine alternating lights are red and white unless otherwise indicated. Marine lights are white unless colors are stated.

AERODROME DATA

HARMON FIELD
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GCA SYSTEM
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LANDPLANE		SEAPLANE	
18	Elevation in feet	oo	Elevation in feet
L	Minimum lighting	L	Minimum lighting
H	Hard surfaced runway	S	Normally sheltered Take-off area
46	Length of longest runway to nearest hundred feet	62	Length of longest runway to nearest hundred feet

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VALLEY
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NEWTON (Reporting point)
A 90° N
Aural Range
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FORNEY

VHF FOUR-COURSE VISUAL-AURAL RADIO RANGE
The Blue and Yellow Visual Sectors are indicated by a B and Y; the Aural Sector

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

24-185-19

27 SEP 1950

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Radar Phenomena, White Sands, New Mexico
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 19th OSI District (IG)
Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Fairfield, Calif.

1. Reference is made to your letter, file 27-0-19, subject as above, dated 27 July 1950.

2. Attached is copy of R&R from Directorate of Communications, DCS/O, dated 23 August 1950. This office concurs in that the lapse of time since phenomena was observed may reduce or eliminate value of further investigation.

3. Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O, advises that it is understood that ground radars have been used in the vicinity of White Sands, New Mexico, in connection with guided missile control experiments. The operation of such equipment in the area may have a direct bearing on the phenomena reported by Captain GOODBODY.

4. In the event that Captain GOODBODY is still available in your district, request that he be requested to answer the questions set forth in copy of R&R attached. Further request that communications experts available within the area of your district render an evaluation of any additional data furnished by GOODBODY. Any significant conclusions or developments will be reported to this office.

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Counter Intelligence Division, Office of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

Lt Col MacDuff/he/74507
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1. Full evaluation of the information contained in the attached letter cannot be made until the additional information requested by the Director of Communications in Comment No. 2 is obtained.

2. Although no information is available in this Directorate, it is understood that ground radars have been used in the vicinity of White Sands, New Mexico in connection with guided missile control experiments. The operation of such equipment in the area may have a direct bearing on the phenomena reported by Captain Goodbody.

3. In addition, the reasons for Captain Goodbody's reference to espionage have not been stated and should be clarified.

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Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O
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Investigations, The Inspector General

23 AUG 1950

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XXXXX IN TURN
FROM: Director of Communications

Lt Gordon/bl/73206
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1. Information presented in the attached letter, although incomplete, indicates that the radar phenomena reported by Captain Goodbody probably was the response of a ground racon (beacon) equipment of the AN/CPN-6 type.

2. Since there are no beacons known to be operating at the location indicated, it is requested that additional information be secured, if possible, in order to permit a more definite evaluation of this phenomena to be made. Answers to the following questions are requested.

a. What type of radar equipment was Captain Goodbody operating when this incident occurred?

b. What other radar equipment was installed in the aircraft?

c. What equipment included under 2b. above was in operation during the times in question?

d. How many equally spaced arcs were observed? (The AN/CPN-6 could cause 2 thru 6 to appear).

e. Was the radar equipment operated by Captain Goodbody switched to beacon position when this phenomena was observed?

f. Was search PPI presentation unusually weak?

3. Further evaluation will be withheld pending receipt of additional information requested. It is noted that the length of time which has elapsed since this phenomena was observed in October 1949 may materially reduce the value of this investigation since any illegally operated electronic equipment could have been removed in the interim.

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Attached for information is a copy of letter with inclosures from DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, concerning captioned subject, dated 27 July 1950.

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Ltr fr DO #19 re abv
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e. Capt GOODBODY expressed the opinion that a Search Radar of the same frequency as the APQ 24 in the aricraft was the source of the phenomena.

f. GOODBODY reported the matter to the A-2 at Carswell AFB who reportedly forwarded the information to the A-2 at 8th Air Force where it was handled by Operations. The Operations section returned the information with the advice that such a thing could not happen.

JOHN G. SWOPE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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File No. 27-0-19

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White Sands, New Mexico

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

1. Captain ROBERT E. GOODBODY, 12203A, advised this office of a Radar Phenomena which he observed in the vicinty of White Sands, ALAMOGORDO, New Mexico. GOODBODY believed the phenomena, indicated espionage, or possibly a radar station previously unreported which by its own action is revealing its location.

2. GOODBODY stated he observed the phonomena in October 1949, day unknown, while on a mission in a B-36, flying from Carswell AFB to Salt Lake City at 16000 feet altitude. GOODBODY gave the following sequence of radar observation:

a. At a point about 55 miles North of ALAMOGORDO, White Sands restricted area and on the preliminary pass, course 290 degrees, time 0900, a "radar return" consisting of equally spaced arcs of approximately 5 degrees width and 12 to 15 micro-seconds in length appeared. Point of emanation or radiation apparently was on the ground near the Southern end of the valley.

b. GOODBODY, who is a Radar Observer, 99th Bombardment Squadron Operations, attempted to obtain photos but a camera malfunction resulted in failure.

c. On the return flight that night, about 2200, the same results were obtained at exactly the same location in the valley. (See attached map)

d. Radar Technicians were consulted by Capt GOODBODY at Carswell AFB. They believed it was something in the radar set.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Hamilton Air Force Base, California
0135 - 0200 hours 21 June 1950

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Three noncommissioned officers at Hamilton Air Force Base, California on duty at the Operations Control Tower, Hamilton Air Force Base observed an elliptical object flying by Hamilton Air Force Base with an estimated speed of over 1000 miles per hour, between 0135 and 0200 hours 21 June 1950. The unconventional aircraft made three passes over Hamilton Air Force Base and disappeared towards the sea.

2. DETAILS: On 21 June 1950 at 0135, Staff Sergeant VIRGIL CAPURRO, Staff Sergeant ELLIS R. LORIMER (Control Tower Operator) and Corporal GARLAND L. PRYOR of the 1901 - 4 Detachment, AACS Squadron, Hamilton Air Force Base, California, while on duty in the control tower observed an object, described as elliptical, flying at a great rate of speed over Hamilton Air Force Base. They reported the shape to be similar to that of a fan marker symbol. The object had elongated edges on either side of its course. A blue flame similar to that of a acetylene torch was seen to protrude from the rear of the object. The speed was estimated by the men to have been over 1000 miles per hour. They base their estimate on the speed from estimates made of conventional aircraft and jets during the course of their duties in the control tower. The altitude of the object was estimated to be

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varying from 2000 to 5000 feet. The sighting was made by binoculars. The object made three passes over Hamilton Air Force Base with the first one on a Northeast heading; the second on a Northwest heading; and on the third the object made an arc around the field and disappeared towards the sea to the West. All flights were straight and level with the exception of the last in which the object was banked for the turn. No sound was heard. No radar observations were made as all radar installations of the 28th Air Division were inoperative. The object disappeared at 0200 hours 21 June 1950. (AGENTS NOTE: J.L. CLEEK, Editorial writer for the Vallejo Times - Herald and News - Chronicle personally advised this agent that he had observed three unconventional aircraft which he described in a similar manner on two (2) nights within the past week. CLEEK claims to have knowledge that these aircraft were an Air Force secret project and that they were being tested for night operation at Hamilton Air Force Base where they had three of this new type, unusually fast aircraft carefully hangared. CLEEK give this information to the agent at 1235, 21 June 1950 but stated that he was not using his information in the paper knowing the matter to be one which the Air Force did not desire to have publicized.).

3. ACTION: None.

Kenneth W. King

KENNETH W. KING,
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: "Flying Saucer" Photograph
PAUL TRENT
McMinnville, Oregon

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

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1. SYNOPSIS Photograph in Vallejo News Chronicle Wednesday, 21 June 1950 showing two positions of a strange wingless object or "flying saucer". Sergeant LAWRENCE J. HYDER, ASN-19312729, 1704th Air Traffic Squadron (MATS), Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, advised that farmer PAUL TRENT is known to his towns-people as an honest and "solid" citizen.

2. DETAILS: The Vallejo News Chronicle, Vallejo, California on Wednesday 21 June 1950 published photographs of a unconventional aircraft or "flying saucer" which had been taken by farmer PAUL TRENT in McMinnville, Oregon. (See Inclosure #1). Sgt. LAWRENCE J. HYDER, ASN-19312729, a native of McMinnville, Oregon, advised this District that PAUL TRENT and all the TRENTS are known to residents of McMinnville, Oregon as being substantial, solid, honest citizens of the community. HYDER stated that while he was home on leave, approximately 8 June 1950 his home town paper the "Telephone Register" published these photographs on the front page with the story that PAUL TRENT stated the "Saucer" was shining like silver, made no noise or smoke and shortly afterward disappeared over the horizon to the Northwest. PAUL TRENT released the photographs for publication only after many of his fellow towns-people and the editor of the local paper had exercised pressure on him to permit their publication according to HYDER.

3. ACTION: None.

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Newspaper clipping from the Vallejo News Chronicle 21 June 1950.

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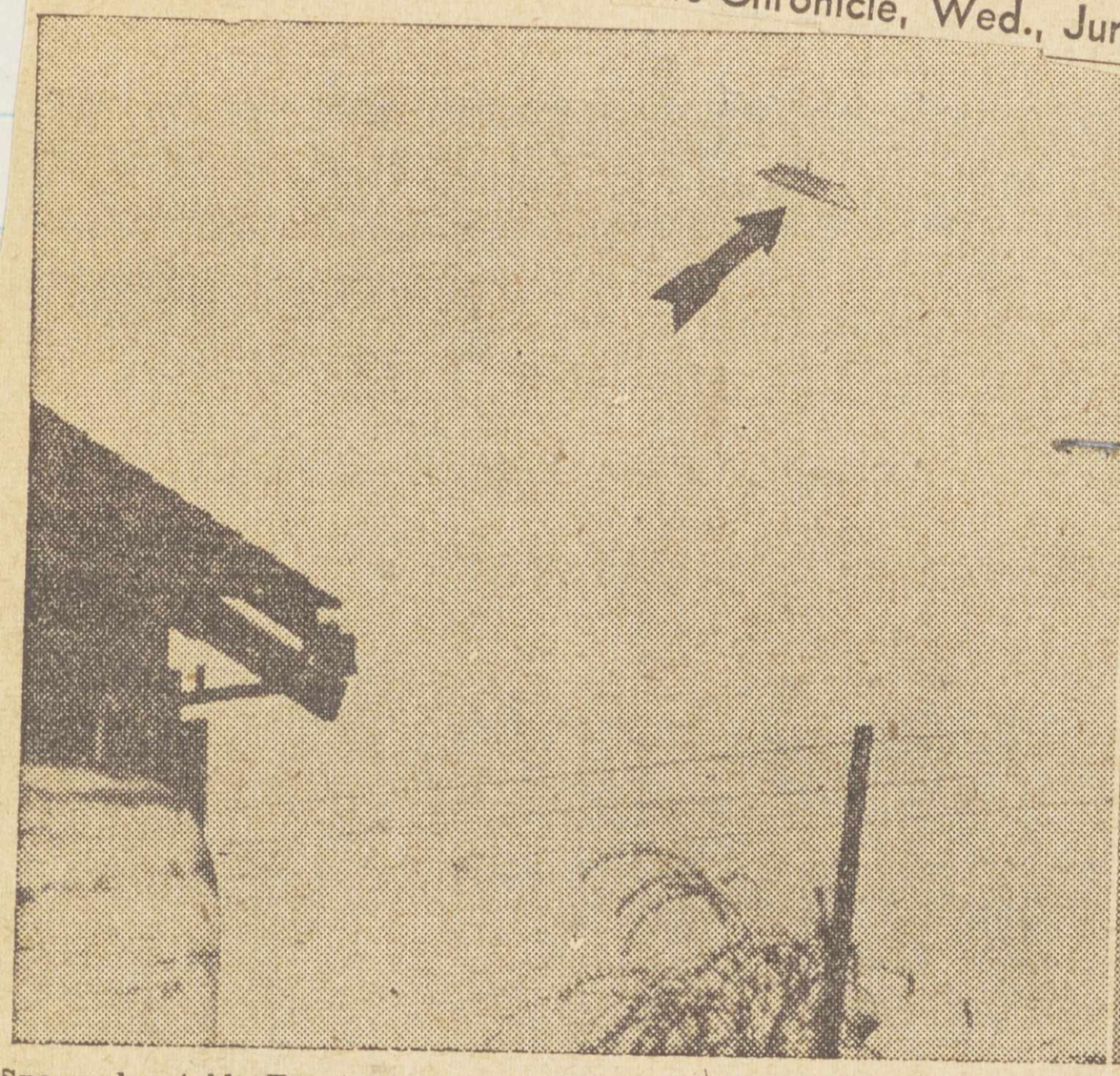
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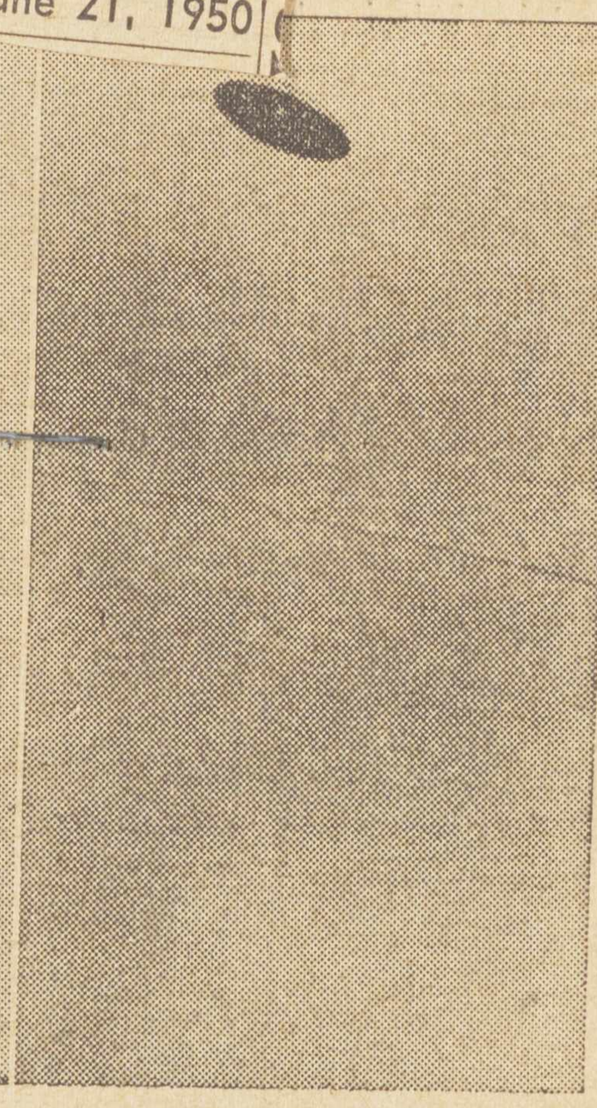
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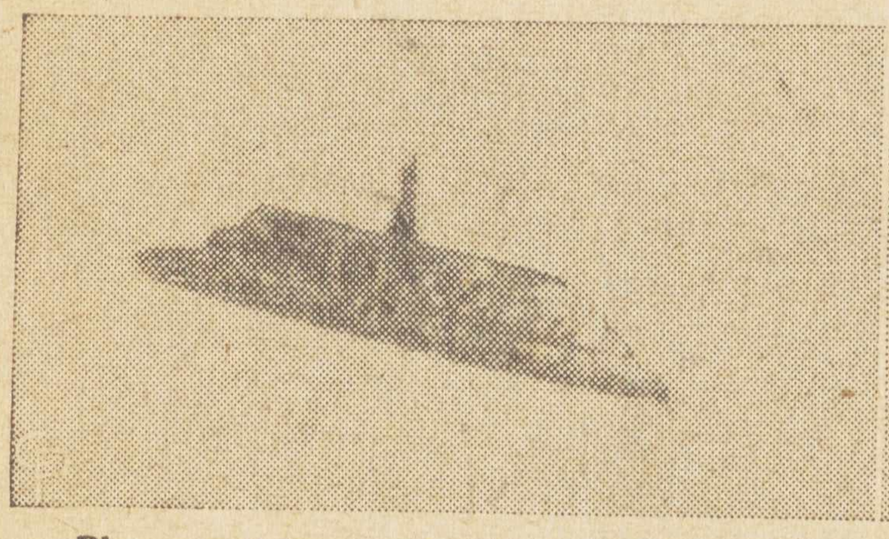
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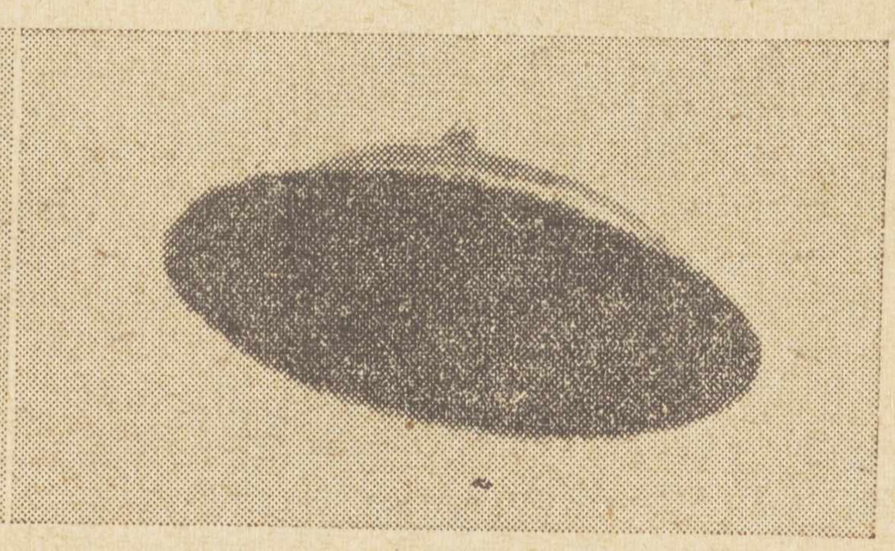


Snapped outside Trent home, saucer (arrow) looks like inverted dish.



Disc-like, no wings.





Blowups of two photos at top. The "thing" appeared to be silvery, 20 or 30 feet in diameter.

FARMER PAUL TRENT, McMinnville, Ore., was called to the back yard by his excited wife, who pointed skyward at what you see in the photos above—obviously one of the mysterious flying saucers. He got his camera quickly and made two photos. "There wasn't any flame and it was moving fairly slow," says Trent. "Then I snapped the first picture. It moved a little to the left and I moved to the right to take another picture. Then it seemed to pick up speed . . . vanished."

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