

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (M)
Castle Air Force Base, California

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12 NOV 1954

SUBJECT: UFOB Report

TO: Commander
Fifteenth Air Force
Attn: D/I
March Air Force Base
California

Inclosed is Air Intelligence Information Report, Air Force Form 112, dated 9 November 1954, as reported by Staff Sergeant Manuel D. Paiva, of Castle Air Force Base, California.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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AF Form 112 (1 cy 5 pgs)
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Major, USAF
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93BW-U-1-54

UFOB

Merced, California

Hq, 93d Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, California

9 November 1954

28 October 1954

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Major Homer R. Taylor

Military Personnel

At 2215 Zulu, on 28 October 1954, one (1) military personnel observed an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of the Merced Country Club, approximately 4 miles southeast of Merced, California. This headquarters was notified of the observation on 8 November 1954, and an investigation was conducted. The report of investigation is as described in Part II.

Homer R. Taylor
HOMER R. TAYLOR
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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1. Statement, Manuel D. Paiva
2. Sketch, Profile view

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The following report is in accordance with paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954:

1. Description of the object.
 - a. Round.
 - b. Observer compared object to size of a baseball.
 - c. White, or color of light.
 - d. One.
 - e. N/A.
 - f. Object appeared to be illuminated, or similar to a round sphere of light.
 - g. Negative.
 - h. Loud jet sound. Observer compared to sound of air under high pressure escaping from a small orifice.
 - i. Observer, was impressed by unusual speed of object.
2. Description of course of object.
 - a. Jet sound.
 - b. 40 degree elevation. Observer reported initial azimuth of north.
 - c. 40 degree elevation. Observer reported final azimuth of south.
 - d. Straight Flight path, no change in elevation, no maneuvers.
 - e. Disappeared in scattered clouds on or just above horizon.
 - f. Approximately 25 seconds.
3. Manner of observation.
 - a. Ground-visual.
 - b. Negative.
 - c. N/A.
4. Time and date of sighting.
 - a. 2215 Zulu, 28 October 1954.
 - b. Day.
5. Merced Golf Course, 11th Tee.

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6. Observer.

- a. Negative.
- b. Military.

(1) PAIVA, MANUEL D. ; S/Sgt.; Hq Sq, 93d Bomb Wing, Maintenance Control; aircraft mechanic; estimate of reliability [REDACTED]

7. Weather.

- a. Clear, few scattered clouds on horizon, north wind 5 to 10 knots.
- b. N/A.
- c. Unlimited.
- d. Unrestricted.
- e. Scattered thin clouds on horizon.
- f. Negative.

8. Negative.

9. Negative.

10. Negative.

11. Wing Intelligence Officer, 93d Bomb Wing Comments: In view of the length of time between date of observation and date of report, the preparing officer has no comment as to possible cause of the sighting. Investigation has revealed there was air traffic in the Castle Air Force Base area at the time of the observation. Several B-47 and KC-97 aircraft had taken off from Castle Air Force Base shortly after 1400 PST. However, their location after take off is unknown. S/Sgt Paiva seems to [REDACTED] about his observations. He is not [REDACTED] about flying objects, and has not made a previous report or observation of other unidentified flying objects. This office was not aware that an observation had been made until 8 November. S/Sgt Paiva was contacted immediately for a report. Captain Brzywczy of the 328th Bomb Squadron made a similar observation, but he was not available for interview on the 8th or 9th of November. In view of the existing length of time between date of information and date of report, it was felt that S/Sgt Paiva's report should be forwarded immediately.

12. Negative.

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STATEMENT

On the afternoon of 28 October 1954, at approximately 2215 Zulu, I was on the eleventh tee at Merced Country Club Golf Course, with Captain Thaddeus Brzywczy. I heard a loud jet noise and at the same time, Captain Brzywczy called my attention to an object in the sky. I was facing in an east-southeast direction and I observed a round, white object, about 40 degrees elevation from the horizon, approaching from my left. The altitude was about 1000 to 2000 feet. I was impressed with the speed and the jet sound. The noise was similar to that produced when air under high pressure escapes through a small orifice. The object appeared to be about the size of a baseball. It was traveling in a north to south path. I watched it until it disappeared to the south in some clouds above the horizon.

I did not hear any other person at the Country Club mention seeing the object, although there were other persons playing golf at the same time.

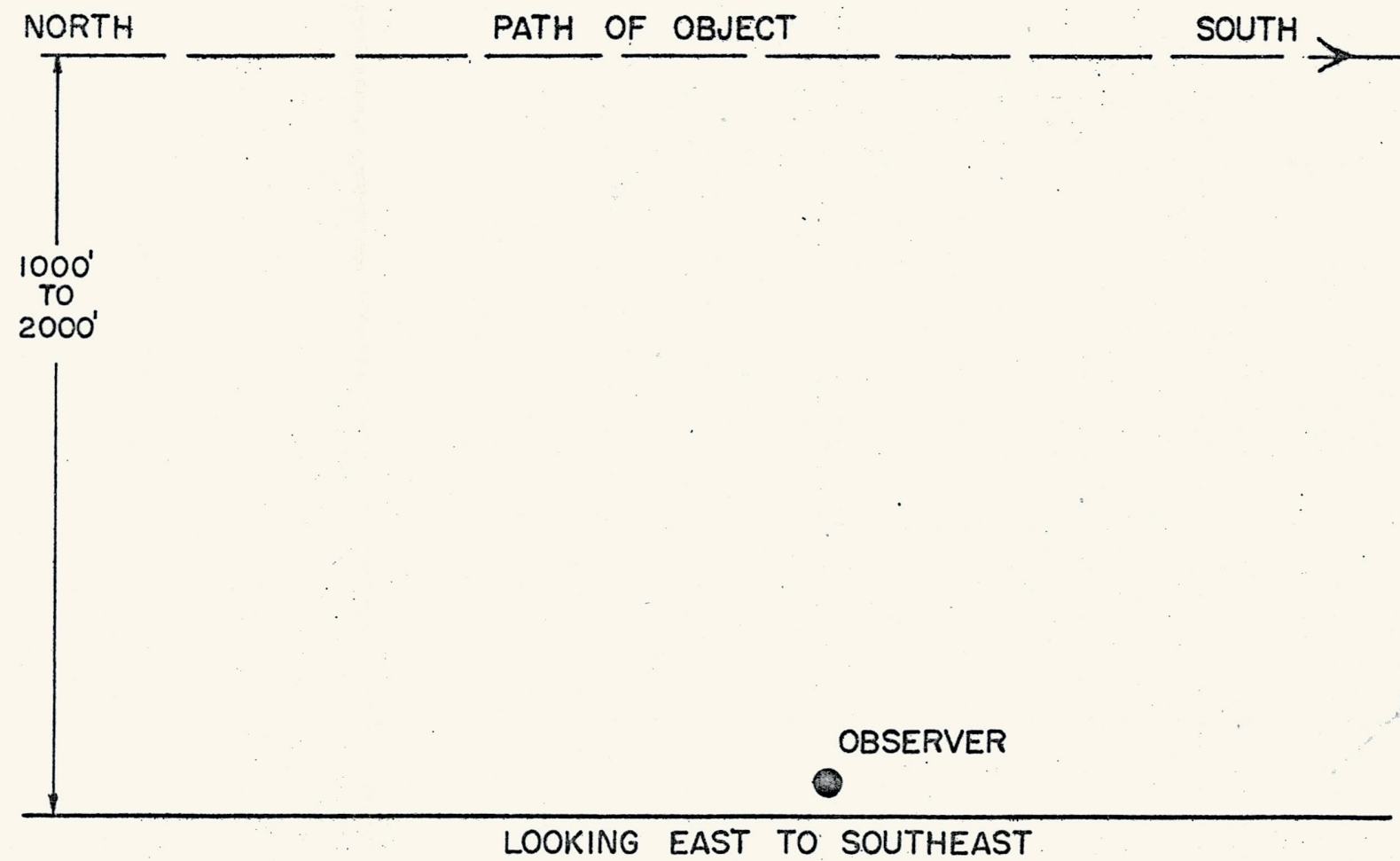
I do not recall any air traffic at the time of the observation.

Manuel D. Paiva
S/Sgt USAF

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