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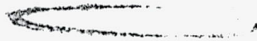
REPORT NUMBER AISS-UFOB-158-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 06/1330Z Jun 56	RECD AISCP 2 Jul 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Banning California		LOGGED BY S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD AF Form 112	ACTION TAKEN No investigation authorized	
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CONCLUSIONS		

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Description of the object:

a. As seen edge-on, the object appeared to be thin and wide, tapered on either end as shown below:



Later on, the object appeared to bank left and presented the following appearance:



b. Although the object was reported to be about the size of a present day jet fighter, it is estimated that this would be the equivalent of a silver dollar held at arms length. The observer seemed very positive that the flying object couldn't have been more than 100 yards away from him at any time.

c. The color was ^{"shimmering"} silver in appearance. This was when the object was down-sun. As it moved up-sun, it took on a bluish hue.

d. One object was sighted.

e. (omitted since only one object was sighted)

f. The object appeared absolutely smooth, with no breaks such as panelling, hatches, exhaust ports, etc. When the object was in a banked attitude, a small bubble type canopy was seen on top in the center of the object. This is shown in the second drawing above. Observer can't remember if this canopy was transparent or not, but he definitely remembers that he didn't see anyone or anything inside the canopy. There were no identifying markings seen.

g. There was no tail or any other protruberances on the object other than the canopy described above. No exhaust, flame, smoke, or any other indication of propulsion was seen. There seemed to be no visible system of propulsion.

h. There was no noise of any kind emanating from the object. The driver braked his car to a stop and remained that way the entire time the object was in sight. He remembers that there was little or no wind to interfere with his hearing.

i. The observer clearly remembers that the object, as it moved around him, left no indication of its manner of propulsion. No dust was kicked up, nor was any wind or slip-stream noticed, that could have been caused by the objects passing.

2. Description of course of object:

a. The observer was by himself in his car. He was on the way from Tualipa, California to Banning, California on U.S. 70. About three to five miles out of Banning the road turned right around a small hill. As he was turning right around the hill he first saw the object. He noticed it out his right front window first. It appeared to be hovering about 100

feet off the ground and was about 100 yards away from him. He seemed to be quite sure of this range to the object and swears that it was never more than about 100 yards from him the entire time. As soon as he saw the object, he was so frightened that he braked his car to a halt and sat there and watched it in fascination.

b. He gave no elevation angle on the object; however, he first saw it through his right hand window, so the object must have been very low to the ground.

c. The object finally returned to approximately the same position where it was first sighted, then suddenly zoomed upward at a tremendous speed in a west-northwesterly direction to a position angle of about 20° and disappeared from sight. The observer states that the object didn't just slowly fade from view, but disappeared almost immediately. He estimates that the object, from the time it started up until it could no longer be seen, completed this maneuver in less than $\frac{1}{2}$ second. He seemed to be genuinely amazed that it could have disappeared so suddenly.

d. The object was either hovering or moving very slowly when he first noticed it. As he braked to a stop, the object slowly moved across the highway in front of him moving in a counter-clockwise direction. After crossing the highway, it banked left (this was when he reported seeing the canopy on top) and moved slowly down his left side. It banked again and crossed the highway in back of him and moved up his right side to approximately the same position in which it was originally seen. He sat in his seat in the car and was able to watch the object during the entire time. He estimated that it took about 8 or 9 seconds for the object to completely circle him and seemed very positive that the range was constant at about 100 yards the entire time. During the entire time the observer was sure that he saw no lights or anything else that would indicate that the object was signalling or trying in any manner to contact him or signal anyone else.

e. As stated in c. above, the object returned to its original position, then suddenly zoomed out of sight.

f. Total time the object was in sight was about 4 to 10 seconds.

3. Manner of observation:

a. Ground-visual.

b. No optical aids were used. The observer was not wearing glasses. He states that his windshield and windows were clean.

c. Not applicable since sighting was made from the ground.

4. Time and date of sighting:

a. Object sighted at approximately 061330Z June 1955

b. Light conditions: day

5. Location of observer.

6. Identifying information of observer:

- a. Mr. [REDACTED] Revlon Products Salesman
Los Angeles 45, California
Phone: [REDACTED]

7. Weather and in-flight conditions at time and place of sighting:

a. Observer account of weather conditions:

Mr. [REDACTED] states that it was a beautiful day. No clouds and visibility unlimited. It was still fairly cool, although he did state that later on in the day it was very hot. There was little or no wind.

b. Weather report from USNANTC, Point Mugu, California:

8. There is no known unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. There were no other cars on the highway near him during the encounter.
9. Since the observer did not report the object for a week, it is doubted that any interception action was taken.
10. There was no other aircraft sighted in the vicinity during or after the alleged encounter.
11. LT Marvin S. BLAIR, USN, 420440/1100, Ass't Officer-in-Charge, Guided Missile Unit FIFTY, USN CBC Port Hueneme, California took the information from Mr. [REDACTED] on his sighting. Mr. [REDACTED] felt that he should tell someone, so when he made his regular stop at the Beauty Shop to make a delivery, he reported his sighting to the Security Force Officer on ~~that~~ the Construction Battalion Center. The Security Officer referred him to LT BLAIR at Guided Missile Unit FIFTY. LT BLAIR tried to ask as many pertinent questions as he could think of that might shed some light on this event. As far as LT BLAIR could tell, the man seemed to be telling the truth. It must be pointed out though, that there were no witnesses to what Mr. [REDACTED] saw and no photographs were taken of the phenomena. The only basis of opinion therefore is LT BLAIR's own impression of what Mr. [REDACTED] had to say. The man appeared to be emotionally disturbed over what he claims to have seen. To start with, he stated that he had been afraid to tell anyone about the matter because "they would think I was crazy". He felt that it was his duty to tell someone, preferably the military, about it. He requested that his name be omitted because he was afraid the newspapers would get the story and he would then become an object of ridicule. Mr. [REDACTED] seemed genuinely disturbed, and repeated over and over again, "I don't drink, I wasn't tired, I've never had hallucinations, I don't read science-fiction, I've never read any books about flying saucers - only what I've noticed in the newspapers, I have no history of mental illness, my vision is 20-20, etc.". Mr. [REDACTED] was told to return home and write as detailed an account of the experience as he could, omitting nothing. He readily agreed to make such statement under oath and stated that he would even be willing to submit to a lie-detector test if it would help people believe that he was telling the truth. This statement was taken by LT BLAIR at 1500 PDST, 13 June 1956 - one week after the alleged event took place.

a. Mirage effect and other phenomena were considered, but if the weather conditions were actually like they were reported, this explanation doesn't seem likely. No final conclusions could be reached as to the cause for this phenomena.

12. No physical evidence exists to corroborate this sighting.

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SUBJECT AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORTED ON BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA		FROM (Agency) FLIGHT 1-C, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 30 JULY 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 JULY 1956	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) LOUIS C. SAUTER, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2			
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.)			

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED], Beaumont (EJDD 0258), California

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: This report contains information on the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over Beaumont, California on the morning of 6 Jun 56. The information was obtained from the observer of the sighting and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause.

III. INVESTIGATOR: W/O RICHARD A. HOLM AFSC: 20500 SN: 954099E

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1st Lt USAF
Officer In Charge

APPROVED:

John W. Meador
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Colonel, USAF
Commander

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Los Angeles 45, California

Age: 27 yrs.

Occupation: Cosmetic salesman

Education: Completed highschool and one year of college

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: [REDACTED] In a personal interview Mr. [REDACTED] appeared to be sincere and positive in all his statements except for exact location and directions at the point of sighting object because he claimed never to have driven the road before. He was relaxed and conversed freely but did exhibit a strong imagination and interest in life on other planets during the interview.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source was driving his automobile on a secondary road between Yucaipa and Beaumont, California at approximately 40 mph. Upon rounding a curve, Source saw the object either hovering or moving very slowly 45 degrees to the right and 20 degrees up from the horizon. As Source stopped the automobile, object slowly moved across highway in front of and circled the automobile to approximately the same position at which first sighted and then traveled upward at a 20 degree angle directly away from Source. Object disappeared in approximately a half second. A continual bank was maintained through the entire sighting and the object had what appeared to be a bubble type canopy on top facing the Source. Source estimated duration of sighting was 3 to 10 seconds and the object took 8 to 9 seconds to complete the circle of the automobile. The object was viewed through windows of the automobile during the entire maneuver.

A. Object appeared to be solid and did not move behind anything while being observed. Source claims object was shimmering silver in color while down direction of the sun and changed to a dull silver with a bluish hue but darker than the sky in the background while on the side towards the sun. No visual aids were used.

B. Source's opinion of size of the object, based on an estimation of 300 foot distance and size of silver dollar held at arms length was 30 feet in its longest dimension.

C. Source stated there were no other vehicles on the road either prior to or immediately following the sighting.

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III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: (Continued)

D. Source admits to being emotionally disturbed and frightened at the time of sighting. Source stated that his foot was trembling on the accellerator pedal.

E. No opinion of cause of sighting was made by Source except being a strange flying object with no noise or visible means of populsion such as flame, smoke or exhaust.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed on 20 July 1956.
2. Capt Billingsley Beattie, Ops Plans, AF Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, California was questioned as to possibility of test aircraft in the vicinity at the time of sighting. He stated seven test aircraft were airborne at the time but none near Beaumont and that there are no aircraft with the configuration described at Edwards AFB.
3. Lt. W.L. Rodeman, City Police, Beaumont, California was contacted for possible further reports of the same sighting with negative results.
4. Detachment 7, 6th Weather Group, Norton Air Force Base was contacted and the following information was obtained:
 - a. Local weather at time of sighting: Three miles visibility with haze and smoke. Tops of haze approximately 4,000 feet. Temperature 50 degrees F. Winds calm. One tenth haze cover. No clouds.
 - b. A double temperature inversion existed at the time of sighting. The first was between 1800 feet at 11.4 degrees C. and 3500 feet at 15.2 degrees C. The second was between 5800 feet at 13.2 degrees C. with top at 6700 feet at 16 degrees C.
 - c. Winds aloft are indicated below:

ALTITUDE (In feet)	WIND DIRECTION (In degrees)	WIND SPEED (In knots)
1000	020	5
2000	350	5
3000	300	15
4000	330	15
5000	330	15
6000	330	15
7000	330	15
8000	330	15
9000	330	15
10000	320	20
11000	320	20
12000	310	20
13000	290	20
14000	280	20
16000	280	20
18000	270	15
20000	270	15
23000	240	15
25000	230	15
30000	260	5
35000	280	15
40000	270	20

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that no positive statement can be made of this sighting as only one observer viewed the object but a possible optical phenomena does exist for the following reasons:
 - a. The fact that a double temperature inversion did exist during the time of sighting lends weight to the possibility of an optical phenomena solution. (Refer to paragraph 4b of Part Two).
 - b. The prevailing winds were from the North West and the 0900Z launching of weather balloons from Sandburg or Santa Maria, California could possibly place a balloon over point of sighting at 1330Z for reflection on the inversion layer.

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COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with the conclusion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was possibly caused by an optical phenomenon.

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