[illegible] Incident #147

DATE OF INFO 12 Sept 48

LOCATION Moffatt, Colorado

SOURCE Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Green

SPEED ---

ALTITUDE ---

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual - Ground

MANEUVERS Falling

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING ---

SHAPE Fireball

SIZE ---

COURSE ---

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND None

PHOTOS ---

SKETCHES ---

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AFB, KIRTLAND FIELD, NEW MEXICO

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4 February 1949

File No: 24-8

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN (Aerial Phenomena)

TO: Commanding Officer
Kirtland Air Force Base
Kirtland Field, New Mexico

Colorado 12 Sept / 5-12 Dec 48

1. Reference is made to Reports of Investigation, this office, dated 13 December 1948, 17 December 1948, 23 December 1948, 4 January 1949 and 1 February 1949, Subject and file number same as above.

2. Attached for your information are four (4) copies of Report of Investigation, District Office Number 11, Office of Special Investigations, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, file number 24-2, Subject same as above. It is requested that two copies of inclosed report be forwarded to Headquarters Air Material Command, which has been designated as the headquarters responsible for the coordination of this investigation.

3. This is a supplemental report. Investigation is continuing and subsequent reports will be submitted as more facts are uncovered.

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HEADQUARTERS, Kirtland AF Base, Kirtland Field, N. Mex., 4 Feb 1949.

TO : Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Forwarded for your information in connection with the report of investigation forwarded from this Headquarters on 14 December 1948 by 1st Ind to letter same subject as above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Captain, USAF
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-2	DATE 1 February 1949
REPORT MADE BY HAROLD B. CHRISTENSEN	
REPORT MADE AT DO #11, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma	
PERIOD 25, 31 January 1949	
OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.	
STATUS RUC	

TITLE

UNKNOWN
(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Ltr fr 17th OSI District, file 24-8, 20 January 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by 17th District Office, Kirtland AF Base. On nights of 12 September, 5 and 12 December 1948, Mr. HAROLD M. WRIGHT observed a "green fireball" in southern Colorado. WRIGHT, interviewed on 31 January 1949, stated "fireball" to be bright green and soundless. Unable to ascertain definite size, shape, speed, or altitude.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon letter, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico, dated 20 January 1949, stating MR. HAROLD M. WRIGHT, 315 Barfield Building, Amarillo, Texas, observed what he described as a "green fireball" upon three separate occasions.

2. Mr. WRIGHT was interviewed on 31 January 1949 and gave the following information:

On 12 September 1948, accompanied by Mr. Funk (initials unknown), a teacher at Moffat, Colorado high school, the first "fireball" was seen in the vicinity of Moffat, Colorado. It appeared to be a bright green falling star. On 5 December 1948, while traveling on U. S. Highway 160, in the vicinity of Blanca, Colorado, the "fireball" was again observed. Moving horizontally and westerly, at a very fast rate of speed, it once more appeared to be a bright green. WRIGHT stated that the "fireball" seemed closer and more brilliant than previously. It did not fall but "went out in midair." The "fireball" was last seen on 12 December 1948 in the vicinity of Monte Vista, Colorado, and again had the appearance of a bright green falling star. In the company of WRIGHT, at this time, was a Mr. CHARLES ELLIOTT, St. Louis Valley Cooperative, Monte Vista, Colorado. WRIGHT described this phenomena to the best of his ability but was unable to give concrete details regarding size, shape, location, etc.

3. During the interview, it appeared to this agent that WRIGHT was above-average in intelligence and that the "fireball" was not just a figment of his imagination.

4. Reference is made of radio reports in Oklahoma area stating "fireballs" were seen on night of 31 January 1949 in northern New Mexico.

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