

Incident 1753

ATTC NO. - - -

DATE OF INFO 13 Jan 1949

AF NO. - - -

LOCATION Sandia Base, N.M.

REPORT NO. - - -

SOURCE Army MP

DATE OF REPORT - - -

DATE IN TO ATTC - - -

TIME OF OBSERVING 2153

COLOR Blue or greenish white - white center
slower than shoot-

SHAPE Ball with Tail of Fire

SPEED ing star

SIZE 1/2 full moon

ALTITUDE 20°

COURSE NE or SW

LENGTH OF TRAIL OBSERVED 2-4 sec.

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

NOTED - - -

MANEUVERS In slight descending flight

REMARKS - - - SKETCHES - - -

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Astro (meteor)

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

13 March 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Office of the AG of S, G-2

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
 USUALLY RELIABLE B
 FAIRLY RELIABLE C
 NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D
 UNRELIABLE E
 RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
 PROBABLY TRUE 2
 POSSIBLY TRUE 3
 DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
 IMPROBABLE 5
 TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. An unidentified lighted flying object was observed from Sandia Base, 13 March, 1949 at 2153 hours.

(a) OBSERVERS:

Recruit Bill NANNY

8456 M.P. Bn.

Pfc Robert ESPINO

8456 M.P. Bn.

Both men were on sentry post at time of observation.

(b) LOCATION OF SIGHTING:

Sandia Base, AEC, Tech. Area.

(c) TIME OF SIGHTING:

13 March, 1949 at 2153 hours.

(d) WITNESSES:

None.

(e) PHOTOGRAPHS:

None.

(f) OBJECT SIGHTED:

(1) Number: One.

(2) Shape: As a ball with tail of fire.

(3) Size: Compared to full moon then in sky, about one half as large.

(4) Color: Blue white or greenish white with white center.

(5) Speed: Undetermined except slower than falling star.

(6) Heading: Not determined except directly toward or directly away from observers in a descending path. Was observed in northeast horizon beyond range of Sandia Mountains, at 20° angle in the sky from observer's station.

(7) Maneuverability: None observed.

(8) Altitude: 20° angle from observers.

(9) Sound: None.

(10) Exhaust trail: Object trailed flaming tail approximately twice length of body.

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1. Date of Observation 13 March 1949 Date of Interview 14 March 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2153 hours
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 02 min 30 sec N
(Map Coordinates) 106 deg 32 min 45 sec W
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Sentry position in Technical Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico; outdoors
5. What attracted attention to object: Bright light
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One; ball-like with tail
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): One-half diameter of full moon. (Moon visible)
8. Color of object: Bluish or greenish white; trail same color.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Ball or spherical, with trail.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 20 degrees above horizon (estimated by observer)
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 45 degrees
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): N/S
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Either directly toward or away from observers, descending.
14. Time in sight: 2 to 4 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
N/S
16. Sound and odor:
None

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[REDACTED] Meteor (meteor)

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
Bluish or greenish white; length twice diameter of ball.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):
Self-luminous
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Descending slightly
21. Manner of disappearance:
N/S
22. Effect on clouds:
N/S
23. Additional information concerning object:
None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear sky, moderate moonlight.

Name and address of observer: **Pfc Robert Espino, Rec Bill Nanny, 8456th
MP Battalion, Sandia Base, New Mexico**

Occupation and hobbies:
Military Police

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Thorough investigation required of all personnel of Sandia Base.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting,
or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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