PROJECT 10073 RECORD( )

ATIC NO. ---

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REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF REPORTING ---

SHAPE ---

SIZE ---

COURSE ---

NO. IN GROUP ---

MOVED ---

PHOTO --- SKETCHES ---

DATE OF INFO 31 March 1948

LOCATION Rodeo, New Mexico

SOURCE Civilians

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR ---

SPEED ---

ALTITUDE ---

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ---

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REMARKS: Object discovered to be practice bomb used by USAF.

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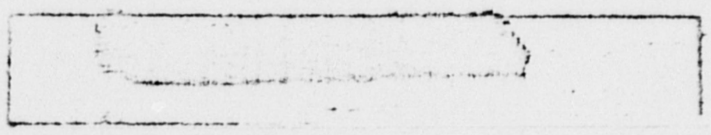

Physical Specimen
Practice bomb

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4 April 1949

Subject: Bomb or missile explosion.

To : Commanding Officer
ASU 6407
U.S. Army & U.S. Air Force
Arizona Recruiting District
132 East Pennington Street
Tucson, Arizona

On Sunday night, April 3rd. 1949, Mr. [redacted], patrolman of the Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration Service, came to my home to report the following:

A Mr. [redacted] and a Mr. [redacted] reported to Mr. [redacted] that on Thursday, 31 March 1949, Mr. [redacted] heard a plane overhead and missing. He next heard a very heavy explosion and thought that a plane had crashed. The time of day or night is not fixed in this second hand report.

The following day, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] rode on horseback to the site of the explosion and described a swath in the brush and timber culminating in a huge crater. Mr. [redacted] described a piece of metal about 12 inches in diamster and pointed. He felt it was some kind of a "war head" for a guided missile. Nothing resembling a plane was found.

The site of the explosion is described as wild mountaincus country, about ten miles east of Rodeo, New Mexico and about five miles from the ranches of Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]. The nearest emergency landing field by plane is said to be at Rodeo. The site is about seventy-five miles by automobile from Douglas.

Mr. [redacted], Border Patrol, phone Douglas 126 can guide anyone to the ranch of Mr. [redacted] or M[redacted]s and from there, either of these persons can guide a party to the explosion site.

It is suggested that Davis Monthan Air Force Base, conduct further investigation.

Frank H Campbell
M/Sgt/ NCO in charge

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

DR:MEN:jbt

File No: 24-8

18 August 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, dated 5 August 1949, in which request is made for results of investigation of an alleged crash of an unidentified aerial object ten miles east of Rodeo, New Mexico on 31 March 1949.

2. At the time of the occurrence it was determined from Mr. [redacted], Rancher, Douglas, Arizona, who was approximately one (1) mile away at the time of the explosion, that there were five B-29 type aircraft over head. [redacted]E, 1st Lt [redacted]4, 97th Supply Squadron, Biggs Air Force Base, advised that the fragments and fuse of the exploded bomb were from a 100 or 150 pound bomb, similar to the practice bombs used by the United States Air Force.

3. Inasmuch as the preliminary investigation by both this office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed the explosion to have been caused by the detonation of a practice type bomb, used by the United States Air Force, no further investigation was conducted.

Doyle Rees

DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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1 - Ltr dtd 4 Apr 49
2 - Ltr dtd 7 Apr 49 w/3 Inds
3 - Ltr dtd 5 Aug 49 [redacted]

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
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19D OSI 24-0 3d Ind 25 April 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

Hq 19th District OSI (IG), USAF, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California

TO: District Commander, 17th District OSI (IG), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

1. Attention is invited to basic letter and inclosure attached thereto.

2. A copy of an EEI Form, to be completed on all cases involving unconventional aircraft, is forwarded for your information and such investigative action as you may deem appropriate.

3. It is requested that information copies of your reports of this investigation be furnished as follows:

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G-2, Sixth Army - - - 1
2d OSI Region - - - - 1
CG, AMC (ATTN: MCIAXO-3) - 2

JOHN G. SNOW
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

2 Incls
1. n/e
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2. Cy of EEI (trip)

Copy furnished, less incl #2:
Hq OSI
2d OSI Region
CG, AMC
CG, 6th Army (Thru: 19D OSI DetCo, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif)

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AMGBI-CI 1st Ind 14 April 1949
Subject: Explosion
HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, OAC of S, G-2, Presidio of San Francisco, California

TO: Office of Special Investigations, Building T-3, Presidio of San Francisco, California

For information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE AC OF S, G-2:

/s/ ROLAND H. McINTIRE
/t/ ROLAND H. McINTIRE
Lt. Colonel CMP
Chief, CI Division

1 Incl
n/c

19D OSI 2nd Ind 19 April 1949
Subject: Explosion
Fr Actg Detachment Commander, Presidio of S.F., California
TO: Dist. Commander, 19D OSI, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif.

For information and any action deemed necessary.

/s/ CULLEN W. IRISH II
/t/ CULLEN W. IRISH II
Acting Detachment Commander

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HEADQUARTERS
AREA SERVICE UNIT 6407
ARIZONA RECRUITING DISTRICT
U. S. ARMY AND US. AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE
213 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

JBP/mm

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7 April 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

TO: Commanding Officer
Intelligence Field Office No. 2
Sixth Army
Fort MacArthur, California

1. In compliance with GO No. 4, 1948, Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 13 January 1948; and 1st Indorsement, Sixth Army, file AMGBI-C 319, dated 2 April 1948 to letter Department of the Army, file GSGID 452.1, Subject: "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 25 March 1948, the inclosed report is submitted.

2. While it is realized that the event described is outside area described, the report was made to our Douglas Recruiting Station, and is forwarded for such action as is deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Report of Explosion

J. B. PIERCE
Capt, AGD
Adjutant

cc: CG, 6th Army

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1 - 19 APRIL SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
3	Dillon, Montana	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Merced, California	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Delta, California	[redacted] (PHOTOS OF PHYSICAL SPECIMAN)	Other: (BALLAST RING FROM JAPANESE INCENDI CARRYING BALLOON)
4	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
5	Salt Lake City, Utah	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
6	Cleveland, Ohio	Multiple	1. INSUFFICIENT DATA 2. Astro (STARS/PLAN
6	Castleton, New York	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
6	Denver, Colorado	Multiple	BALLOON
7	Des Moines, Iowa	[redacted]	Other: (UNRELIABLE RE
7	San Bernadino, California	[redacted]	1. INSUFFICIENT DATA 2. Other: (PARACHUTE
7	Memphis, Tennessee	[redacted]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
7	Charlotte, North Carolina	Multiple	Other (GROUND LIGHTS)
8	Kodiak, Alaska	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
8	Los Angeles, California	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
9	Rockford, Illinois	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
9	Toledo, Ohio	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
11	Wakill, New York	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Sandia Base, New Mexico	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
13	Fort Worth, Texas	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
15	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
15	El Paso, Texas	[redacted]	Other (CLOUDS/CONTRAI
16	Fort Smith, Arkansas	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
17	Camp Hood, Texas CASE MISSING	Multiple	Other (FLARES)
19	Williams, Arizona	Multiple	Astro (FIREBALL)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCES	OBSERVER