PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 May 49 08/1700Z	2. LOCATION Tuscon, Arizona 358
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-15 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a white, round object. It was like a football bladder changing to flat. It was reflecting sunlight and drifting along. It went out of sight after it started climbing.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West, then North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE

UNKNOWN
(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS

On 8 May 1949, Mr. [redacted] Tucson, Arizona, sighted an object in the air at approximately two miles distance. This object was round and flat with a diameter of approximately forty to seventy-five feet. Object was reported as traveling both at a high rate of speed and just floating along. There were three witnesses that observed this object also. S/Sgt [redacted] Investigation in and around Tucson, Arizona, did not result in finding possible explanation of object.

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DETAILS

1. Date of sighting - 1 May 1949

2. Time of sighting - Close to the hour

3. Were sighted -

   a. Ground

      (1) Thomas, witness
      (2) Approximately [illegible] miles south of the intersection of Highways [illegible] and [illegible] Street, Thomas, Oklahoma
      (3) From the yard in rear of [illegible] East [illegible] St, Thomas, Oklahoma.
      (4) Latitude and Longitude - Not available

4. Number of objects - One

5. Distance of object from observer

   a. Near miles

   b. 45 to 60 degrees

   c. 4,000 to 20,000 feet

6. Time in sight - 10 to 20 minutes

7. Appearance of object
   a. White, with light reflections

   b. Circular, changing to flat

   c. Metallic

   d. Size

      (1) 40 to 75 feet in diameter

8. Direction of flight - West, 90° turn to the North

9. Tactics or maneuvers - Horizontal flight, then rapid climb at 45 degree angle

10. Evidence of exhaust - none

11. Effect on clouds - No clouds

12. Lights - Reflected light.

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12. Support - no visible means of support

13. Propulsion - [illegible] visible

14. Control surfaces - [illegible] or [illegible] visible.

15. Wing tips - [illegible] visible

16. Speed - [illegible] still be [illegible] than a jet plane

17. Sound - No sound

18. Manner of disappearance - climbed at 45 degree angle until out of sight

[illegible] TO OBSERVER

1. Name - [illegible]
2. Address - 1920 E 12th St, Tucson, Arizona
3. Occupation - truck driver
4. Line of business - [illegible] Coverage Company
5. Relation - None
6. Ability to determine -
   a. Color - [illegible] not color blind
   b. Speed of moving objects - fair
   c. Size at distance - fair
7. Reliability of observer
   a. Witness
      (1) [redacted] - Three witnesses stated observer appeared to be [illegible], steady and sober.
      (2) Police department - No record
      (3) FBI records - no record
      (4) Employer - Also is honest, reliable, trustworthy and a good employee.
8. Notes relative to observer on
   a. Lighting in general - undetermined
   b. Was attention drawn to object - Glint of light
9. Witnesses

Name	Address	Occupation
[redacted]	[redacted]	Airman

Reliability - Considered reliable by Commanding Officer, 1st Sgt and Squadron Adjutant.

Name	Address	Occupation
[redacted]	[redacted]	Airman

Reliability - Considered reliable by Commanding Officer, 1st Sgt and Squadron Adjutant.

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Name	Address	Occupation
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] – Interviews with 3 [illegible] and [illegible] revealed [illegible] [illegible], hotel and [illegible].

[illegible] – [illegible] was [illegible] average intelligence and [illegible]. [illegible] view with [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] school education.

[illegible]

1. [illegible] of local weather conditions – [illegible] 20 miles

Daily [illegible] report

Hour	1030	1130	1230	1430	1530
Sky	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear
Visibility	10 miles	20 miles	20 miles	20 miles	20 miles
Temperature	1	93	91 MAX	88	[illegible]
[illegible]	105 [illegible]	85 MAX	88	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dew point	65	63	61	60	59
Wind	Calm	Calm	1.3 MAX	[illegible]	1.7 [illegible]
Altimeter setting	29.95	29.95	29.91	29.8	29.8
Altimeter setting	29.90	29.90	29.90	29.90	29.90
Relative humidity	56	45	45	56	[illegible]

2. [illegible] report – between 1030 and 1530 hours

Altitude in feet	Degrees	Speed in knots
2000	320	2
3000	350	4
4000	300	3
7000	260	2
8000	310	3
9000	290	2
10000	270	5
12000	260	7
14000	280	9
16000	280	10
18000	260	15
20000	270	18
22000	290	21
24000	290	18
26000	290	21
28000	300	20
30000	280	25

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Altitude in feet	Degrees	Speed in knots
2[illegible],000	290	24
[illegible]	270	27
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	270	[illegible]
[illegible]	270	36
45,000	280	38
50,000	270	39
55,000	270	40

3. No flight schedules between 0700 and 1100 hours 8 May 1949:

Commercial - Tucson, Arizona

American Airlines westbound flight to San Diego & Los Angeles at [illegible] hours
American Airlines westbound flight to Phoenix & Los Angeles at [illegible] hours
American Airlines westbound flight to El Paso & Dallas at 1110 hours
Helicopter service - No helicopters were airborn during this time.
Ship in Airlines - Two flight plans were airborn, one between the hours [illegible] hours and 1[illegible] hours and the other from 10[illegible] hours to 11[illegible] hours.
Tucson Air Park - No aircraft were airborn between hours mentioned above.

Military - Davis-Monthan AFB

B-29 departed north for Los Angeles at 0931 hours
B-29 departed east for Ft Worth, Texas at 0947 hours

Records of ADC Log Book, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona indicate that no contacts were made with aircraft in the vicinity between 0700 and 1100 hours 8 May 1949.

4. No tracking devices released by the United States Weather Bureau in Tucson area at this time.

5. Object did not contact earth.

6. Object did not come near other aircraft or known objects.

7. Sketch showing path of flight inclosed as exhibit "A".

8. Statement of [illegible] inclosed as exhibit "B".
Statement of [illegible] inclosed as exhibit "C".
Statement of [illegible] inclosed as exhibit "D".
Statement of [illegible] inclosed as exhibit "E".

9. No physical evidence available.

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10. No projections or emissions of any sort were observed.

11. Conclusions - [illegible] of the local aircraft in the [illegible] area [illegible] intervals, [illegible] that [illegible] a [illegible] object in the air [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] on 11 [illegible], July 1946.

Enclosures

[illegible]

1. [illegible], [illegible] path of flight.
2. [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible].
3. [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible]
4. [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible]
5. [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible]

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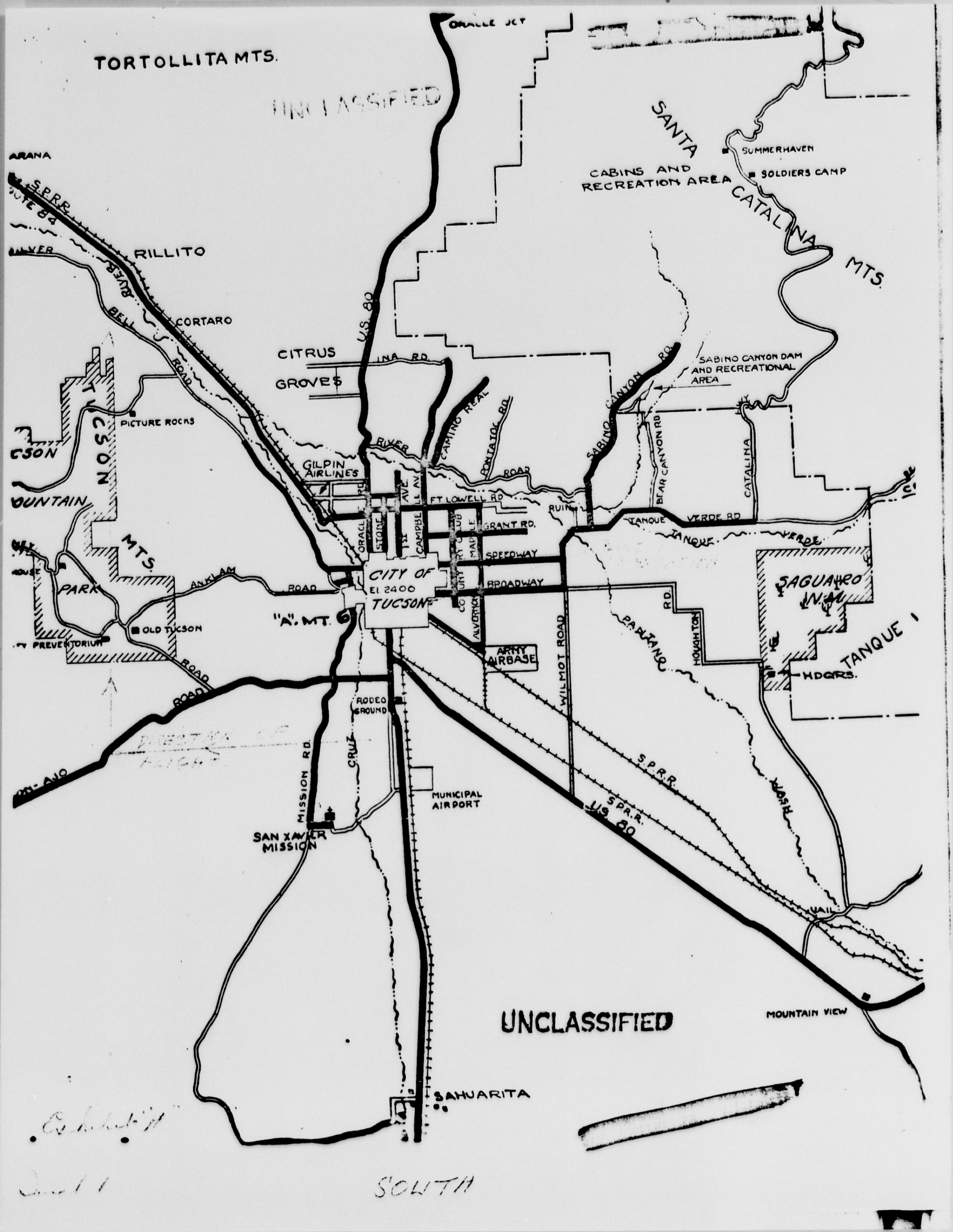
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30 May 1949

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[redacted] I, [illegible] on my way home at approximately [illegible] and I was in the [illegible] object. It appeared to be traveling toward the northeast to the west. I then turned around and observed the object and at that time [illegible] degrees west and I would place it to be traveling at the speed of a jet in the sky. When I first noticed this object it was shaped like a football sleeper. Then it seemed to change to a disk shape. When I first noticed it, it appeared to be the size of a tennis ball. This object was white in color, appeared to be solid and was traveling at an high speed into the northeast out of Tucson, parallel with the ground to start at a 45 degree angle. After it began to fade, this object disappeared in approximately two minutes. It was not traveling fast, just appeared to be drifting along. I am not going into what kind of object blown into the air nor do I think it was a conventional airplane.

I first sighted this object around eleven o'clock in the morning and it was in view for about ten or fifteen minutes. There appeared to be no windows or holes in this object nor did it seem to have control surfaces of any type visible to the naked eye. No smoke or exhaust could be seen coming from the object and it reflected light.

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Tucson, Arizona

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Exhibit "B"

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Exhibit "C"

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STATEMENT

I, [redacted] Jonathan AFB, President of Lib[illegible] Match Co., [illegible], Ohio, make the following statement.

On Friday, [illegible] May, I was [illegible] of my home [illegible] when I observed an object [illegible] in the sky. My attention was called to an object in the sky by my [illegible] who observed this object [illegible].

This object appeared to be about the size of a three [illegible] shutter. It seemed to be located [illegible] point of observation by about 45 degrees North. It appeared to be at [illegible] feet altitude [illegible] line of three to four miles. This object was [illegible].

There was a plane, a T-6 at approximately seven or eight thousand feet and was circling, [illegible] altitude. When this plane approached the object within eight to ten thousand feet, the object shot straight up [illegible] into the distance. The object had a thick ribbon or band [illegible]. It was silver in color, perfectly round and [illegible] shape and had a smooth surface. I believe this object was [illegible] and of metallic construction since it [illegible] of it.

I have flown a lot, have been working around airplanes for a long time and I do not believe this object has any conventional type [illegible] or [illegible] object such as paper or cloth. This object was first [illegible] I saw it. I have not [illegible] find, relative to any problem [illegible].

0930
W75

[redacted]

(Name) (Position)

63rd Fighter Sqdn

(Organization)

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22 May 1949

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I, [redacted] Friday, [redacted] Friday was at a friend's house, [redacted] which is located on [redacted] Conquest and Broadway in Marion, Iowa on Sunday, May [redacted], 1949. While there, my attention was called to an object in the sky by Mr. [redacted], a civilian who lives in the neighborhood.

This object was round in shape, appearing to be a flat spheroid. It appeared to be at approximately twenty thousand feet altitude and which later seemed to change shape from circular to a disc shape. This object was at least a 45 degree angle from the horizon directly west by about 45 degrees north. I would judge this object to have been around four miles distant from me. This object was sighted around 1610 to 1630. I can place this time fairly accurately because I had just left church and church was out at 1600 and it did not take me over ten minutes to drive to my friend's house. This object appeared to be of solid construction and if placed on the ground, I would judge it to be around 75 feet in diameter.

There was a single engine plane in the air circling, appearing to be gaining altitude to reach this object, but I am not sure if he saw it or not. The object was standing still in the air and when the plane came within approximately eight to ten thousand feet of it, the object started climbing in the shape of a saucer at a very high rate of speed. I would judge this rate of speed to have been four to six hundred miles per hour, with a 45 degree angle climb. This object appeared to be powered, although there was no trace of contrail, exhaust or smoke of any sort. I could hear no noises made by this object and it climbed faster than any aircraft I have ever witnessed. This object appeared to be perfectly stable although there was no control surfaces visible.

[redacted]

MSG-1 AF 6268858
(Rank) (Serial No.)

6446 Sqdn 4304 Gp
(Organization)

Exhibit "B"
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INCIDENT NO. 358

1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 30 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1100

3. Place of Observation Tuscon, Arizona

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. Glint of light

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size Size of tennis ball

8. Color of object White, with light reflections

9. Shape Round like football bladder changing to flat

10. Altitude 45° 2 miles

11. Direction from observer 190°

12. Distance from observer 4 miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) West then 90° North at 45° Climb

14. Time in sight 10-15 Minutes

15. Speed Appeared to be drifting along

16. Sound and odor No sound

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Reflected light

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers 90° turn, 45° rapid climb

21. Manner of disappearance Went out of sight in 2 minutes after it started climbing.

22. Effect on Clouds No clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions.

(over)

Balloon

Incident 358

Name and address of observer:

[redacted], Tuscon, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

Truck Driver

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appears to be of average intelligence and character.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

STATEMENT:-- I, Emanuel [redacted]on, Arizona, was laying on my back looking out the window facing directly South, on Sunday May 8, 1949, and at about a 45 degree angle, very high in the sky, I could see a round object. It seemed to be traveling across the horizon to the West. I then went outside and observed the object and it was due South from my house about ten degrees west and I would judge it to be two miles in the air. When I first noticed this object it was shaped like a football bladder. Then it seemed to change to a flat shape. When I first noticed it, it appeared to be the size of a tennis ball. This object was white in color, appeared to be solid and was traveling West and when getting into the mountains West of Tucson, turned North and began to rise at about a 45 degree angle. After it began to rise, this object disappeared in approximately two minutes. It was not traveling fast, just appeared to be drifting along. I do not think this was a piece of paper or any other object blown into the air nor do I think it was a conventional airplane.

I first sighted this object around eleven o'clock in the morning and it was in view for about ten or fifteen minutes. There appeared to be no windows or holes in this object nor did it seem to have control surfaces of any type visible to the naked eye. No smoke or exhaust could be seen coming from the object and it reflected light.

[redacted]

Tucson, Arizona

INCIDENT NO. 358A

1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 18 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1130

3. Place of Observation Tuscon, Arizona

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. Mr. Diaz

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size

8. Color of object

9. Shape Balloon shape then to flat circular

10. Altitude 4000-5000' 60° Elevation

11. Direction from observer West

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) North

14. Time in sight 15 Minutes

15. Speed Faster than jet

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers 45° climb at high rate of speed.

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions.

(over)

Incident 358A

Name and address of observer:

Mr. [redacted] Tuscon, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

Electrical Store Employee

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Considered reliable, honest, and steady.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT NO. 358C

1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 22 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1040-1050

3. Place of Observation Tuscon, Arizona

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. Mr [redacted]

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size If on ground, 75 ft

8. Color of object

9. Shape Round changing to flat, like balloon when climbing

10. Altitude 20,000' 45°

11. Direction from observer Northwest

12. Distance from observer 4 Miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s)

14. Time in sight

15. Speed 400-600 MPH

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Object started climbing at high rate of speed as plane came within 8-10,000'

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object- Single engine plane in area near object.

24. Weather Conditions.

(over)

Incident 358C

Name and address of observer: M/S [redacted]
43rd Bomb Wing
Davis Monthan AFB
Tuscon, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

Airman

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Considered reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT NO. 358B

1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 22 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) [redacted]

3. Place of Observation Tuscon, Arizona

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. Mr. [redacted]

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size Size of thumb nail at arms length (on ground 40 ft)

8. Color of object Silver

9. Shape Round changing to flat

10. Altitude 45° Elevation (intimated) 20,000'

11. Direction from observer Northwest

12. Distance from observer 3-4 Miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s)

14. Time in sight 15-20 Minutes

15. Speed Still - to rapid climb

16. Sound and odor

17. Trail

18. Luminosity Reflected light

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Appeared to flutter

21. Manner of disappearance Object rapidly rose and faded from view at approach of an airplane in the area.

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions.

(over)

Name and address of observer: S/Sgt W[redacted] 63rd Bomb Sqd.
43rd Bomb Group
Davis Monthan AFB,
Tuscon, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:
Airman

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Considered reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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7 June 1949

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1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation, this district, regarding the aerial phenomena which have been sighted in this area.

2. Attached for your information are two copies each of Reports of Investigation, District Office No. 20, dated 27 May 1949, and this district, dated 26 May, 31 May and 7 June 1949.

3. This district will continue to gather information relative to sightings of this nature for forwarding to your headquarters.

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District Commander

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