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SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA)

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. , Civilian Employee, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1805 hours, 3 December 1949. interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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## DETAILS:

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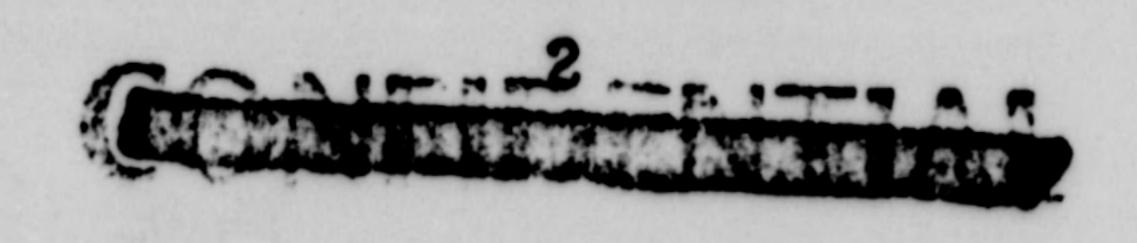
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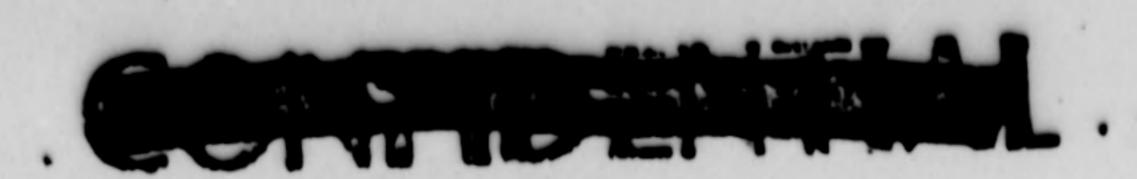
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- 2. Mr. 2000 was interviewed on 5 December 1949 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, and the following information was obtained:
  - a. Date of sighting: 3 December 1949.
  - b. Time of sighting: 1805 hours, MST.
  - c. Where eighted: 105° 58' West Latitude 32° 52' North Longitude (On the ground, walking)
  - d. Number of Objects: One
  - e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
  - f. Distance of object from observer:
    - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Appeared to be one block away.
    - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 2°
    - (3) Altitude: Unable to determine.
  - g. Time in sight: 2 seconds.
  - h. Appearance of object:
    - (1) Color: Green, except for fringe of orange light.
    - (2) Shape: Circular.
    - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
    - (4) Size: Somewhat larger than Venus.
  - i. Direction of flight: East to West.
  - j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object was traveling in an arc downward; seemed to prescribe a small loop about midway in its visible travel.



k. Evidence of exhaust: None ASSIFIED





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- 1. Effect on clouds: No visible clouds.
- None. (Sparks were emanating from object and were more pronounced in the lower rear edge of object. These sparks were orange to white in appearance. Intensity of the center part of the object remained the same, however, the intensity of the sparks along the edges varied.
- n. Support: None observed.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability. Not applicable.
- q. Air ducts: None.
- r. Sound: None
- s. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind building.
- Notes relative to observer:
  - Civilian Employee, Name: Holloman AFB.
  - Address: Mexico
  - Occupation: Geodetic Engineer (well versed in astronomy).
  - Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
  - Pertinent hobbies: Study of astronomy
  - Ability to determine: Above average
  - Reliability of observer: Observer extremely reliable and has aided this office on numerous occasions in obtaining readings on other observations.
  - (8) Former sightings: In has observed no sightings prior to this and was not suffering from fatigue at the time of this sighting.
  - Witnesses: None
- 3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that they had no radar in operation at the time of this sighting. Further check with the Base Weather Station revealed that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Check with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman Air Force Base, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the CLOSED UNCLASSIFIED sighting.