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DATE OF INFO 6 Jan 1950

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✓ NAME OF HOLLOWAY 173, N. N.

REPORT NO. OSI Report

SOURCE OSI Agent

DATE OF INFO 18 Jan 1950

DATE IN TO APIC —

TIME OF INFO 2230 MST

COLOR Bright White to Blue & Red

TYPE Star

SPEED Slow

SIZE Slightly Larger than Venus

ALTITUDE 15° above horizon

DIRECTION East to West

LENGTH OF TIME 45 Minutes

REMARKS 1

TYPE OF INFO Ground

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MANEUVERS Minute and erratic changes in altitude

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REMARKS —

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

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File No: (24-8) - 13

26 January 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Mr. ~~REDACTED~~
Holloman AFB, 2230 hours, 6 January 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

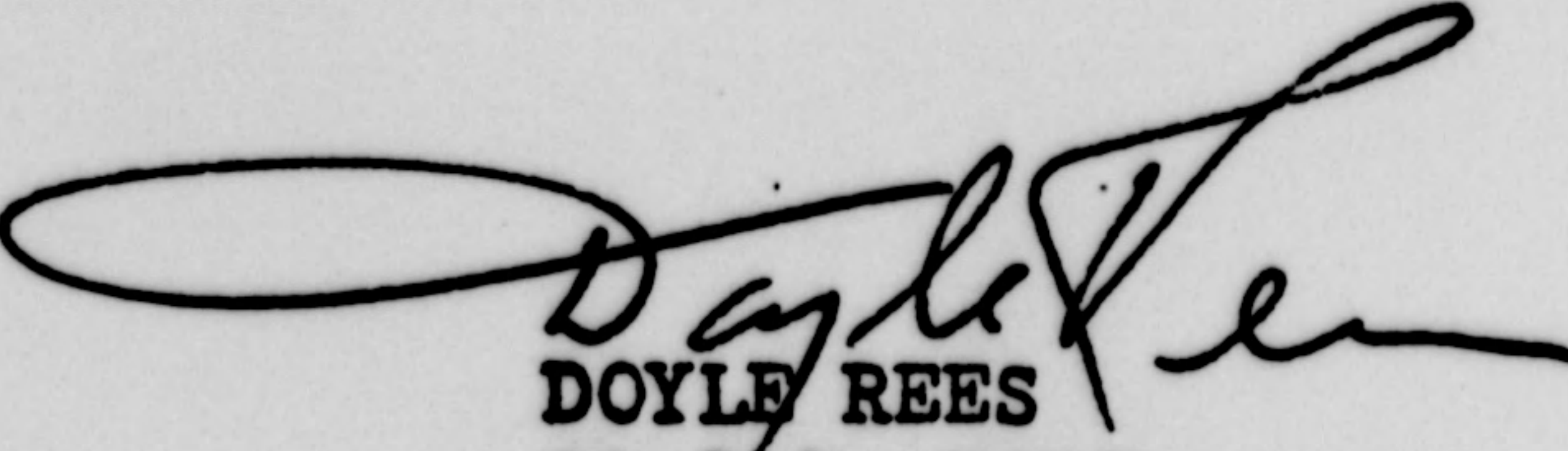
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Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district concerning the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached is one copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Russell O. Womack, Jr., this office, dated 18 January 1950, subject as above.

3. Copies of all future reports of sightings of this nature will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE
18 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY
S/A RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR

REPORT MADE AT
17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD
6 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
17th DO, Kirtland AFB

STATUS
CLOSED

TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Mr. [REDACTED],
Holloman AFB, 2230 Hours, 6 January
1950

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Mr. [REDACTED], JR, Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 2230 hours, 6 January 1950, and reported all pertinent information regarding the sighting.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive, AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. Mr. ~~████████████████████~~, Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, observed an unusual Aerial Phenomenon on 6 January 1950 at 2230 hours, and the following information is submitted:

- ASTRO
(CANOPUS)
- a. Date of sighting: 6 January 1950
 - b. Time of sighting: 2230 hours
 - c. Where sighted: 1607 Hawaii Ave., Alamogordo, New Mexico
105° 58' West Latitude
32° 55' North Longitude
Azimuth: Approximately 175°
 - 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: Undeterminable (due to unknown size of object).
 - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Approx. 15°.
 - (3) Altitude: Undeterminable. (Due to unknown size of object).
 - g. Time in sight: Was observed for a period of 45 minutes, at the end of which time it was still in sight.
 - h. Appearance of object:
 - (1) Color: Predominately white-bright, comparable to Venus. Changed erratically to green and red.
 - (2) Shape: Star-like shape. Unable to determine specific shape.
 - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
 - (4) Size: Slightly larger than the planet Venus.
 - i. Direction of flight: Generally, East to West; however, object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left, in its general path from East to West.
 - j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path from East to West. Changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.
 - k. Evidence of exhaust: None

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- l. Effect on clouds: Extremely clear moonlight night, no clouds in sight.
- m. Lights: Object itself was a light.
- n. Support: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability: Apparently poor, trajectory was very erratic.
- q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.
- r. Speed: Object moved approximately 15° to 20° from East to West during the 45 minutes it was under observation.
- s. Sound: None
- t. Manner of disappearance: Observer did not see object disappear.
- u. Notes relative to observer:
 - (1) Name: RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.
 - (2) Address: 1607 Hawaii Ave, Alamogordo, New Mexico
 - (3) Occupation: Detachment Commander, OSI.
 - (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
 - (5) Observer has reported numerous sightings of like phenomena.
 - (6) Observer in this instance has observed no previous like phenomena.
 - (7) Witnesses:
 - Sgt. John J. Ritchie, AF-15400043
Occupation: Airman, very reliable.
 - Cpl. Gailen K. Greseth, AF-17238126
Occupation: Airman, reliable.
 - Cpl. Vincent M. Hamilton, AF-19311560
Occupation: Airman, reliable.
 - Pfc. John M. Gusich, AF-57501418
Occupation: Airman, reliable.
 - Pvt. Thomas M. Leroy, AF-57149287
Occupation: Airman, reliable
 - Sgt. Harold J. Rollins, AF-34766989
Occupation: Airman, reliable

3. This agent contacted the Base Weather Station, Holloman Air Force Base, in an attempt to get a "fix" on the object with a theodolite. However, due to an obstruction between the fixed theodolite

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and the object no data was obtained. A Q-13 type-radar set was used in an attempt to pick up the object on radar. This attempt met with negative results. Checks were made with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman AFB, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground and it was determined that there have been no testing devices sent aloft in this vicinity which could account for this sighting.

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