

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 January 50 10/0426Z	2. LOCATION Los Alamos, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Evaluated as a Meteor Observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Attention of the object was due to the brightness and happened to be facing right direction. Incandescent Green. Left trail resulting in sort of teardrop shape overall. Slight trail about as long as object itself. Object was in sight for about two seconds before disappearing, behind trees.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Descending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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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) - 17

16 February 1950

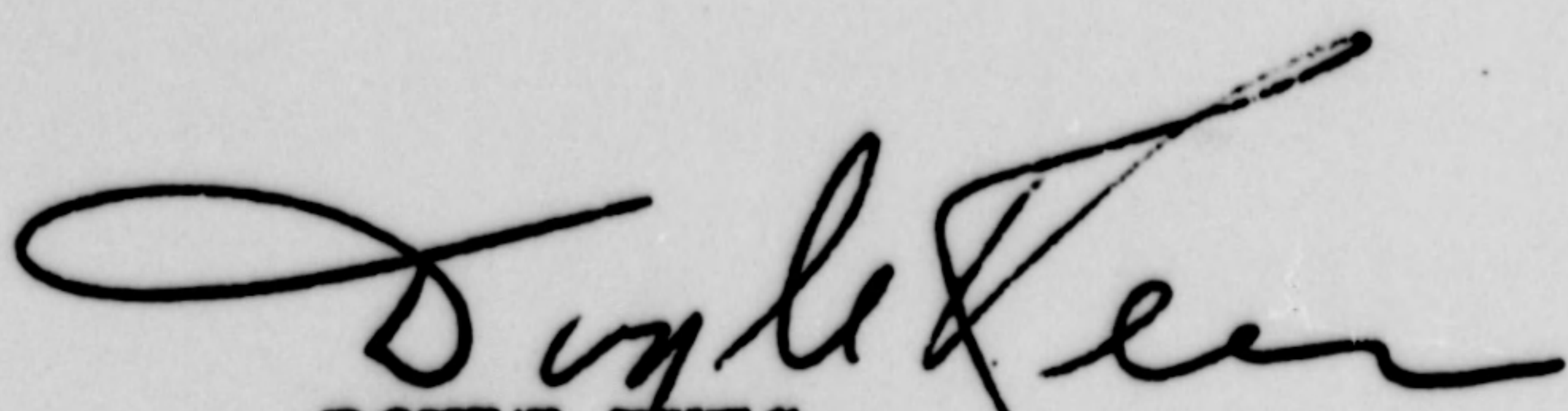
SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT,
Sighted at Los Alamos, New Mexico,
19 January 1950, at 1025 hours.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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

1. Reference is made to previous reports concerning sightings of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached is one (1) copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Ernest M. Hubbard of this office, dated 16 February 1950, our file (24-8) - 17, relative to an incident of this nature.

3. Investigation of unidentified aerial objects is continuing in this district, and copies of all future reports of such sightings will be forwarded for your information.


DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

Incl:
Rept of Inv.

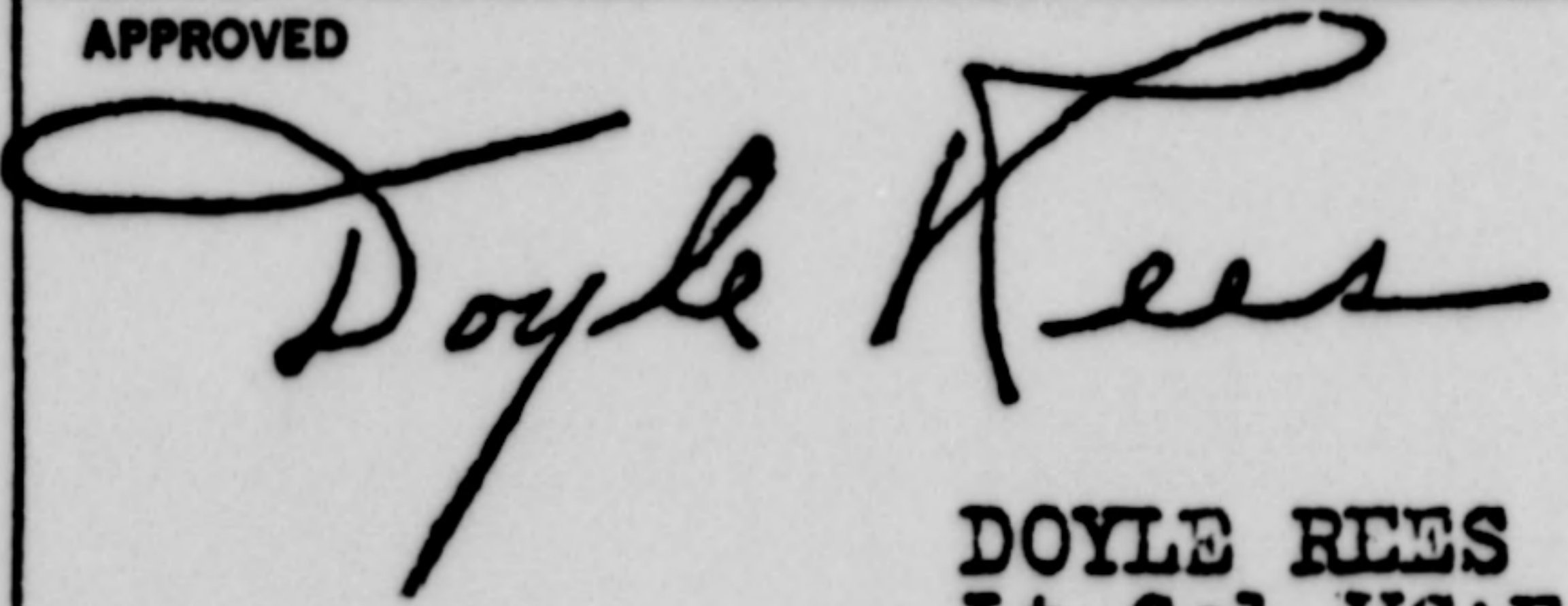
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		UNCLASSIFIED (24-8) 17	DATE 16 February 1950
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS, 9 January 1950, at 1025 hours, Observed by: (See Page 2)		REPORT MADE BY S/A ERNEST M. HUBBARD	
		REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		PERIOD 25 January, 10 February 1950	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE AFOSI Ltr No. 85, Hq. Office of Special Investigations, File No. 24-185			
SYNOPSIS This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Jr., Chief, Security Operations, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Aerial phenomena sighted between 2220 and 2230 hours on 9 January 1950, at Los Alamos, New Mexico. The object was sighted by Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], and Mr. [REDACTED], all of whom are Scientists at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Interviews with the above individuals are set out in Details herein. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that in his opinion subject object was an extremely bright meteor. PURSUANT TO PAR 11 AFR 205-6 UN-AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS A VIOLATION OF AFR 205-1			
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Mr. [REDACTED]

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico

Mr. [REDACTED]

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Observed from Los Alamos, New Mexico

Mr. [REDACTED]

Los Alamos, New Mexico

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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Chief, Security Operations, Los Alamos, New Mexico. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ advised that an aerial phenomena was sighted on 9 January 1950, between the hours of 2220 and 2230.

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

2. On 10 February 1950, Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Scientist, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and the following information obtained:

Time and date of sighting - 2226 hrs, 9 Jan 1950
Point of observation - Sidewalk along westside of Chapel,
Los Alamos, New Mexico.
Number of objects - one
What attracted attention to object - Brightness of object,
and happened to be facing right direction.
Color of object - Incandescent green
Size of object - Impossible to estimate.
Shape of object - Apparently oval. Left trail resulting in
sort of teardrop shape overall.
Apparent construction - Could not tell. Seemed to be just a light.
Distance from observer - Impossible to estimate.
Angle of elevation from horizon - Estimate 80 degrees when sighted,
40 degrees when lost sight.
Direction from observer - Estimate 280 degrees when sighted, 320
degrees when lost sight.
Direction of Flight - Same as above.
Tactics or maneuvers - Straight flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust - Slight trail about as long as object
itself, resulting in sort of teardrop shape overall.
Effects on clouds - No clouds.
Luminosity - Incandescent.
Apparent means of support - No apparent means.
Projections and/or indentations - None
Speed - Impossible to estimate. Was in sight about two (2) seconds.
Sound - None
Odor - None
Time in sight - About two (2) seconds.
Manner of disappearance - Trees interfered with vision.

3. On 10 February 1950, Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Scientist, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was interviewed and the following information obtained:

Time and date of sighting - Approximately 2220 hours 9 January 1950.
Point of observation - Southwest corner of Chapel, Los Alamos, N.M.
Number of objects - one
What attracted attention to object - Mr. Paul Sperling pointed it out.
Color of object - Bluish white
Size of object - No perceptible disk; appeared as a point
Shape of object - Pointed
Apparent construction - Impossible to determine.

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Distance from observer: - Impossible to determine.
Angle of elevation from horizon - Estimate 60 degrees
Direction from observer - West by Southwest
Direction of flight - Due west.
Tactics or maneuvers - Pursued a straight course at constant speed.
Evidence of trail or exhaust - Luminous trail persisting for less than one-half second
Effect on clouds - Not observed
Luminosity of object - Luminosity greater than Venus at brightest much less than full moon.
Apparent means of support - None
Projections and/or indentations - None
Speed - Ten degrees per second (estimate)
Sound - None
Odor - None
Time in sight - About two (2) seconds
Manner of disappearance - Luminosity stopped rather suddenly, although was not obscured by Jemez Mountains on horizon.

4. On 25 January 1950, Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Scientist, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Los Alamos, New Mexico was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and date of sighting - Approximately 2225 hours 9 January 1950
Point of observation - Observed from slow moving car, at intersection of Canyon Road and Daniel Drive, Los Alamos, N.M.
Number of objects - one
What attracted attention to object - Brightness of object while driving towards it
Color of object - Greenish-white
Size of object - Minus 4 to minus 5 compared to Jupiter.
Shape of object - Round
Apparent construction - Unable to determine
Distance from observer - Estimate at least 100 miles away.
Angle of elevation from horizon - 75 to 80 degrees above horizon
Direction from observer - Approximately 300 degrees north of west.
Direction of flight - 300 degrees north of west, followed same pattern
Tactics or maneuvers - None, straight line of flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust - None
Effect on clouds - No clouds
Luminosity of object - Minus 4 magnitude (3rd brightest to sun and moon) (brightest star is only minus 2)
Apparent means of support - None
Projections - None
Speed - Approximately 25 degrees per second
Odor - None
Sound - None
Time in sight - Approximately 3 seconds
Manner of disappearance - Behind horizon
Notes relative to observer - Completed one semester of astronomy in college. Staff member in Chemistry at Los Alamos, N.M. In POTTER's opinion this object was an extremely bright meteor.

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