

APIC NO. ---

DATE OF INFO 5 March 1950

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LOCATION Vaughan, N. Mex.

REPORT NO. OSI Report

SOURCE AF Officer and 5 airmen

DATE OF REPORT 22 March 1950

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF BEING 1135 to 1300 MST

COLOR White

SHAPE Round

SPEED 180 - 200 MPH

SIZE Ping pong ball at arm's length

ALTITUDE ---

COURSE 15°

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 1 Hr. 25 Min.

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

FOOTED

MANEUVERS ---

Yes

PHOTO OSI DO #17

SKETCHES ---

Object was at an elevation of 75°. Was seen for 1 hour 25 minutes until it disappeared from view. Movies of object were taken, but are not in our file.

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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) - 26

22 March 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA; Sighted by Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR,
AO-341555, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, at
1135 hours 5 March 1950 at Vaughn, New Mexico
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 of Investigation from this office, relative to observations of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached for your information is one (1) copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Robert R. Johns of this office, dated 22 March 1950, subject as above.

3. Investigation of unidentified aerial objects is continuing, and copies of future reports will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. (24-8) - 26	DATE 22 March 1950
TITLE UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA Sighted by Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, at 1135 hours 5 March 1950 at Vaughn, New Mexico		REPORT MADE BY S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS	
		REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		PERIOD 6, 7, 9 March 1950	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft			
REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949; Hq OSI file 24-185			
SYNOPSIS This investigation submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555, Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1135 hours, 5 March 1950, along with five (5) other witnesses. All pertinent information was obtained from Major HAYNOR and is reported herein. Movie film taken by Photo Lab personnel is retained by District Office No. 17. PURSUANT TO PAR 11 AFR 205-6 UN-AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS A VIOLATION OF AFR 205-1			
DISTRIBUTION CG, AMC (Action Copy) 1 CO, AF Cambridge Research Laboratories 1 Hq OSI 2 File 2		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson AF Base Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAXO - 3	FILE STAMP
		APPROVED  DOYLE REES Lt Col, USAF District Commander.	

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DETAILS:

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

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. A personal interview was conducted with Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, at Vaughan, New Mexico, on 5 March 1950, and the following information obtained:

- a. Date of sighting: 5 March 1950
- b. Time of sighting: 1135 hours to 1300 hours. At 1300 hrs object diminished to such a size that observers ceased looking at it.
- c. Where sighted: At Vaughan, New Mexico.
Coordinates: 105° 13' West
34° 35' North
Object appeared on an azimuth of approximately 190° from true North.
- d. Number of objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
- f. Distance of object from observers:
 - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Approximately 75 to 100 miles away.
 - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Approx. 75°
 - (3) Altitude: Unable to estimate.
- g. Time in flight: Approximately 1 hour 25 minutes.
- h. Appearance of object:
 - (1) Color: White, no change in color.
 - (2) Shape: Round, like a ping pong ball.
 - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
 - (4) Size: Ping pong ball held at arms length.
- i. Direction of flight: Object traveled on an azimuth of approximately 195° from true North.

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- j. Tactics or maneuvers: Straight flight.
- k. Evidence of exhaust: None
- l. Effect on clouds: No clouds.
- m. Lights: Object was a very brilliant light. No other lights visible.
- n. Supports: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: None visible.
- p. Control and stability: Movement of object was not erratic but traveled in a straight line.
- q. Air ducts: None visible.
- r. Speed: Estimated speed of approximately 180 to 200 miles per hour. Object crossed the lens of a Mitchel camera (4" lens) from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock on the face of the lens in 2 minutes and 55 seconds.
- s. Sound: None
- t. Manner of disappearance: at 1300 hrs object had diminished in size to such an extent that further observation proved useless.
- u. Notes relative to observer:
- (1) Name: Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341555
 - (2) Address: 3024 Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
 - (3) Occupation: Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB.
 - (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
 - (5) Pertinent hobbies: Fishing and hunting.
 - (6) Ability to determine: Above average.
 - (7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable.
 - (8) Former sightings: Yes, on 18 February 1950.
 - (9) Witnesses:
M/Sgt Gerald E. Holmes, AF-18002572
Sgt. Harold L. Brooks, AF-35527774
Sgt. Calvin R. Porter, AF-13262966

The above personnel are professional photographers assigned to the Holloman AFB Photo Section and are the persons who took the inclosed movie film.

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Witnesses (Continued)

S/Sgt Martin K. Boone, AF-12181101, Air Policeman
TDY Vaughan, New Mexico.

Mr. David W. Smith, Box 251, East Vaughan, N. M.
Employed by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co.

3. The following agencies could offer no logical explanation for the subject object: Electronics & Atmospheric Branch, Holloman AFB; Weather Detachment, Holloman AFB. The one negative which is inclosed herein is designated for Headquarters OSI, as the Commanding Officer, Holloman AFB, and Wright-Patterson AFB will have access to the original film which is maintained at the Base Photo Lab, Holloman AFB.

Inclosures:

FOR HQ, OSI

1. Negative of the movie film taken of the subject object at Vaughan, New Mexico, on 5 March 1950.

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