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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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ATIC NO. DATE OF INFO 24 Dec 1950
AP NO. LOCATION Los Alamos, N. M.
REPORT NO. SOURCE Civilian
DATE OF REPORT DATE IN TO ATIC
TIME OF STARTING 1928 COLOR Bright Glow W/Green tint
SHAPE Sphere W/Tail SPEED Estimated
SIZE ALTITUDE Measured
COURSE SSE to NNW LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 2-3 Sec.
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
MOUSE MANEUVERS Described slight falling Arc.
PHOTOS SKETCHES

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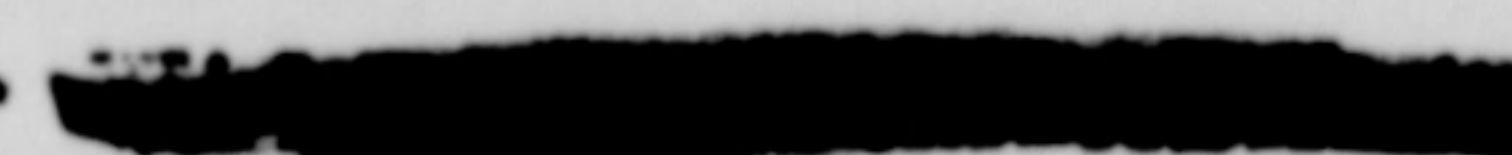
12 January 1951

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ~~MCIA~~ *AXA*

Inclosed are two (2) copies of a spot intelligence report covering the details of an aerial phenomena observation in the Los Alamos, New Mexico area.

2 Incls:

1. Rpt fr  ns, Jr
dtd 25 Dec 50
2. Cy Ltr Hq OSI, Subj: Same
dtd 12 Jan 51

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY PROTECTIVE FORCE
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

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DATE 25 December 1950
(Day) (Month)

1. Name of Observer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last First M.I.
- Station assigned [REDACTED] Section G-1
- Home Address [REDACTED] Telephone -
- Names of other known observers [REDACTED]
2. Time and date of sighting 1928 hours 24 December 1950
3. Point of observation Junction road #5 and West road.
4. Direction of object from observer West
5. Distance of object from observer Not known - Off in distance beyond hills
6. Angle of elevation from horizon Sixty degrees
7. Direction of flight of object South southeast to north northwest in falling arc.
8. Time in sight About two or three seconds
9. Number of objects One
10. Shape of object Sphere shaped with tail
11. Projections and/or indentations None

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12. Apparent construction Not known. Seemed to be a burning mass.
13. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion Not known.
14. Size of object Not known. Larger than meteor.
15. Luminosity of object Very bright glow.
(Bright, very bright, glaring, etc.)
16. Color of object Bright glow with notable green tint
17. Sound Not known
18. Odor Not known
19. Speed Not known
20. Evidence of trail or exhaust A trail about four times the length
of dia. Trail width equal to dia of sphere
21. Effect on clouds Clear sky. Not known
22. Tactics or maneuvers None. Followed slight arc in falling out of
sight.
23. Manner of disappearance Dropped out of sight behind hills.
24. What attracted attention to object Swift moving object of very
brightness larger than other visible objects in sky.
25. Additional remarks of observer Glow remained bright throughout
observed flight. Following is approximate observance. First part
of tail dense and gradually dissipating toward the end.

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Observer's signature/s [REDACTED]

Title AECS

26. Additional remarks of investigator _____

Investigator's signature _____

Title _____

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ATTN: MCIS**

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dtd 25 Dec 50
2. Cy Ltr Hq OSI, Subj: Same
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17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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12 January 1951

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with AFOSI Ltr. No. 85, Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, dated 23 October 1950, the hereinafter data are delineated.

2. It is submitted that the phenomena made a part of the data attached is not believed by this District to definitely fall within Paragraph 3 of above cited letter, however, as there is a reasonable question of doubt, attachment is being forwarded.

SYNOPSIS: An aerial object spherical shape with a tail was cited by ~~W. J. [redacted]~~, JR. 24 December 1950 in the area of Los Alamos, New Mexico, an Atomic Energy location.

DETAILS: Attachments more clearly delineate all pertinent details.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Above data forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, ATTN: MCIS and Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations; no further action.

2 Incl:

1. Rpt fr ~~W. J. [redacted]~~
dtd 25 Dec 50
2. Ltr, Hq AMC, Subj: Same
dtd 12 Jan 51

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cc: Hq AMC (dup)

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ~~WFO~~ AXA

Inclosed are two copies of a spot intelligence report covering the details of two aerial phenomena observations in the Los Alamos, New Mexico area.

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1. Rpt fr ~~William H. ...~~ on
dtd 25 Dec 50
 2. Rpt fr ~~Thomas H. ...~~ on
dtd 21 Dec 50
 3. Ltr to Hq, OSI, Subj: Same
dtd 12 Jan 50

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SYNOPSIS: An aerial object spherical shape with a tail was cited by [REDACTED], 25 December 1950 in the area of Los Alamos, New Mexico, an Atomic Energy location. A round aerial object emitting a short tail of flame was observed in the same general area by [REDACTED], 21 December 1950.

DETAILS: Attachments more clearly delineate all pertinent details.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Above data forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, AFM: NCIS and Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations; no further action.

3 Incls:

1. Rpt fr [REDACTED]
dtd 25 Dec 50
2. Rpt fr [REDACTED]
dtd 21 Dec 50
3. Cy ltr to AMO, Subj: Same
dtd 12 Jan 51

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cc: Hq AMO (dwp)

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LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

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DATE 25 12 1950
(Day) (Month)1. Name of Observer _____ L. _____
Last First M.I.

Station Assigned _____ Section C-III

Home Address _____ Telephone 2525

Names of other known observers _____

2. Time and date of sighting 1928 hours 24 12 1950
Day Month

3. Point of observation _____ Junction of Rd. #5 and West Road

4. Direction of object from observer _____ West

5. Distance of object from observer _____ Not known. Seemed to be beyond
the range of hills.

6. Angle of elevation from horizon _____ Approx. 60 degrees

7. Direction of flight of object _____ From south, southeast towards north.
north west.

8. Time in sight _____ Approx. 2 or 3 seconds

9. Number of objects _____ One One

10. Shape of object _____ Sphere shape with a tail

11. Projections and/or identations _____ None

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12. Apparent construction It looked as if it was a mass of flames
or fire.
13. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion Not known
14. Size of object Actual not known, appeared to be approx. the size
of a very large meteor.
15. Luminosity of object Glow as a red hot metal does.
(bright, very bright, glaring, etc.)
16. Color of object Red, with a green tint.
17. Sound None heard as we were in a truck, windows up.
18. Odor None to us.
19. Speed Unknown
20. Evidence of trail or exhaust A tail same color as the object
4 times in length as the diameter of the sphere.
21. Effect on clouds Not known
22. Tactics or maneuvers None
23. Manner of disappearance Dropped from sight beyond range of hills to
THE WEST OF us.
24. What attracted attention to object Truck was stopped at junction and
I was looking to the west or straight ahead when the object caught
my eye.
25. Additional remarks of observer I do not believe this to be a meteor
as this did not burn itself out in flight. It was same degree of
light from first to last observance.

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Observer's signature [REDACTED]

Title Protective Force Inspector

26. Additional remarks of investigator _____

Investigator's signature _____

Title _____

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