

LOCATION

DATE _____

CLOVIS N M

12. CONCLUSIONS

[illegible]

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

21/12.30 MST

2000

2 Ground Plover

25/0430 Z

2. Am. Vis. 41

U. S. Air-Intercept: 2nd

5. 1912

5. $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$

AF officer

6. Yes Balloon
 7. Probably Balloon
 8. Probably Balloon

1. Yes Aircraft
2. Possible Aircraft
3. Possible Aircraft

☐ Not Asymptotic
☐ Probably Asymptotic
☐ Possibly Asymptotic

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6. STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COLLIER

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XXXXX in full extent of the Examination
 2. Answered

At 10:00 PM Captain observed two oval-shaped objects
"flashed" through the air at an altitude of 30
miles. Captain was attending a drive-in movie
at time

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. TAC IR-22-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYING		
AREA REPORTED ON PORTALES, NEW MEXICO	FROM (Agency) INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, 140TH FTR BQ4 WJ	
DATE OF REPORT 25 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 July 1952	EVALUATION D-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) D. M. SANDERS 2/LT USAF	SOURCE Captain Titus and Clovis News Journal	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		
Unidentified flying objects similar to types reported seen over "Operation Desert Rock" were observed by an officer of this Wing on 24 July 1952 and by a resident of Portales, New Mexico on 22 July 1952.		
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1. Captain J. W. Titus, Adjutant, Medical Group, 140th Fighter Bomber Wing, Clovis Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico, reported seeing two (2) oval shaped objects approximately 3 - 4 miles high and traveling east across the horizon at approximately the speed of 400 - 600 miles per hour. The objects were traveling a definite formation approximately 1 - 1 1/2 miles apart on a level course leaving no vapor trails and having no sound. Upon reaching the edge of the horizon, the objects appeared to turn 80° and head in a northerly direction. Captain Titus viewed these objects while attending a movie at a drive-in theater. He watched them approximately four (4) minutes until they disappeared. He reported they were of a reddish-orange neon glow and they "seemed to float through the air as a ball travels through water when pulled with a string". The weather was calm with very little wind and the evening was clear. No aircraft reported in the general area at the time of sighting. Approximate time of sighting was between 2130 hours and 2200 hours.

2. Enclosed article was clipped from Clovis News Journal on 22 July 1952 and refers to sighting in same drive-in theater mentioned in paragraph 1.

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24 Jul 52

DAVIDSON GARY

24/012 PDX

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STANLEY

25/012 Z

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STANLEY

Civilians

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Phenomenon observed from SOC post, was
described by many observers to be sunset playing
in clouds.

1. Time of sighting and other
details not included in report.

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23 JUL 1952 10 11

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ACTION TFCR INFOR

1952 JUL 25

21:33

ACTION

WPH016

YDD217

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JWPML 283

RR JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN 333

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FM CG328THR DIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO CG HQ USAF WAHSE GTON 25 D C

ATTN DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

CG WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

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(1) OBJECT APPEARD SEVERAL MILES IN LENGTH. SILVER ON TIP CMA
BLACK ON BOTTOM. OBJECT APPEARD CMA DISAPPEARED AND REQPEARED
SEVRAL TIMES. OBSERVER RELIEVED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO ALSO REPORT
SIGHTING OF OBJECT. ONE HALF OF PEOPLE REPORT IT AS A SUNSET PLAYING
ON CLOUDS. OTHER HALF UNDECIDED. ALTITUDE AND SPEED UNKNOWN.

(2) EXACT TIME OF SIGHTING UNKNOWN. RPORT RECEIVED 24 JUL 52 12013PDT.

(3) VISUAL FROM GROUND

(4) REPORT FROM DANVILLE CMA CALIF 5 A Y MILES EAST OBSERVERS POST PH
2149.

PAGE TWO JWPML 62F

(5) MRS. [REDACTED] WAS FIRST OBSERVER. G. O. PH04 [REDACTED] CMA OTHER PERSONS
UNKNOWN. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN.

(6)X CLEAR CMA WITH SOME HAZE CMA CEILING 15000 FT

(7) NONE

25/1448Z JUL JWPML

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LAKE CHARLES LA

21/2122.03T

22/2122.7

AF Pilots

Bright streak of light headed west at
30000' sighted by several a/c in area of
ICAFB.

RA110

WPC096

YDB133

TYE095

TDB080

JEPHQ B114

PP JEDEN JEDWP JESKH 333

DE JEPHQ 05A

P 250924Z

FM HQ USAF WASH DC

TO JEDEN/CGAIRDEFCON ENT AFB COLO

JEDWP/CG ATIC WPAFB OHIO

JESKH/CO LAKE CHARLES AFB LOUISIANA

FROM AFOIN 40843 FOLG MSG RECVD FM CO MIL FLT SVC CMA ANDREWS AFB

CMA MD IS FWD FOR YOUR INFO CIRVIS FOLG REPT RECD FROM AF AIRCRAFT

5684 IN FLT VICINITY LAK CHALRES LA CMA 2122 CENTRAL TIME 24;

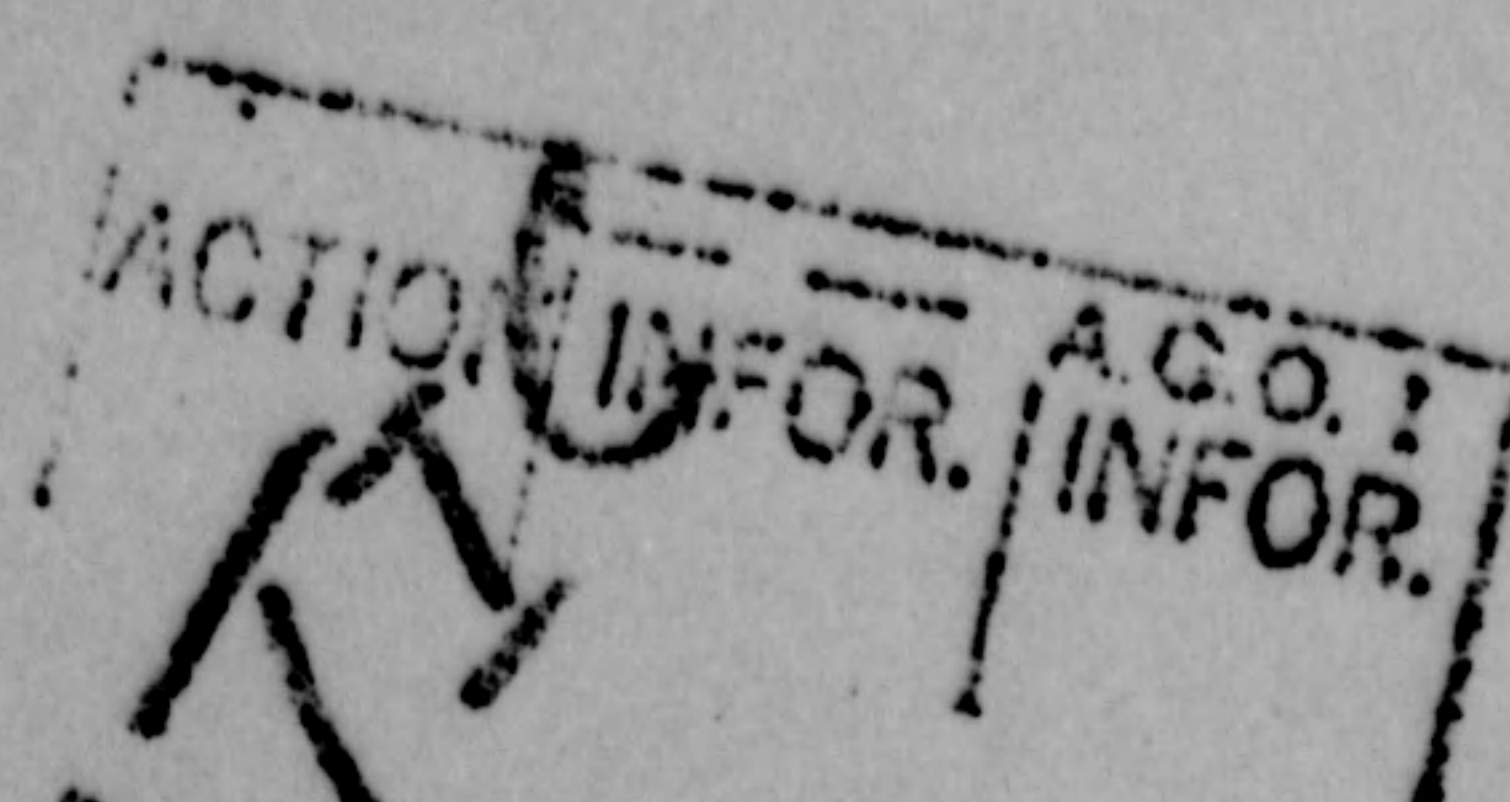
JUL 52 QUOTE CITED BRIGHT STREAK OF LIGHT AT 20,000 FT HEADED WEST

UNQUOTE. THIS REPT ALSO VERIFIED BY USAF AIRCRAFT 3299 IN SMAE

GENERAL AREA.

25/0934Z JUL JEPHQ

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 Civilian
 8 min
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Patch of light resembling fire sighted
 by a police officer (sheriff) in Los Angeles
 area.

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20 JUL 1952 10 09

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PD149E

YDB215

YF234

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251712Z ZNJ

CO FLT SV GEN MARCH AFB CALIF

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL GEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEPHQ/CONDR MATS WASHDC

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[REDACTED] 2172 PD FOR: ATIAA-2C FOR: ID PD

FLYOVERPT PD OBJECT BRIGHT ORANGE COLOR APPEARED TO LENGTHEN OUT AS IT
DISAPPEARED PD OBJECT TRAVELED IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION PERPENDICULAR
TO THE GROUND PD A PENCIL ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES LONG HELD

SIX INCHES FROM THE EYE WOULD COVER THE OBJECT PD OBJECT SIGHTED

AT 0225 ZEBRA 25 JUL 52 DISAPPEARED AT 0214 ZEBRA REAPPEARED AT

0214 ZEBRA DISAPPEARED AT 0217 ZEBRA PD OBSERVER WAS AT SAN DIMAS

AND FOOTHILL BLVD ON HIGHWAY 66 IN SAN DIMAS CALIF PD OBJECT APPEARED

OVER MT WILSON CALIF AND REAPPEARED OVER LOS ANGELES CALIF OBJECT

SEEN BY SGT [REDACTED] CMA SHERIFFS DEPT SAN DIMAS STATION CALIF

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LOS ANGELES 0130 ZL RA WEATHER 12000 SCATTERED CLOUDS 25000
SCATTERED CLOUDS VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES PD WINDS ALOFT AT 10000
FEET FROM 100 DEGREES AT TWO MPH CMA 15000 FEET FROM 130 DEGREES
AT FIVE MPH CMA AT 30000 FEET FROM 180 DEGREES AT 22 MPH PD NO AIR
TRAFFIC KNOWN TO BE IN THAT VICINITY AT THAT TIME END
BRIFFING CO MARCH FLT SV CEN MARCH AFB CALIF
15/1757Z JUL JUPRH

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8:35

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Unidentified Flying Object(s) Sighted Near San Dimas, California 24 July 1952
State of California, USA
Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

25 July 1952

24 July 1952

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Frank M. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF

San Dimas, California Sheriff's Department

Teletype FLYOBRPT submitted by March Flight Service Center 251700Z July (DMZ 8172)

Object(s) was (were) sighted by a Sheriff's officer at San Dimas, California 2005 PST 24 July 1952. Described as a patch of light resembling a fire on the mountain. During observation the light moved South and disappeared, appeared again over Los Angeles and moved North to disappear. A second officer was called to verify observation. Object was as large as a one and one-half inch object held six inches from the observer's eye. Light intensity varied within the object, and changed as the object moved.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Intelligence Officer

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

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Washington 25, D. C.

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1. ~~N~~ Unidentified flying object(s) was (were) observed from the ground at San Dimas, California 24 July 1952. First sighted at 2005PST, and intermittently observed for about 12 minutes, by officers of the San Dimas Sheriff's Office.

2. The following statement was submitted by Sergeant Dalton B. Sells of the Sheriff's Department, San Dimas Station, San Dimas, California:

"At 2005P I sighted an object which appeared to be in the vicinity of Mt Wilson. My position was at San Dimas and Foothill Blvd. on Highway 66 in San Dimas. At first I thought it was a fire on Mt. Wilson then I realized this object was above Mt. Wilson. The color was fairly bright orange, just about the color of a fire. The color seemed to be brighter in what would be considered the rear of the object. It was brighter in the direction of which it was traveling. I held a pencil about six inches from my eye and then I sighted along the pencil. I would state that the pencil would have to be an inch and a half to cover the object. I saw the object until about 2010P during which time it travelled in a southerly direction and then seemed to disappear, when the object disappeared it seemed to shorten from the top down. During the time I saw the object it seemed to be lighted so that I would say the lighted area was perpendicular with the plane of the earth. I requested another car from the Sheriff's office to come to where I was located and very shortly another officer joined me. The object reappeared at what I would say was a much lower altitude considerably south of where I had last seen it. I would say it was over Los Angeles when it reappeared. The other officer saw the object reappear also. The object reappeared at 2014P and proceeded in a northerly direction seeming to gain altitude. We saw it this time for approximately 3 minutes. During this time the object seemed to lengthen and gradually thin out and eventually disappeared. The type of propulsion could have been jet or rocket but I did not hear anything. I could not estimate what its speed was. During the period when the object reappeared I again held a pencil six inches from my eye sighting along the pencil I would estimate that the pencil would have to be approximately 3 inches wide to cover the flying object. The flight altitude was very steady."

3. Weather in the area:

a. Los Angeles, California reported (1930PST) scattered clouds at 12,000 and 25,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 66°, dew point 59°, surface wind from the Southeast, velocity not reported, altimeter 29.92.

b. Winds aloft: 10,000 feet, from 100° at 2 knots
15,000 feet, from 130° at 5 knots
25,000 feet, from 160° at 20 knots
30,000 feet, from 180° at 22 knots

4. No air traffic reported in the area, no physical evidence of the object reported, no interception action attempted, and no activity known which might explain the sighting.

5. Information was transmitted to Los Angeles ARTC Center (CAA), and relayed to March Flight Service Center at 2040PST 24 July. Teletype FLYOBREP was submitted by March Flight Service Center 251700Z July (DMZ 8172).

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Mt. Wilson is approximately 15 miles West by Northwest of San Dimas, and about

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13 miles Northeast of the center of Los Angeles. San Dimas is about 23 miles East (80° true bearing) of Los Angeles. Mt. Wilson is approximately 5,000 to 6,000 feet high. Mountains North of Mt. Wilson rise to over 7,000 feet.

2. In the Los Angeles basin (i.e., San Dimas, Mt. Wilson, etc.) a haze level below cloud layers, and/or unreported cloud layers along the mountains, are not uncommon. A searchlight beam, projected from South of Mt. Wilson and West to Southwest of San Dimas into such a cloud or haze level over Mt. Wilson, could cause a reflected light patch approximating the object description. If the beam was moved to a vertical position, the light patch would move South (toward the source), foreshortening as it approached the vertical overhead position. The same beam, later dropped to the North from vertical, would cause a light patch which would move North, lengthening and dimming as it moved, and disappear as the beam dropped below the reflecting layer. Such a light patch would appear brighter along the line of the beam (i.e., North-South, the direction of motion), due to diffusion. It would also appear brighter at the South end, due to greater beam concentration and more direct ray incidence, than at the North end.

3. Sheriff's officers in the reporting area should be familiar with the appearance of searchlights normally used for advertising or Air Defense purposes, and the reflection of these and other lights at cloud levels.

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11/11/05 03T

21/2504 Z

30 min

AP personnel

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NW

White spherical object hovered for 30 min, then moved away. Observed by 39 members of 787 AOW Sq.

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ACTION

1952 JUL 25

07:2

RE060

WPG043

YMX016

JEDKF 009

PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN 333

DE JEDKF 09

P 242335Z ZNJ

FM CO 787TH AC&W SQ CHANDLER

TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC
JEDWP /AIR TECHINICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

OVJ:G 31ST ADVI FT SNELLING MINN

787-24-G-009/PD FLYOBRT ONE OBJECT SIGHTED CMA

SPHERICAL IN SHAPE WHITE IN COLOR SPEED OR MOVEMENT AWAY FROM OBSERVER

APPEARED STATIONARY FOR APPROX 20 MINUTE SPD TIME OF SIGHTING

24200 5Z OBSERVED FOR APPROX 30 MINUTES VISUAL OBSERVATION LOW

POWER BINOCULARS OBSERVATIONS FROM 787TH AC&W SQUADRON SITE CMA CHANDLER

MINNESOTA OBJECT WAS SIGHTED APPROX 315 DEGREES FROM BASE AT

ESTIMATED 30000 FT 20 TO 25 MILES PD DIRECTION OF TRAVEL NORTH WEST

WHEN FADED OBSERVED BY APPROX 30 AIR FORCE PERSONNEL PD POSSIBLE

IDENTIFICATION AS BALLON NOT CONCURRED IN BY ALL PD WEATHER WAS

CLEAR VISIBILITY & CIELING

UNLIMITED PD POSSIBLE WEATHER BALLON PD NONE PD 2 FIGHTERS

SCRAMBLED NEGATIVE INTERCEPTION OR SIGHTINGS PD NONE PD END

34/22350Z JUL 61W

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