

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 June 1957	2. LOCATION Carmichael, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2330-2400 GMT 24/0730 to 0800 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 7 civilian & 1 military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE straight up & 45 dgr NE	☒ Other <u>Mirage (Inversion)</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, triangular, size of basket ball color bright yellow-white later red light left forward & orange in rear, possibly green on right forward, no lights blinking. Object had a steady humming sound.		11. COMMENTS Initial pact of sighting attributed to a/c. Strong inversion present. Mirage effects from this inversion of ground lights and/or a/c accounting for remainder of sighting.	

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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Sacramento & Vicinity, California	DATE OF INFORMATION 25-26 Jun 57	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 552nd AEW&Con Wing McClellan AFB, California	DATE OF COLLECTION 25-26 Jun 57	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL George B. Yukinaga, 2/Lt., USAF Intelligence Officer	DATE OF REPORT 27 Jun 57	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Seven (7) Civilians One (1) Officer	EVALUATION C-3	ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) Unidentified Flying Object		
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies) 0730 - 8 = 1130(2330) At 240730Z six (6) persons saw a bright yellowish-white light little off the horizon about tree top level from their residence. After 20 minutes of observation a binocular was obtained for better sighting. Few minutes later the object climbed straight up and took a 45° north-east course after gaining high altitude and disappeared at about 20,000 feet. Total observation time is about 30 minutes. Later the party of six was joined by a couple who also saw the object from a drive-in theatre a mile and one-half away. They exchanged notes. The object was triangular shape. A few claimed they saw a red light on the left forward and orange light in the rear, and possibly green on the right forward. No lights blinking. Bright yellowish-white light was outstanding throughout. Heard steady "humming" sound. Speed: Verticle was 500 knots and Diagonal was about 180-250 knots. <i>... was this estimated</i>		
COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: Eight (3) people saw an unidentified flying object. They were uncertain what they actually saw, but knew it was something they had never seen before. None of the description above fits any of our known aircraft.		
<i>George B. Yukinaga</i> GEORGE B. YUKINAGA 2/Lt, USAF Intelligence Officer 0 INCL		
COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER: <i>James J. Hayes</i> JAMES J. HAYES 2/Lt, USAF Intelligence Officer		
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Par 7d, ADCM 200-2:

- Red - on left
green - on right
orange - in rear
definitely a/c
light arrangement
* white film looks*
- (1) (a) Triangular
(b) Basketball
(c) Bright yellow-white: Later, red light left forward and orange in the aft end, possibly green on right forward, (no lights blinking)
(d) One
(e) No formation or separate flight paths
(f) Negative
(g) Negative
(h) Steady "humming" sound
(i) Negative
 - (2) (a) Stationary light similar to a street light.
(b) Off the horizon at tree top level.
(c) 20,000 feet with vertical speed of 500 knots and diagonal speed of 180-250 knots
(d) Climbed straight up and later took a 45° northeasterly course
(e) High altitude
(f) 30 minutes
 - (3) (a) Ground-Visual
(b) Binocular (8X30)
(c) N/A
 - (4) (a) 240730-0800Z } *This would make it at midnight*
(b) Night
 - (5) (a) Whitney Village, Carmichael, California and Westerner Drive-In Theatre, Carmichael, California.
 - (6) (a) Civilians:

Mr. [redacted]	35	[redacted]	Manager-Sears Drapery
Mrs. [redacted]	34	[redacted]	Housewife Dept.
Mr. [redacted]	35	[redacted]	Telephone Company Emp
Mrs. [redacted]	27	[redacted], Calif	Housewife
Mr. [redacted]	33	[redacted] Way	Truck Driver
Mrs. [redacted]	32	[redacted], Calif	Housewife
Mrs. [redacted] Jr.	24	[redacted]	Housewife

 (b) Military:
 [redacted] 1/Lt 965th AEW&Con Sq. USAF-Navigator
 McClellan AFB, Calif.
 - (7) Good weather conditions-Clear night.
 - (8) Negative
 - (9) N/A
 - (10) No aircraft was known to be in the vicinity at time of sighting.
 - (11) See page 1 "Summary".
 - (12) Negative

exp. Delta-wing VTO?

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Sacramento, California, USA	FROM (Agency) Det 1, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 16 July 1957	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 June 1957	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) ARAM J. MAHABEDIAN, Captain, USAF	SOURCE Lt. WILLIAM J. HENDERSON JR. and others	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) UFOB report #552-57, Phone call from Ann Barth to Capt Mahabedian 2 Jul 57		
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.)		
I. CONTENTS:		
PART ONE: Description of sighting by Lt. William John Henderson Jr., 965th AEW&C Sq., McClellan AFB, California.		
PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED], Carmichael, California.		
PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], Carmichael, California.		
PART FOUR: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED], Carmichael, California.		
PART FIVE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], Carmichael, California.		
PART SIX: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED], Carmichael, California.		
PART SEVEN: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.		
PART EIGHT: Comments of the Preparing Officer.		
II. SUMMARY: At 240700Z June 1957, six (6) persons saw a very bright, white, light located approximately 220 degrees from magnetic north, and approximately 10 degrees off the horizon. After a few minutes, a pair of binoculars was obtained for better viewing. After approximately ten (10) minutes, the light rose vertically to approximately 45 degrees off the horizon. With a slight hesitation, the light then started moving toward the observers in a northeasterly direction. As the light passed overhead, the observers judged it to be approximately 7,000 feet high, 100 feet wide, traveling at a speed of 300 knots, triangular shaped, with two bright white lights to the left and right of center, and one dim red light on the left side of the object. Some observers heard a sound described as a hum, rumble, aircraft, and multi-engined.		
4 (See individual parts)		
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II. SUMMARY: (Cont'd)

The object then disappeared at an angle of approximately 20 degrees from magnetic north and at an angle of 45 degrees elevation. The object was in sight for approximately thirty minutes.

III. INVESTIGATOR: T/Sgt EUGENE A. SMITH, AF 19325079.

Armen J. Hakobekian
ARMEN J. HAKOBEKIAN
Captain, USAF
Commander

APPROVED:

for John D. Taylor, Major, USAF
JOHN D. TAYLOR
Colonel, USAF
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED], Carmichael, California
Age: 24
Occupation: USAF 1st Lt. Navigator - Briefing Officer 965th
AEW&C Sq., McClellan Air Force Base, California
Education: High School, 2 years College, Aviation Cadet
Qualifications: Qualified navigator - GOC WWII

II. RELIABILITY: Maj. Leroy J. Johnson, Flt Commander, 965th AEW&C Sq., McClellan AFB, California, described SOURCE as intelligent, a fully qualified navigator, very factual, not given to exaggeration, quiet, and of a high caliber. He judged SOURCE to be above the average Officer with same rank and time. Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Carmichael, California, describes SOURCE as having above average intelligence, very reliable and quiet. Interviewer's impression is that of an average officer, having an average imagination, not excitable, stable, and fairly observant.

III. SOURCE initially sighted the UFOB at 240745Z June 1957 through the window of his neighbors home at [REDACTED], Carmichael, California, at the insistence of his wife. After going outside to better observe, he judged the object to be a solid white light, appearing stationary at an angle of 220 degrees from true north, as taken from the star Polaris, at an elevation of 10 degrees off the horizon. The object was approximately five blocks away, and had the same intensity as an automobile light one block away. The object remained stationary, with unvarying intensity for approximately five minutes after initial sighting, then rose vertically to approximately 20,000 feet in approximately one minute. With no hesitation, it moved north easterly on a course of 030 degrees from true north. In this movement, the object passed directly overhead and continued in a straight line, with dimming intensity, until it faded from sight at an angle of 045 degrees from the horizon. The object took approximately 20 to 50 minutes to complete its horizontal movement. SOURCE stated that the UFOB, after reaching maximum altitude, appeared to separate into two lights, or balls, which cast no discernible beams or rays. SOURCE stated that the object looked triangular through binoculars, but also denied looking through them. The object had two lights located in the center of the object, which were white, and one dim red light on the left portion of the object, with one dim white light on the tail. The triangle travelled with the point aft. SOURCE judged the speed to be approx. 300 knots, and the size to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the wing span of an RC-121 aircraft. A humming sound was detected while the object was overhead.

IV. PREVIOUS SIGHTING: SOURCE admitted to three previous sightings of UFOB's, one resolved to be a balloon, one flaming falling object in Virginia several years ago, and one that the SOURCE tracked with a sextant while in Cadet training, at great speed. None of the previous were reported.

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED], San Michael, California

Age: 34

Occupation: Housewife

Education: High School - Secretarial training

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was described by Mrs [REDACTED], San Michael, Calif as sociable, talkative, excitable, and of average intelligence. SOURCE was described by Mrs [REDACTED], San Michael, Calif., as reliable, not nervous, sociable, and excited at the time of sighting. Interviewer's impression was that of a woman having above average intelligence, of average reliability, excitable, very sociable, and having a poor memory. SOURCE changed her mind frequently about times, angles, size.

III. SOURCE was the first to sight the U.F.O. She was inside the house of her neighbors (Mr & Mrs Tracy, 3505 Winston Way, San Michael, Calif), playing bridge, and first sighted the object through a large window facing to the South at 240745Z Jun 57. First sighting was disregarded for the time it takes to play two hands of bridge. At first sighting, SOURCE assumed the U.F.O. to be a street light, but on second sighting, realized that there were no street lights in the vicinity. SOURCE called all players (Lt Henderson, Mr Tracy, and Mrs Tracy) outside to observe. After going outside, the object was judged to be at a bearing of 250 degrees magnetic and at twice tree-top level, (10 degrees). The object remained stationary for approximately thirty minutes. It was blue white in color and of a round shape. The light was very intense, steady, and left a distinct impression after closing eyes. SOURCE called Mr Gulley outside to look, and to get his binoculars. Shortly after Mr Gulley arrived, the object rose very rapidly to a very high altitude. SOURCE stated it was so high, that the shape could not be made out with the binoculars. The height was judged to be three (3) times the height of aircraft in the landing pattern. After reaching its maximum height, the object hesitated momentarily then assumed a horizontal movement in a North Easterly direction. The object took five minutes to pass even with SOURCE, at an elevation of 75 degrees, slightly to the East. SOURCE observed the object through the binoculars, and judged it to be shaped like a triangle, with one white light on each corner of the same intensity, and one dim red light on the left corner. The base of the triangle was forward. There were no exhaust nor any other type trails left by the object. The intensity of the lights faded in proportion to the distance travelled, until the object faded from view. The speed of the object in a horizontal movement was $\frac{1}{2}$ the vertical speed. It was judged to be much faster than a B-29 aircraft and comparable in size to a B-46 aircraft. The body of the object was dark, the same tone as the sky, but blocking out the sky, and was judged to be a solid object. The edges of the object were not discernible. The red light was not visible until after the object had passed overhead. It disappeared at a magnetic bearing of 250 degrees, at an elevation of 10 degrees. While overhead, it seemed similar to an airplane that had lost its engine.

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I. SOURCE: P [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Carmichael, California

Age: 27

Occupation: Housewife

Education: High School

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: Mrs [REDACTED] described the SOURCE as fairly intelligent, not nervous or excitable, not imaginative, and as reliable. Interviewer's impression was that of a woman possessing no particularly outstanding traits, either good or bad. Interviewer judges SOURCE as having undetermined reliability.

III. SOURCE initially observed the UFOB in her home at approximately 240700Z Jun 57, as it was pointed out to her by Mrs [REDACTED], who was visiting at her home playing bridge. SOURCE and friends went outside to get a better look, and judged the object to be at 220 degrees magnetic bearing, 10 degrees above the horizon. The object was described as a pulsating, white very bright light. The object started to rise slowly, turning slightly to the left. It rose for approximately one mile to magnetic bearing of 180°, 35° off the horizon. It took approx 9 seconds to travel to this point, then hesitated for approx 5 seconds, and proceeded in a North easterly heading, gradually losing altitude. As it passed overhead, SOURCE saw three yellow-whites forming a triangle, and heard a humming noise. SOURCE declined to estimate the speed, altitude, or size of the UFOB. SOURCE stated that the object left no trails of any type, and that no vibration was associated with it. It continued on this course until it went out of sight, after 10 minutes of travel, at approx 10 degrees from magnetic north, and 25 degrees above the horizon.

IV. Previous Sightings: None

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Carmichael, California

Age: 35

Occupation: Transmission Man with Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Education: High School - Fire Control School USN

Qualifications: Fire Controller and tracker

II. RELIABILITY: [REDACTED], Carmichael, Calif described SOURCE as the most calm, methodical man in entire neighborhood. He stated that when SOURCE's house burned down, SOURCE was the most calm man around. Interviewer's impression. SOURCE appeared to be of average intelligence, extremely calm and dispassionate, methodical, and factual. Interviewer judges SOURCE to be reliable.

III. SOURCE initially sighted UFOB at 240701Z Jun 57, after leaving the bridge game attended by Lt and Mrs [REDACTED], Carmichael, Calif and SOURCE's wife, at the insistence of Mrs [REDACTED] who said she saw something outside. UFOB was first sighted at a magnetic bearing of 220 degrees, 10 degrees of the horizon. The object remained stationary at this position for approx 10 minutes. SOURCE first judged the object to be an aircraft with the landing lights on, but after object did not move, did not know what it was. The object appeared to be a bright pulsating light while stationary. After object started moving, it travelled vertically to approx 12,000 feet, in approx one minute, to a point 70 degrees above the horizon. SOURCE stated, after object reached its peak, there was nothing unusual about it. It looked like an aircraft with its landing lights on and one red light showing on the left wing tip. The object started moving in a heading of 45 degrees from the magnetic pole, with all lights burning steady. It travelled for approx three (3) minutes, then faded out of sight, 70 degrees above the horizon. As the object passed overhead, the red light disappeared. When the object reached overhead, SOURCE could distinctly hear the sound of aircraft engines. There was no vibration. SOURCE estimated the speed of the UFOB as 200 miles per hour, and the distance when first sighted as 4500 feet.

IV. Previous Sighting: None

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Carmichael, California

Age: 32

Occupation: Truckdriver

Education: High School

Qualifications: Signalman in US Navy

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was described by neighbors (Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Way, Carmichael, Calif., and Lt [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Way, Carmichael, Calif), as competent, not very intelligent, steady nature, and not given to kidding or imagining. Interviewers impression was that of below average intelligence, not excitable, fairly observant, and reliable. Background information of SOURCE from personal conversation indicates that he served approx 4 years in the Navy, had one Captain's Mast, and one deck court martial for striking a commissioned officer, reached the rating of Signalman 3/C without technical schooling, served mostly on Destroyers.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE initially sighted UFOB, after being notified by Mrs [REDACTED] (Carmichael, Calif) at 240730Z Jun 57, at a magnetic bearing of 230 degrees, 20 degrees off the horizon. SOURCE described the UFOB as being blinding white to naked eye. He went inside to get his binoculars (8x30 coated lense) and returned with his wife to view the UFOB again. The UFOB appeared through the binoculars as a light "tinged" with red. Described as flame. He stated that he saw the object for three (3) minutes through the binoculars while it was stationary. The total time it remained stationary was approx 10 minutes, at a distance of approximately one (1) mile from SOURCE. The object then started moving toward SOURCE in a climb, reaching overhead in approx one (1) minute, then turned slightly to the left, and continued climbing until it went out of sight. While overhead, the object gave off a weird sound with a high frequency vibration. The sound was like that of an aircraft at first, then a rumble as it passed over. SOURCE could only hear the sound for 7 to 8 seconds while overhead. SOURCE judged the height overhead to be approximately 3000 feet, and the speed to be that greater than a jet some 5000 feet overhead. He estimated the size, while overhead, to be approx 50 feet long. At another estimation, he judged the size to be similar to a B-29 acft. The appearance of the object was that of a triangular shape, with two lights that cast a beam coming to a point with the points trailing the object. SOURCE insisted that the object was some kind of aircraft, and kept referring to the UFOB as a "craft". The direction of travel was the point forward. The object filled approx 1/2 of the binocular visual area while overhead. SOURCE stated that he thought the object had one white light dimmer than the other two, located on the tail of the object, and when mentioned the red tint to the two bright lights, said he was color blind, and sometimes mistook a yellow light for red light, or vice-versa, while driving. The UFOB faded in intensity as it travelled, finally fading out at a bearing of 360 degrees magnetic, and at elevation of 75 degrees from the horizon at 240750Z Jun 57.

IV. Previous Sightings: SOURCE admitted seeing an object in the Mojave Desert, "several years ago". Stated that it appeared to be a meteor.

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I. SOURCE:

Address: Carmichael, California

Age: 33

Occupation: Medical assistant

Education: High School

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY:

SOURCE was described by It Carmichael, Calif., as extremely nervous, excitable and having a great imagination. He stated that her descriptions would include the following: Fantastic, unbelievable and out of this world. Mrs. Carmichael, Calif., stated that SOURCE is under a Dr's care most of the time, extremely nervous and excitable. Interviewer's impression was that of a very positive, stubborn and nervous person, with an active imagination, and is judged by interviewer to be not reliable.

III. SOURCE initially sighted the UFOB

after being awakened by neighbor calling her husband, at bearing of 200 degrees magnetic, and 10 degrees off the horizon, at 240730Z Jun 57. It appeared to be a very bright white light with the naked eye. Shortly after sighting the object, it rose to an angle of 35 degrees off the horizon with a very rapid speed. SOURCE had no idea of the time, but stated that her husband hadn't time to focus his binoculars before it started rising. The object changed direction after reaching altitude, and started moving on a course of approx 10 degrees magnetic bearing, keeping the same altitude, until it disappeared. The object did not fade out of sight, but went out of sight like "someone turning off a light switch". SOURCE observed the object through her husband's binoculars, and stated that the object was triangular shaped, with two white lights, one on each point of the triangle, and a dim red light on the trailing points of the triangle. The size was judged to be that of a large plane, and the binoculars gave the impression of immense largeness. SOURCE could not judge the altitude. The object gave off a sound similar to an earthquake rumble for approx 1 second while overhead, that was felt as well as heard. The vibration it gave off was of the same frequency as jet leaves passing overhead. SOURCE stated positively the width was twice the length. The surface of the object was described as nonreflective, and the same tone as the sky, but blocking out the sky. The object covered 1/3 of the binocular visual area while overhead.

IV Previous Sightings: None

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the Hamilton AFB Weather Detachment was made to determine the weather in the vicinity of Sacramento at 240700Z Jun 57, and the following information was received from S/Sgt Tuckerson.

Temperature Ground - 76 degrees F
At 20,000 ft - 15 degrees F

Dew Point 54 degrees

Humidity 46%

Winds Ground - from East at six (6) knots
At 20,000 ft - from West at 10 knots

Weather Clear and unrestricted. Temperature Inversion - 14° strength from 200 - 2000 ft.

2. A check with the McClellan AFB Weather Detachment was made to verify the previous check, for weather at McClellan AFB, at 240700Z Jun 57. The following information was received from M/Sgt A.B. Sorenson.

Temperature Ground - 81 degrees F

Dew Point 56 degrees

Humidity 42%

Winds Ground - from SSE at 4 knots

Weather Clear with 15 mi plus visibility

3. A check was made with Hamilton AF Flight Service to determine any unusual conditions noted for pilots. The following information was received.

Atomic Blast fired at 241330Z Jun 57 at Las Vegas, Nevada

4. Vernalis Naval Air Station was contacted to see if any weather balloons had been launched from there on the night of 23 Jun 57. The following information was received.

One launched at 241255Z Jun 57, rate of ascent - 800 feet per minute, size-one hundred (100) feet in diameter at 20,000 feet, color-white, with no lights attached. Officer in Charge refused to divulge the track of the balloon without orders from his Hq Boston, Mass.

5. Lick Observatory in San Jose, Calif was contacted concerning the location of the planets visible to naked eye. They were Jupiter and Saturn, and the color would appear to be yellow-white or red-white. (Ref Incl 3)

6. McClellan Base Operations was contacted concerning the arrivals and departures of base aircraft on the night of 23 Jun 57. The following aircraft were at McClellan AFB, at the time indicated.

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RC-121	55-138	240737Z June 57
RC-121	53-556	240722Z June 57
C-46	7768	240830Z June 57

7. Mather Base Operations was called by the McClellan Airdrome Officer to see if Mather had any traffic on the night of 23 June 1957. A negative report was received.

8. Sacramento Radio was contacted to get listings of all aircraft making position reports to that station from 240600Z June 57 to 240000Z June 57. The following list is submitted.

RC-121	55-138	Reported over Williams at 0710Z. Landed at McClellan AFB at 0737Z.
Civilian	13126	Reported over Sacramento at 0716Z.
Slick airways	808	Reported over Sacramento at 0715Z estimating Tahoe 0726Z.
Bonanza Acft		Reported over Sacramento at 0826Z from Reno
Apache	22T	Reported over Sacramento at 0846Z.
	6687Z.	Reported over Sacramento at 0937Z from Reno to Oakland.

9. Aerojet Co., located near Folsom, California, was contacted to see if any rocket motors were fired on the night of 23 June 1957. A negative report was received.

10. A tracing of the temperature and winds encountered by a balloon launched from Oakland, California at 240000Z June 1957, was obtained from M/Sgt A. B. Sorenson at Mather AFB, Weather Station, and is submitted as Incl #1 of report.

11. The Direction Center Chief, Capt James E. Sullivan, of the 668th AC&W Sq., located at Mather AFB, California, was contacted and the following aircraft were positioned by radar.

ACFT	NO.	TIME	SPEED	ALTITUDE	HEADING
RC-121	541	240924Z	210 knts	10,000	NW
RC-121	556	240733Z		10,000	SW

The above mentioned aircraft are positioned on an overlay submitted as Incl #2. Capt Sullivan, as a rated Senior Navigator, drew the course of the planets Jupiter and Saturn, as they would appear to a person in the location of the UFOB sighting, in Whitney Village, Carmichael, California, on the night of 23 June 1957. The course is submitted as Incl #3.

Capt Sullivan stated that during the night of 23 June 1957, Overlay (code name for 668th AC&W Sq) was conducting CCI practice intercepts for fighters from Castle AFB, Travis AFB, and Hamilton AFB. There were also several flights of Navy fighters on practice intercepts. F-89 aircraft were practicing snapups at 30,000 feet, F-86 aircraft were practicing intercepts at 40,000 feet, and the Navy fighters were practicing intercepts at 22,000 feet. Captain Sullivan stated it is standard operating procedure, for the Navy fighters to turn on their landing lights for the "Tally Ho" phase of the intercept. Aircraft were in the air from 240635Z Jun 57 until 241300Z Jun 57 on these intercepts. It was judged to be impossible to gather the tracks of these fighters due to their number, and the pilots and controllers concentration on the intercepts.

12. The GCA radar NCCIC at McClellan AFB, California was contacted for sightings. He stated that the GCA at McClellan was off the air at 240500Z June 1957.

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1. True extract of RAOB launched from Oakland Calif., 240000Z June 57
2. Overlay showing aircraft plotted by "Overlay", on the night of 23 June 57
3. Sketch of the course of Jupiter and Saturn for the night of 23 June 57
4. Sacramento Sectional Aeronautical Chart showing three tracks of the UFOB as drawn by observers.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The opinion of the Preparing Officer is that the sighting was probably that of a Navy aircraft making GCI controlled intercepts for the following reasons:

a. The Navy fighters were at all positions in the vicinity of the sighting and at the altitude specified in Lt. Henderson's report, 22,000 feet. It is necessary for one aircraft to fly in a straight line, with no change in altitude, approximately 10 to 15 minutes, in order for GCI to direct a successful intercept. Due to the capability of the radar on the Navy fighters, "Overlay" has a standing order for all Navy fighters on GCI controlled intercepts at night, to turn on their landing lights for a positive identification during the "Tally Ho" phase of the intercept. This information was obtained from Captain James E. Sullivan, Direction Center Chief, 668th AC&T, Mather AFB, California.

b. Assuming all the individual sightings to be of the same reliability, the following approximate average compilation is submitted of the sighting, as compared with the known facts of the Navy fighter.

	UFOB	FIGHTER
Time of sighting	240700Z June 57	From 240635Z June to 241300Z June
Time in sight	Thirty (30) minutes	10 to 15 minutes with lights as target
Shape	Apparent triangular	Apparent triangular
Size	100 feet wide	Unknown
Lights	Two white in center one red on left	Two landing lights, navigation lights
Altitude	7,000 feet (average) 20,000 feet stated in Part I	22,000 feet
Speed	300 knots	Unknown
Sound	From Hum to engine noise	Jet engine noise

The above assumes all the sightings to be of the same reliability, however, the time in sight of the UFOB varied from 10 to 60 minutes, and the altitude from 3,000 feet to 20,000 feet, for example. The fighter would appear to be triangular, if, as the UFOB, the edges of the object were not discernible, and the shape was taken from the lights.

c. The Atomic blast was fired too late to be visible.

d. The track of the balloon launched at Vernalis NAS is not available to this Detachment, with the fact there were no lights on the balloon, and the fact that it was launched approximately four (4) hours after sighting.

e. Possibly, the UFOB was an acft over Sacramento, except for the lights.

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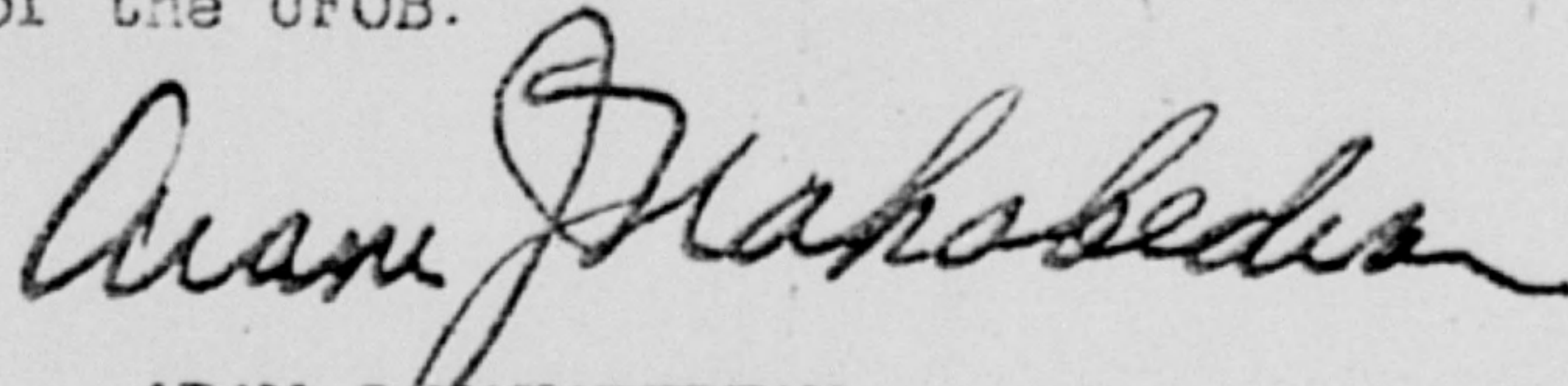
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f. The aircraft landing at McClellan AFB, did not coincide with the time of sighting.

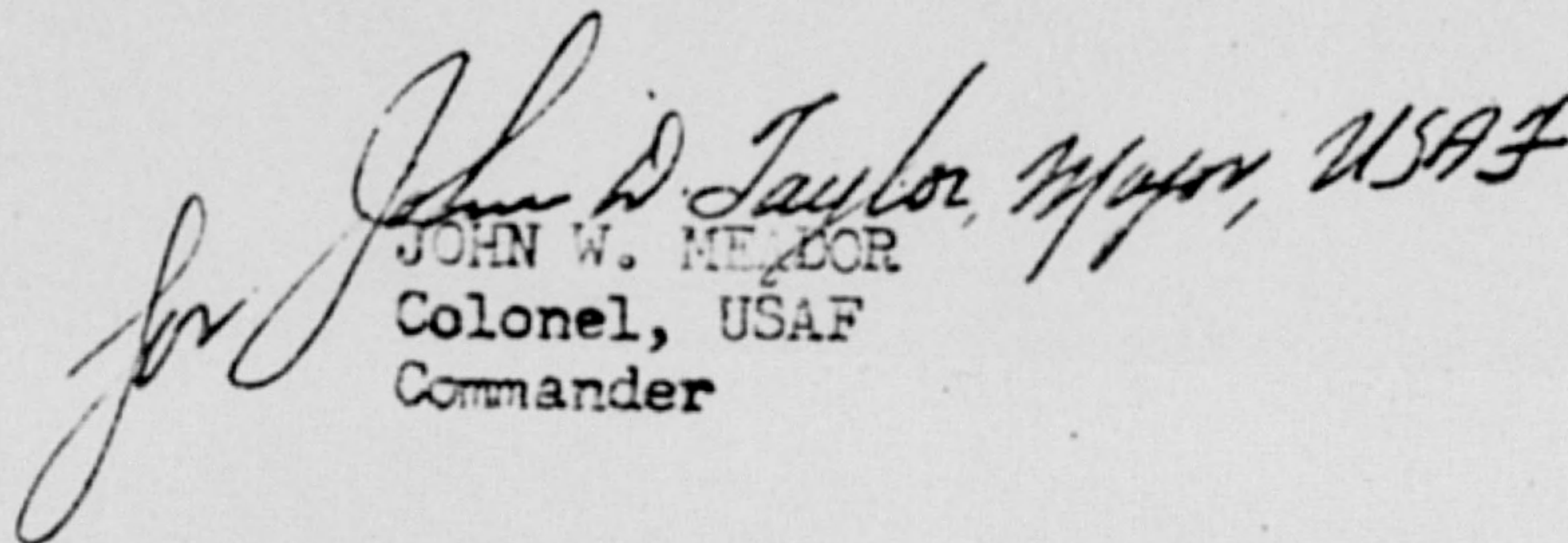
g. The planets visible on that night were too low off the celestial horizon to coincide with the track of the UFOB.



ARAM J. MAHABEDIAN
Captain, USAF
Commander

COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

1. Concur with Reporting Officer that this sighting was probably caused by aircraft.
2. The listed inclosures are being forwarded to ATIC for further analysis.



JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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