PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE East	Other	ata for Evaluation	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS			
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ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 BEP 52)

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object? DEC 57 Day Month Year	2. Time of day: 5,25 5,36 Hour Minutes (Circle One): A.M. or P.M.
3. Time zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other	(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. Standard
Additional remarks:	ENGLEWOOD 01410 State or Country
5. Estimate how long you saw the object. Hours 5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how ce	Minutes Seconds
a. Certain b. Fairly certain d.	Not very sure Just a guess
6. What was the condition of the sky?	
(Circle One): a. Bright daylight b. Dull daylight g. Bright twilight	d. Just a trace of daylight e. No trace of daylight f. Don't remember
(Circle One): a. In front of you bear. b. In back of you	T, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at d. To your left e. Overhead
c. To your right	f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or	DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?
8.1 STARS (Circle One):	8.2 MOON (Circle One):
a. None	a. Bright moonlight
(b) A fow	b. Dull moonlight
c. Many	c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember	d. Don't remember
9. Was the object brighter than the background of th	10 sky?
(Circle One): (a. Yes)	b. No c. Don't remember
10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background.	, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:
(Circle One) a	a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
	. A block away?
	1. Several yards away?
	o. Other
11. Did the object:	(Circle One for each question)
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes (No) Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any t	ime? Yes No Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes No Don't Know
d. Give off smoke? e. Change brightness?	Yes No Don't Know Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes No Don't Know Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes No Don't Know
12. Did the object move behind something at anytime	e, particularly a cloud?
	Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what
it moved behind:	
13. Did the object move in front of something at any	rtime, particularly a cloud?
(Circle One): It moved in front of:	Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what
14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a.	Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.
15. Did you observe the object through any of the fo	
a. Eyeglasses Yes No	e. Binoculars Yes No
b. Sun glasses Yes No c. Windshield Yes No	f. Telescope Yes No g. Theodolite Yes No
c. Windshield Yes No d. Window glass Yes No	h. Other

	Tell in a few words the following things	about the object.
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	Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object that you saw such as wing an arrow beside the drawing to show the	of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details is, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place direction the object was moving.
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25. Where were you located when you saw the object?	26. Were you (Circle One)
(Circle One): a. Inside a building b. In a car c. Outdoors d. In an airplane	a. In the business section of a city? b. In the residential section of a city? c. In open countryside? d. Flying near an airfield? e. Flying over a city?
e. At sea f. Other	f. Flying over open country? g. Other
27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, a	nd how did you happen to notice it?
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28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other ve	ehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:
28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)	
a. North c. East b. Northeast d. Southeast	e. Southwest b. Northwest
b. Northeast d. Southeast	f. Southwest h. Northwest -
28.2 How fast were you moving?	miles per hour.
. 28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looki	ing at the object?
(Circle One) Yes	No
29. What direction were you looking when you first saw th	ne object? (Circle One)
a. North c. East	e. South (g.) West
b. Northeast d. Southeast	e. South f. Southwest h. Northwest
30. What direction were you looking when you last saw th	e object? (Circle Une)
a. North b. Northeast c. East d. Southeast	e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast	f. Southwest h. Northwest
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction from true North and also the number of degrees it was	
31.1 When it first appeared:	
a. From true North degrees.	
b. From horizon degrees.	
31.2 When it disappeared:	

	34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)	24 2 WIND (C: 1 2)
		34.2 WIND (Circle One)
	a. Clear sky b. Hazy	a. No wind b. Slight breeze
	c. Scattered clouds	c. Strong wind
	d. Thick or heavy clouds e. Don't remember	d. Don't remember
	34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)	34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)
	(g) Dry	a. Cold
	b. Fog, mist, or light rain c. Moderate or heavy rain	b. Cool c. Warm
	d. Snow	d. Hot
	e. Don't remember	e. Don't remember
5.	When did you report to some official that you	had seen the object?
		1800
	Day Month	Year
36.	Was anyone else with you at the time you sa	w the object?
	(Circle One) (Yes No	
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	(Circle One) Yes No	
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c. College d. Post graduate	f. Other special	training	
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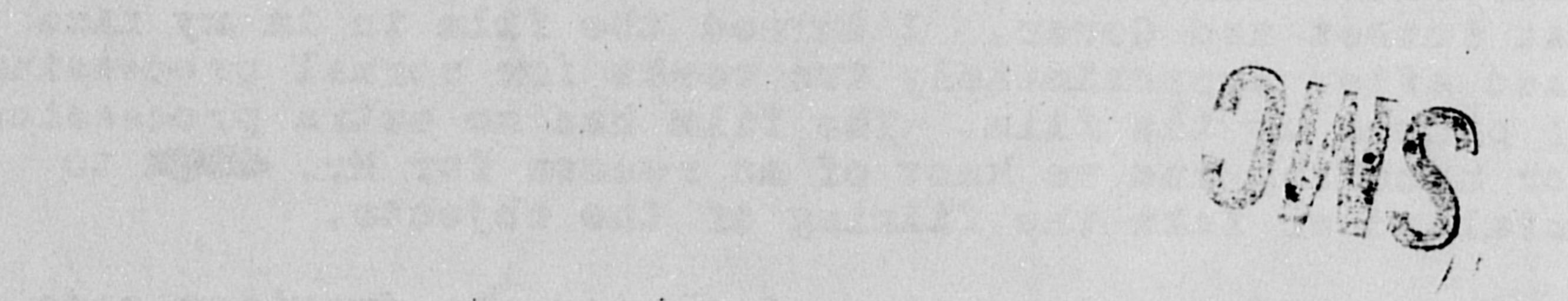
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Colonel Mitchell

Air Teshansal Intelligence Center

Fost Office Box 378

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Dear Colonel Mitchell:

On 30 November this office received a call from Mr. Description of the state of the previous deveral uncidentifies flying objects on the previous day over his neighborhood and further that he had photographed the objects with his personal SMM motion picture camera. He was most anxious to cooperate with the Air Perce and stated he would turn his exposed rell of film over to this office for processing as soon as he finished exposing the roll that same afternoon.

We established a time for pickup, assigned A3/c pred Stull from this office to drive to Mr. The residence and brought the SMM roll of Eastman Kodachrome film to the effice for processing. Since there are no local Air Force facilities for handling SMM color, we decided to have the film processed through regular commercial facilities available through Stern's Drug Store at Sunset and Gover. I turned the film in in my name and after approximately two weeks for normal processing I picked up the film. The film had no extra processing or handling and we know of no reason for Mr. The mislead or fake the filming of the objects.

For your information, inclosed are drawings made by his three children who observed the same objects. Mr. The has called my home several times and discussed the film with me and he was quite surprised and happy when I told him he did have several good shots of the unknown objects. We are presently awaiting return of the original film from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which will then be returned to Mr. Benz.

Mr. 2000 is to be commended for his handling of this situation and for his sincere wish to be of service to the Air Force and his country by reporting and-filming unknowniflying objects. We is this office are grateful for his efforts. The quality of the film as to exposure and color balance seemed to be of excellent quality and the photography was well done on a most difficult subject.

If we can be of any further assistance in this matter, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Incls

RICHARD G. SCHALLER Captair, USAF Chief, Pictorial Branch

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January 30, 1958

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Captain Schaller Pictorial Branch, USAF 6085 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, California

Dear Captain Schaller:

Here is the report you requested in our last telephone conversation. I believe it to be accurate and complete....

On Sunday, Dec. 1, 1957 at approximately 3 P.M. my wife and I were in our home in Montebello, when our eight year old boy I and J., one of the twin girls (age 13) living across the street came in the house screaming "flying saucers, flying saucers"! I ran outside but the objects were nowhere in sight. I assumed by their actions that they had indeed seen something unusual, so I ran back in the house, grabbed my 8mm movie camera, in the hope that whatever they saw would return. At this point, the other twin hearing the commotion, joined us on the sidewalk.

The twins older sister, and several adult neighbors also witnessed the following:

We were intently searching the eastern portion of the sky where the objects were last seen, and suddenly I saw six U.F.O.'s in obvious formation, moving rather slowly in a westerly direction just slightly north of our position, maintaining a constant speed and direction until they disappeared in the west. Fortunately, it was a beautiful day, the sky a lovely blue. While I was taking the films, some branches of a tree (no leaves this time of year) appeared in the viewer. This incident was later termed "very fortunate" by Capt. Schaller, Chief, Pictorial Branch, USAF,

The objects appeared oval shaped, and the color a soft white. I suppose it could be discribed as a soft white light. It did not appear to me to be the type of light reflected from shiny metal. This is the best verbal discription I can give.

As soon as the objects disappeared, I phoned the E.L.A. Sheriff's Dept. They advised me to phone several othersnumbers which proved to be a waste of time...no answer on Sunday.

At this point the kids came running in the house again, very excited, yelling "they're back"! I ran outside, but was too late. The kids said that the formation had changed pattern again, and that this time they went over "very fast". Althgether, the kids saw three passes; west to east, east to west, and back again to disappear in a general southeasterly direction.

After the excitement had died down, I separated the kids and had each of them draw a diagram of the farmations, numbering the passes 1, 2, and 3. I saw only the second pass, but I would dispri

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and am forced to rely on the children's discription of the first and third formation patterns. I'm sure the following is correct:

- 1. A rather tight three-quarter circle.
- 2. Grouped in two's and arranged in a slightly elongated triangle.
- 3. A straight wing formation.

Having no success at my first attempt on the phone, I decided to phone the operator. Taking the risk of her thinking me a lunatic, I explained the whole story, and asked to be put in touch with someone in the Air Force. She came up with the number of a Capt. Shapiro. He referred me to Captain Schaller. He was very courteous and seemed interested. Hoping to eliminate any possibleicharge of fraud, I told him that I would rather let the Air Force develop the film. A couple days later an enlisted man stopped by the house, picking up the sketches and the undeveloped film.

About three weeks later I again talked to Captain Schaller, and he seemed well pleased and even a little excited, and he said the films were of "excellent quality", and the best UFO's he had seen. He added that a rather well-known officer by the name of Colonel Bean Hess was excited about the films, and that he would ball me.

Colonel Hess called the next morning and complimented me on the manner in which I had handled the situation, and said in his opinion the films were the best UFO's that he had seen, including the films used in the movie U.F.O. Col. Hess told me the original film was my property and would be returned to me. He added, "I have taken the liberty of sending the films back to Wright-Patterson AFB where they have the facilities to analyse and make copies of the film". He also stated that had high and a significated a stated that had a like the film when they discovered that the person that had taken the pictures had not yet seen the results. (I still haven't as of this date). In a subsequent conversation with Col. Hess, he said I would also receive a 16mm copy.

I have told my story to various friends. When some of them doubted my story, I phoned Capt. Schaller, asking for a letter of acknowledgement to prove my story. Three days later I received in the mail a copy of the report Capt. Schaller had sent to a Col onel Mitchell, Air Technical Intellegence Center, Box 378, Pasadena, Calif

One shocking note was pointed out to me by a civilian investigator who alleges an Air Force "policy of secrecy". He referred me
to the official orders titled JANAP 146. Also AFR 200-2 and official
instructions to personnel of the CAA based of JANAP 146. This latter
order applies to civilian airline pilots who report UFO's officially,
on a communications system known as CIRVIS---Communications Instructions
for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings! Why all the secrecy if
UFO's are explainable phenomenon?

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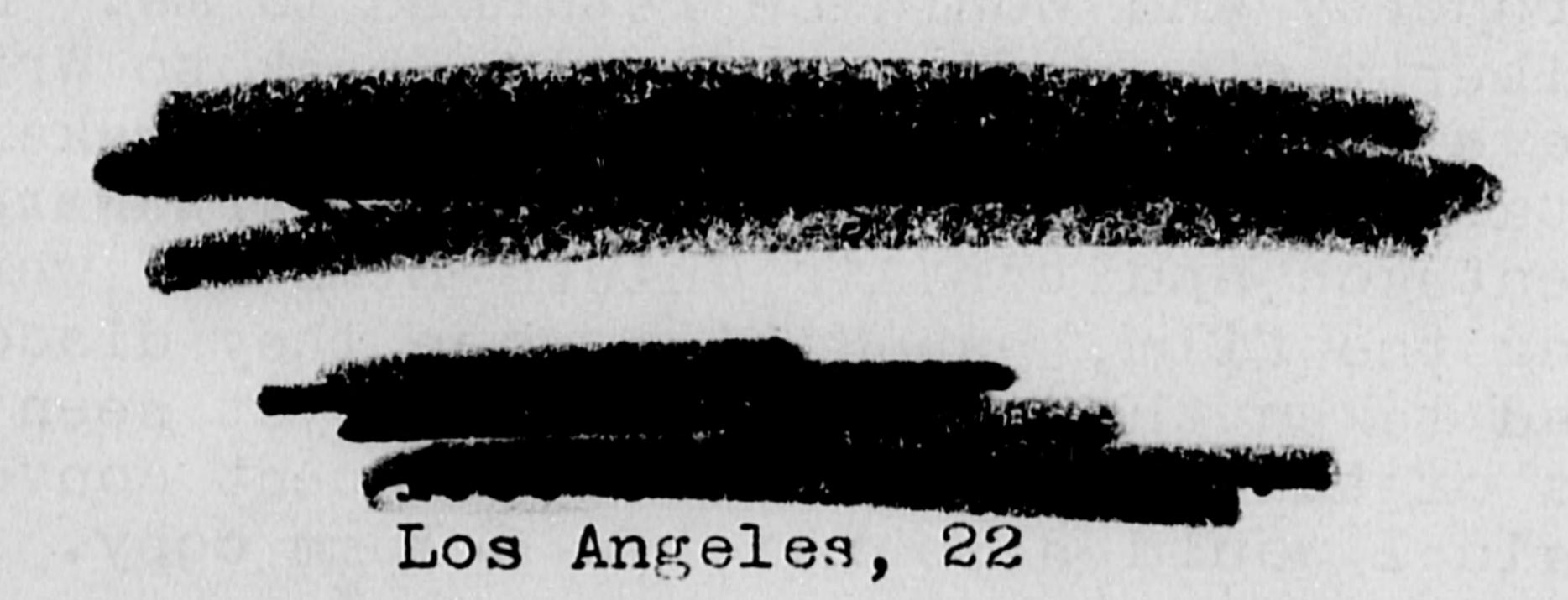
It is my understanding that it is AF policy to vigorously investigate all "good" UFO reports. Almost two months have past and the only person km that has bothered to investigate me was a flying saucer enthusiast.

It is also my understanding that it is AF policy to send a detailed questionaire to all people making a "good" report. Where's mine? If they wait much longer, the report will probably be classified as of "doubtful value" or similar double-talk.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that many civilian and military pilots, radar men, control tower personnel, scientists, astronomers, and ordinary citizens like myself have made these reports. The officialy AFepolicy te date has been to ridicule these observations, explaining them away as weather balloons, meteors, mirages, mock suns, planets, reflections, weird cloud formations, etc. This stock answer is both imprudent and inaccurate. It is certainly insufficient to explain the agility of the UFO's we saw and photographed. Who ever heard of weather balloons flying in formation? The objects we saw traversed the sky THREE TIMES, from horizon to horizon, maintaining a different formation pattern with each pass. This sighting is dramatic evidence supporting the argument held by many competent observers that there is intellegent control.

Hoping this report to be of value...

Sincerely,



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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. R

On 31 January 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Recommendation called at my home to pick up the 8mm film which they had loaned this office. We had finished duplication of the film at a local color film lab and the original 8mm film was returned to Mr. Benn.

I examined his camera, an 8mm Keystone Capri K28 12" F3.5 telephoto lens Tiffen Photar 85 series 21.5mm.

The film used was Kodachrome Indoor Type A shot outdoors with a type-A filter. The distance setting was on infinity and shot at 16 frames per second.

I asked Mr. I the following questions:

- Q. What is your estimate of the altitude of the objects which you photographed?
- A. About the same height as the light airplanes see which I frequently/fly over the house, between 3000 and 4000 feet.
- Q. Were they at any time as high as jet aircraft which make vapor trails?
 - A. No, definitely not.
- Q. Did you see any smoke trail or any kind of trail from the objects?
 - A. No there was no visible trail of any sort.

Q. What was the direction of flight?

- A. The first pass sighted by the children came from the West and went in an easterly direction.
 - Q. Were they in any sort of formation?
- A. Yes, a very close or tight formation in a 3/4 circular formation.
- Q. At what speed, compared to a light plane passing over?
 - A. About the same speed, maybe a little slower.
 - Q. What direction was the second pass?
- A. They came from the East heading West in an enlarged formation, split into pairs, with the point of the V formation to the right side of the formation.
 - Q. What was the speed of this pass?
- A. About the same as the first pass, slightly slower than a light airplane.
 - Q. What about the third pass?
- A. This pass was not photographed, but the boy said they went over in a straight-line formation, opposite the viewers position at a very fast speed, at about the same altitude.
 - Q. What were the size of the objects?
 - A. That's hard to say.

- Would you say they were as big in circumference as a circle inclosing the wing tips and tail to nose section of a light airplane?
 - Yes, about that size.
 - Were they all the same size?
 - Yes.

- What shape?
- They were circular, and relatively flat.
- What color?
- Sort of white-blue-green glowing objects.
- What do you think they were? Q.
- I don't know, but they were certainly not balloons or airplanes like any I had seen before.

(This concluded the main portion of the interview. Mr. is in the process of moving to a new business in northern California. Any future contact can be addressed to him at Redding, California.)

Captain, USAF Chief, Pictorial Branch

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April 29, 1958; St. Foul, Minnesota:

A UFO similar to the one reported in the east on April 21 was sighted by control tower operators at Wold - Chamberlain Airport and by other observers. The CAA men said the UFO did not resemble a meteor or any other known object but that it moved west to east at high speed on an even path without climbing or descending. It was described as emitting sparks from its glowing nose before its abrupt disappearance. The UFO elso was seen by NKCAP member H. T. Sherman, insurance underwriter and astronomer, who reported it to an Air Force Captain Nueman at Wold - Chamberlein. The captain first suggested Venus, which Sherman as an astronomer quickly ruled out. The captain then supposted a motor.

"Too slow," steeted Mr. Sherman, "A "baselles buy pur pur the Thouse rute that out.

Finally Captain Numan suggested a new anti-collision light on a plane, but Sharman pointed out these Items:

When the light went out no plene was visible in the sky which at 9 p.m. was still fairly light.

The would have heard any aircraft.

• No pilot in his right mind would approach a field with such heavy traffe at such high speed and suddenly at low, altitude turn out all lights.

The Air Force coptain had no other suggestions and the sighting was officially recorded.

From a NKAP member in the USAF we have monitored the following unclassified items from a 1957 UFO report:

In late December et a Joint Operations Control Center outside the United States observers of the USAF and a friendly foreign power witnessed by telescope and naked eye a bright white object moving slowly on a southwest heading at 30,000 feet. Shortly of termined a pros of white motorial (ovidently so-called supel bair) despeed from 10,000 feet for 39 minutes.

Another NKCAP member just ending active AF duty has requested Air Force permission to release a sighting which took place at an AF base in this country.

Previously, he states, he was refused permission to release on Air Force filter report on a UFO formation. Air Force approval or denial of his request will be made public, with all possible details.

For the information of members, NICAP Confidential Builletins are not intended to be released to nonmembers. In particular these building should not be distributed to the press or radio. Items contained therein are to been members informed of NKAP's progress and of projects being undertaken. When indicated, complete stories will appear in the UFO INVESTIGATOR for general release after full evaluation.

NICAP ASKS AIR FORCE FOR MISSING UFO MOVIE FRAMES

As authorized by Air Force Regulation 200-2, NICAP has asked for the release of the missing frames from color movies of four UFOs taken last December which an Air Force spokesman now claims were "positively identified" as ballooms.

This Air Force claim is a surprising reversal. Earlier two Air Force spokesmen in California had emdorsed the film as the best UFO pictures they had seen and had commended the owner of the film for submitting it to the Air Force.

The facts are as follows:

On December 1, 1957 at about 3 p.m. Ralph Benn of Los Angeles, using a 3x te lephoto lens, took about six and a half feet of Kodechrome film showing four of dx objects tosembling those in the Tromonton, Utah film-which made repeated passes over the area.

Benn described the objects as dull white and avail shaped and said they moved slowly west at constant speed. Other passes — one described as "very fast" were observed by Benn's children.

After contacting a Captain Schaller, Chief of the local AF pictorial branch, Benn agreed to let the Air Force develop the film. Col. Doon Hess, AF Chief of Public Information for the West Coast, later contacted Benn, complimented him film was the best he had seen.

Benn also requested and received written ecknowledgement of his film from Captain Schaller. This acknowledgement a copy of Captain Schaller's letter to ATIC on January 3, 1958—again endorsed the job Benn had done.

In May Major Lawrence J. Tocker, Executive Officer of the Air Force Public Information Division, officially explained

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The original film, returned to benn, showed horizontel scratch marks, had been overexposed, and a few frames had been THE PARTY OF THE P removed.

NICAP Comment: Judging by past Air Force handling of UFO films (for example, the Ralph Mayber films reported in past issues of the UFO INVESTIGATOR) those frames obviously were the clearest ones.

Now that the objects allegedly have been positively Identified, there is no reason for withholding the missing frames. AFR 200-2 states: "...it is permissible to Inform news media representatives on UFOS's when the object is positively identified as a familiar object."

NICAP has written a letter requesting an examination of the missing pictures.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SCIENTIST INVESTIGATES UFO REPORTS

As a result of the recent Tucson sightings, Dr. James E. McDonald, Director of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, has begun a scientific investigation of UFOs.

More than 50 witnesses privately described sightings of mysterious objects. to Dr. McDonald after he unged observers

to give him detailed reports.

"There is no doubt about their veracity," Dr. McDonald told the Arizona REPUBLIC. He said the observers talked freely with him, though they declined to be quoted in newspapers for fear of ridicule.

NICAP note to members: Probably thousands of UEO, witnesses, keep silent, fearing ridicules. If you know of any hidden reports, please urge observers to send us details with permission to use their names. Although limited magazine space prevents immediate publication of most reports sent in, they form an important part of a NKCAP project—a detailed report of UFO evidence for members of . Congress, the press, and broadcasters.

NO NICAP AGENTS

Complaints reaching NICAP indicate that some groups or individuals are claimfor his handling of the case, and said the? //ing to be NICAP agents and some apparently are reselling their own copies of NICAP publications. If members know of ony abuses of this sort, please inform us.

No individual or group has been authorized to accept NICAP memberships or to sell subscriptions to UFO INVESTIGATOR: This of course does not apply to the legitimate promotion of NICAP by its members. Anyone desiring information about NKCAP membership or the UFO INVESTIGATOR can be given the pertinent facts or be referred directly to us for free. NICAP material.

THANKS to the many members sending us newspaper clippings of UFO sightings and related developments. In forwarding clips, piecese note the date and the name of the newspaper, if this is not a part of the clipping.

MEMBER IDEAS ON PROMOTION

NICAP welcomes suggestions for promotion of new memberships and publicity regarding NICAP's work. Some very helpful member projects have been sending. names and addresses of interested people, advertising in local papers, and writing letters to Congressmen asking for public hearings on the UFO problem. All ideas of this sort will receive prompt attention.

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To: Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information Services
Attn: Major Tacker - SARIS-3

DATE 23 July 1958

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DISPATCH

FROM: Major Tacker - SAFIS-3

COMMENT NO.

AFCIN-4E4

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COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)

AFCIN-4E4/Capt. Gregory/ac Ext. 6-9216/Bldg. 828

- 1. Reference is made to letter addressed to your office from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D. C., dated 1 July 1958, copy to this Center for comment. This is our reply.
 - 2. In rebuttal to the above subject the following points are outlined:
- a. Colonel Hess, Chief of the OIS, Hollywood, California, made an exact copy of the Benn Film when it was submitted for his review.
- b. The film submitted to ATIC, through SAFIS, was Kodak 8MM film of standard 25 feet length.
- c. The copy made by Col. Hess during all interviews with Benn and now in our custody is exactly 25 feet in length.
 - d. Examination reveals no cuts, splices or alterations.
- e. The images of alleged UFOs are on a part of the film approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length and are all here on file; technically, the first 55 frames, or 9 inches, indicate nothing. The next $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet contain the alleged UFOs. The balance of approximately 20 feet contains various and sundry scenes, persons, etc.

3. Therefore, legally:

- a. If we have exact copy of the film as given to Colonel Hess, reproduced there in his California photo lab, and "our" copy shows no splices, cuts, etc. _____ himself or others must have made the cuts - after it was received back from the Air Force.
- b. Mr. should be asked to show the alleged "clipped strips" to the Air Force, or
- c. A copy of our copy could be made for the 's retention to show him that the "UFO strip" is still intact to do whatever he wishes, advertise it, sell it, show to the public, or,
- d. Have Colonel Hess invite him down and ask him to lay out his film alongside the Air Force copy - and compare them, with Colonel Hess requesting a statement in writing that the "UFO strip" is still intact.
- 4. The 8MM reel was examined under magnification by both Major Buckmaster, Chief, Photographic Branch, ATIC and Captain Gregory on 23 December 1957, the date of receipt. There was no UFO report or data with film other than that it was taken near Montebello, California on 1 December 1957. All concurred that the objects, which were rather faint and at some distance, were balloons, and probably a balloon cluster.
- 5. Attached are thermofax copies of a balloon cluster being launched by a western university having an Air Force contract. Mr. and Mr. should compare these with the alleged UFOs on the film strip.
- 6. In the opinion of this Center this is another of the many charges made by those who apparently do not know (and actually only a few know, or are told) that the Air Force (now) makes a duplicate of all photos and movies.

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CHESTER H. LONG Lt. Colonel, USAF Executive, Air Technical Intelligence Center

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COMMENTS: ALLEGED UFO
Montebello, Calif
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- 1. Looks like two pairs of balloons.
- 2. Move in unison keep same distance.
- 3. Film too short and slightly out-of-forcus and over-exposed.
- 4. Because of three (3) above, with very limited data (no exact azimuths, bearings, directions, elevations, etc.) very difficult to make a sound.
- 5. Review of letter, with the "chips on his shoulder" attitude, plus the obvious attempt to make a "big project" out of 5 seconds of film strongly suggest that he knew what the objects were. Can't prove it though.

6. Enlarged to motion-picture screen size: Reviewed by Lt. Col Whitcher, Sgt. Bolieu, and Capt Gregory in UFO Project Room.

GEORGE T. GREGORY

CAPT., USAF

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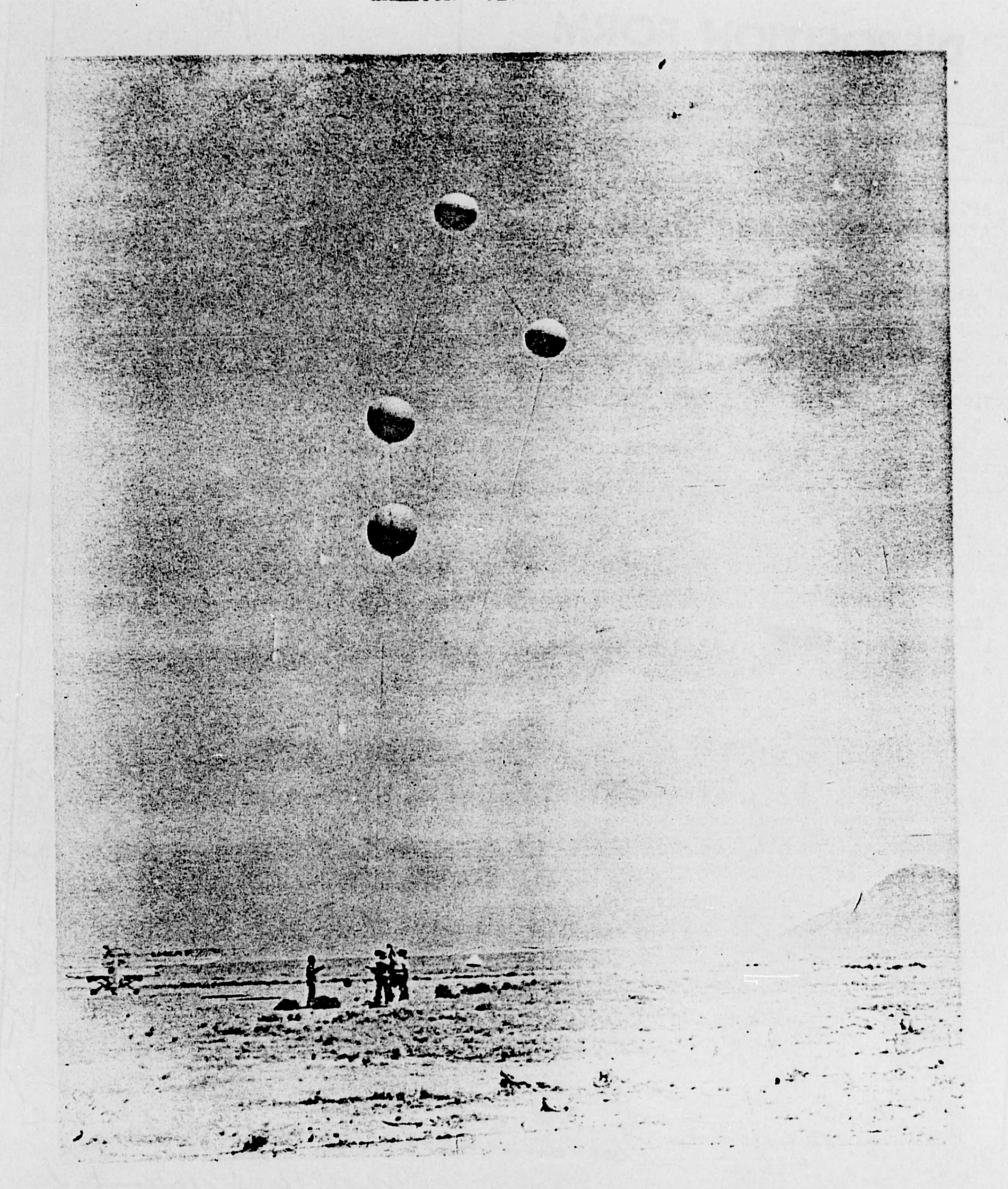
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (1/ env) Medate DISPOSITION FORM SUBJECT FILE NO. Photography of UFO COMMENT NO. DATE FROM 7 Feb 58 Western Office, ATIC AFCIN-LE ATTN: UFO Unit Lt Col Mitchell/ck 1. Reference Comment 1, this office, subject, Photography of UFO, dated 8 Jan 58 and Comment 2 from AFCIN-4E4, dated 20 Jan 58. 2. Attached hereto is a copy of the film recently furnished to your Headquarters by this office. The film has been reproduced by the Los Angeles Office of Information Services. 3. Also inclosed is a copy of Mr. - "story" and an interview conducted with him by the Office of Information Services. 4. These items may be retained by your Headquarters. May Muller 2 Incls: MAX O. MITCHELL 1. Ltr fm Mr. Film Lt Colonel, USAF 2. Transcript of Interview w/Mr. Chief, Western Office, ATIC 6/1/ce of Sant fieldmen 1-1. The case was hards I have by! I die by 2 The last people who should altern the and of the Uto inestatus enforcements one de Mer felacoloms perple. 3. Yet, here we have the office of the Hollywork 615, conducting interview of a man who is antigonette touride the the strate of county 4. The matter was confounded by Col, Hoss statement is

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INSTRUCTIONS FROM OFFICE OF THE SECY OF THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE ANALYSIS OF FILM AND RETURN IT TO THAT OFFICE. FILM RETURNED TO MAJOR WAGNER, SAFIS, HEAD-QUARTERS USAF ON MORNING OF 23 DEC 57.

WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE RETAINED FILM FOR SUFFICIENT TIME TO REPRODUCE IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY TO HAVE A COPY OF ALL PHOTOS AND FILM ON UFOS TO INSURE AGAINST FUTURE CLAIMS, ALLEGATIONS OR OTHER ISSUES.

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MORE FIRM CONCLUSIONS COULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IF A REPORT ON THE DACKGROUND, FACTUAL DATA AND INFORMATION, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH THE FILM PER AFR 200-2.

WILL CONTACT MR WAGNER, SAFIS, AT HQ USAF AND NOTIFY YOU OF RESULTS

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Photography of UFO

AFCIN-LE UFO Unit ATTN:

Chief, Western Office, ATIC

8 Jan 58

Lt Col Mitchell/ck

- 1. Reference our message DET 2-12-210-E. Forwarded herewith is a statement from the Los Angeles Office of Information Services pertaining to the photography of unidentified flying objects on 29 Nov 1957.
 - 2. The film was previously air mailed to ATIC under separate cover.
- is anxious to have his film returned to him and the Air Force PIO. Los Argeles promised prompt action in this regard.
- 4. Request the film with any appropriate analysis that can be released to Mr. The forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

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MAX O. MITCHELL Wayner, SAFIS-Lt Colonel, USAF Chief, Western Office, ATIC 3 addurse

Chief, Western Office ATIC

FROM: ATIC

DATE: 20 Jan 58/ COMMENT NR. 2 4E4/T/Sgt J. Boljeu/4m/69216

- 1. The subject film was forwarded to SAFIS-3, 24 December 195%.
- 2. A copy of your IF has been forwarded to SAFIS-3 for necessary action.

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WESTERN OFFICE ATIC PASADENA CALIF

TO COMMANDER ATIC WPAFB OHIO

/UNCLASSIFIED/. DET 2-12-210-E FOR AFCIN 4E UFO UNIT AIRMAILED 20 DEC 57 ONE ROLL 8MM COLOR FILM WHICH SHOWS SHORT SCENES OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. FILM WAS TURNED IN TO AF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, HOLLYWOOD, STILL IN UNPROCESSED FORM. PIO OFFICE HAD FILM DEVELOPED. FILM SHOWS CLEARLY SOME OBJECTS WHICH THIS OFFICE UNABLE EXPLAIN HOWEVER DOUBT IF OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE. STATEMENT FROM INDIVIDUAL WHO DID PHOTOGRAPHY AND WITNESSES OF INCIDENT WILL BE FOREWARDED 23 DEC 57 OR SOONEST THERAFTER. PLEAS NOTIFY MR OF ABOVE.

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Request for Review and Comment - UFO Motion Picture Film

TO: AFCIN-4E4 . FROM: AFCIN-4A2f

DATE: 24 Dec 57 COMMENT NR 2

Maj R. M. Buckmaster/11 Ext 5-9196/Bldg 263/E-N

1. Film referred to in Comment 1 has been reviewed and the following facts have been analyzed:

- a. Objects in question appear to be real and it is believed they are four balloons attached to each other.
- b. Objects are at a great distance from photographer and the distance became greater as objects were photographed.
- c. The objects appear to be floating and retain throughout the film, basic relationships to each other and appear to rotate in the relationship clock-wise.

2 Incl N/c

ROBERT M. BUCKMASTER

Major, USAF AFCIN-4A2f

DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT

(U) Request for Review and Comment--UFO Motion

Picture Film

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COMMENT

AFCIN-4A2F ATTN: Maj. Buckmaster AFCIN-4E4

23 Dec 1957 COMMENT NO. 1 4E4/Capt. Gregory/dn 69216

- 1. Reference conversation between Maj. Buckmaster and Capt. Gregory. Saturday night, 21 December 1957, regarding a UFO film that Gen. Watson was informed would be submitted to this Center for immediate review and comment.
- 2. Request study of subject film, with detailed comments as to the nature of the objects purported to be UFOs. The detailed report attendant to this case has not arrived as yet, but a brief TT message regarding the general circumstances surrounding the matter is attached.
- 3. The fact that the film was submitted directly to the PIO Office in Hollywood, rather than directly to Headquarters USAF or ATIC is considered significant. Reference our recent discussions concerning the soon-to-be-released report (to AFCIN) that approximately 85% of UFO hoaxes submitted are from Southern California.
- 4. Hq. USAF has telephonically requested that it be notified immediately of our findings with regard to this film.

HENRY A. MILEY

Chief, Air Sciences Division AFCIN-4E4

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