

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Sep 59		2. LOCATION 10 NM S of Monterey Peninsula, Cal.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 02/0315Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE E to W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd , white point of light w/greenish blue glow forming faint squares. Light went out for three to five seconds & came back on for ten more seconds.				11. COMMENTS Probably a high performance a/c. The blue squares were probably due to the operation of the afterburner.	

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B. EAST TO WEST

- (1) NORMAL SCANNING OBSERVED BRIGHT LIGHT
- (2) APPROX 30 M FEET IN EAST OVER SEIRRA MTS
- (3) APPROX 40M TO 50M IN WEST OVER PACIFIC
- (4) FROM E TO WEST LEVEL
- (5) GOING WEST LIGHT WENT OUT FOR 3 TO 5 SEC BACK ON FOR 10 MORE SEC
- (6) 3 MIN

C.

- (1) AIR VISUAL
- (2) NONE
- (3) T33 AF53-493 30M 360° TAS 340 MCC

D.

- (1) 2 SEPT 0315Z
 - (2) NIGHT FAINT GLOW FROM SUN TO WESTERN HORIZ
- E. 10NM SOUTH OF MONTEREY PENINSULA CALIF

F. (1) NA

- (2) MAJ J.W. SHERWOOD USAFIT STANFORD U. STUDENT CALIF
- 1/LT ROY C GILL HQ SQ SACRAMENTO MATERIAL AREA (MOARS) 771A
CAMBRIDGE AVE MENLO PARK CALIF FLY OUT OF MCC

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G (1) CLEAR AND 50 PLUS

2) VAR/2 290/5 290/13

270/15 260/15 260/25

300/25 080/20

(3) 500 FOOT OVC TPS 1800 FOOT CLR ABV

(4) 3 MILES FOG

(5) 8/8

6)

NONE

H.

NONE

I.

TURNED EAST THEN WEST AS OBJECT PASSED OVER A/C

J. NONE

K. NONE

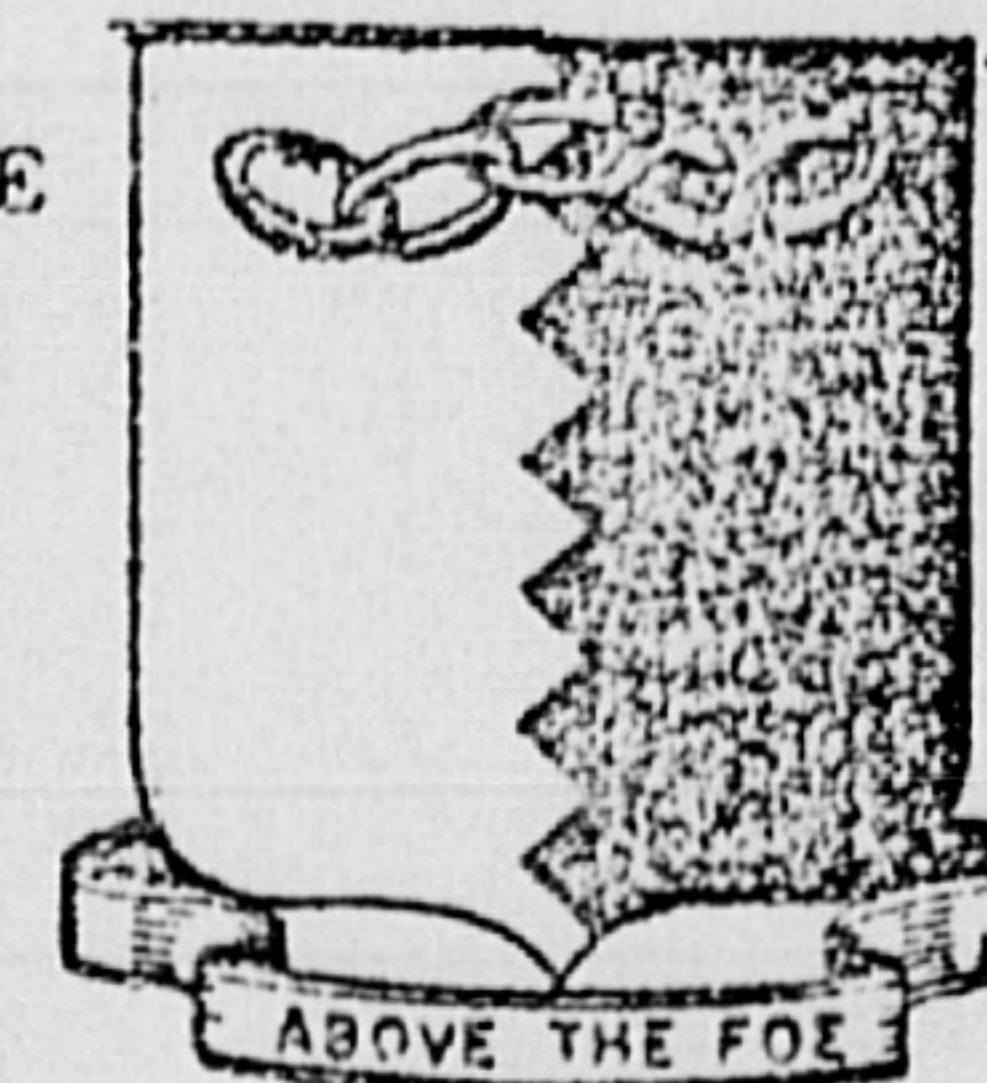
L. NONE

BT

02/0714Z SEP ROWZBG

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			
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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE	
ACTION ROUTINE		BOOK	MULTI ☒	SINGLE	AF	020639Z SEP 59	UNCLAS
FROM: ATIC W-P AFB						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
TO: 28th AIR DIV., HAMILTON AFB, CAL.							
INFO: HAMILTON FLIGHT SERVICE, HAMILTON AFB, CAL							
9-18/3-E /UNCLAS/FROM: AFCIN-4E4g ACTION: 28th Air Division, INFO: HAMILTON Flight Service HAMILTON FLIGHT SERVICE MSG DTD 020639Z SEP 59 REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF AN UFO. REQUEST YOUR ORG CONTACT THE WITNESSES RE THEIR SIGHTING AND SUBMIT THE INFO ON AN IR 112. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFO, THE FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED: ELABORATE ON ITEMS A1 AND A7 OF REPORT, INCLUDING A DRAWING. WHEN FIRST OBSERVED, WAS THE OBJECT EXACTLY TO THE EAST OF THE WITNESSES? ELABORATE ON THIS POINT. DID THE WITNESSES REMAIN AT THEIR REPORTED ALTITUDE OF 30,000 FEET? DID THE OBJECT PASS DIRECTLY OVER ACFT? DID THE OBJECT APPEAR TO CLIMB AT ANY TIME? HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN FIRST OBSERVATION AND WHEN OBJ PASSED OVER ACFT? WHAT WAS WITNESSES EXACT LOCATION?							
COORDINATION:						DATE	TIME
AFCIN-4E4 <i>CR Shoop</i> DATE <i>3 Sep 59</i> AFCIN-4E4 <i>W. L. T.</i> DATE <i>9/4/59</i>						3	0930
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WRITER	SYMBOL			SIGNATURE			
	AFCIN-4E4g			C. J. Harrell			
	TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)			TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE			
	MAJOR ROBERT J. FRIEND			LOUIS J. HARRELL			
RELEASE	PHONE 69216		PAGE NR. 1	CAPTAIN USAF			
	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		NR. OF PAGES 1	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER			
	UNCLASSIFIED						

HEADQUARTERS
78TH FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE) and HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
United States Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base, California



REPLY TO
ATTN: WGODO

SUBJECT: Investigation of UFO

TO: 78 AB Gp

11 SEP 1959

1. This headquarters received 28th Air Division message 280ID 5865 dated 9 September 1959 requesting additional investigation of the UFO sighting reported by Hamilton Flight Service message dated 2 September 1959.

2. The attached "Memorandum for the Commander" and his indorsement, previously forwarded to your headquarters, indicated that Base Operations has the responsibility of investigating UFO sightings. Therefore, this correspondence is forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

J. D. FUHRMANN
Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

3 Atch

1. 28AD Msg 5865
2. Hamilton Flt Serv Msg
3. Memo for the Comdr

Hq 78 Ftr Wg (WGODO), 11 Sep 59, Investigation of UFO

1st Ind (ABODO)

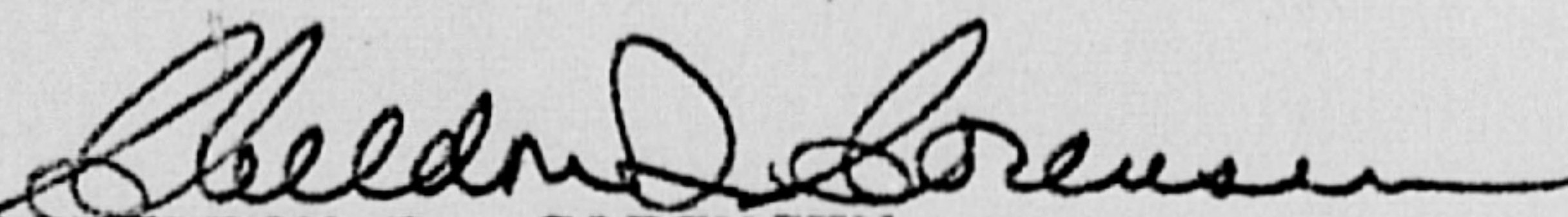
14 September 1959

Hq 78 ABGp

TO: Base Operations

Forwarded for your immediate action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



SHELDON D. SORENSEN
1st Lt., USAF
Administrative Officer

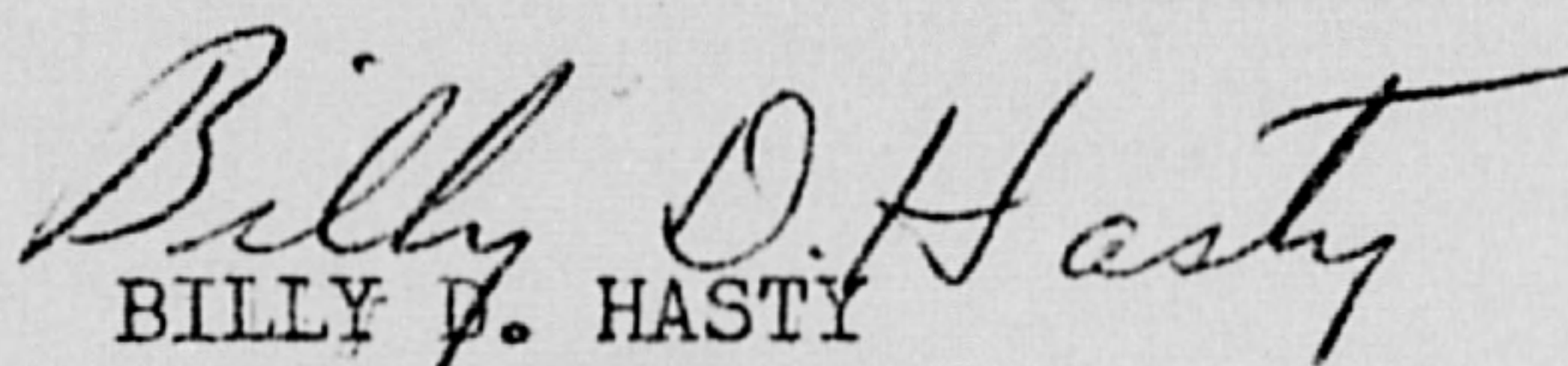
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2nd Ind (ABOBO)

Base Operations Office

TO: ABGp ABODO

Attached herewith is AF Form 112 "Air Intelligence Information Report" which has been completed by the witnesses of the UFO. This report along with the original correspondence is forwarded as directed.



BILLY D. HASTY
Major USAF
Base Operations Officer

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3rd Ind (ABODO)

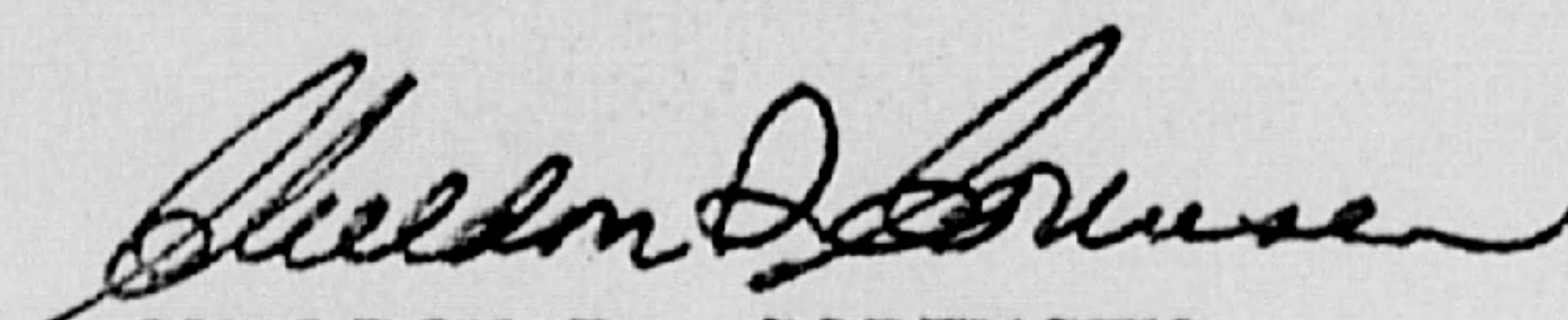
29 September 1959

Hq 78 ABGp

TO: Hq 78 Ftr Wg (WGODO)

Basic letter complied with. Investigation completed as per attached report.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



SHELDON D. SORENSEN
1st Lt., USAF
Administrative Officer

3 Atch
1 & 2 n/c
3 w/d
Added 1 atch
4. AF Form 112 w/drawing

4th Ind (WGODO)

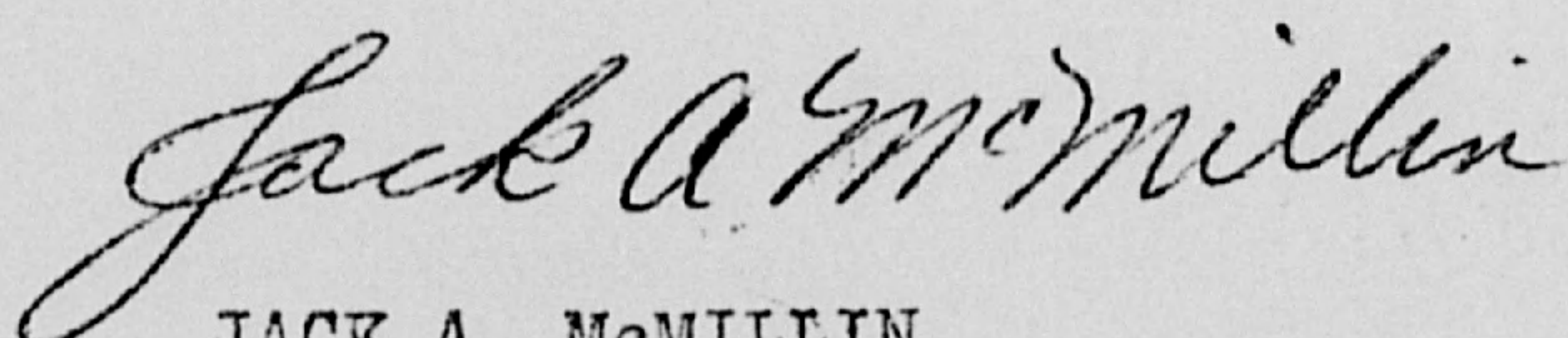
HQ 78TH FTR WG

6 OCT 1959

TO: ATIC (ATIAA-2C)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

In compliance with your message AFCIN-4E4G 9-1813E, the subject UFO has been investigated and the AF Form 112 is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



JACK A. McMILLIN
Captain, USAF
Asst Admin Officer

3 Atch
n/c

COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Monterey Peninsula, California	FROM (Agency)	
DATE OF REPORT 22 Sept.'59	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 Sept.'59	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major J.W. Sherwood	SOURCE	
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.)

On 1 September 1959 at approximately 2015 hours (0315Z 2 Sept.'59) Maj. John W. Sherwood, Jr., USAFIT*Stanford and 1st Lt. Roy C. Gill, Hq Sq, Sacramento Air Materiel Area (MOARS) were over the Monterey Peninsula at 30,000 feet in T-33 #53-4973 out of McClellan AFB where both pilots are attached for flying. A light was observed in the eastern horizon which they believed to be another aircraft after it was ascertained that it was moving. They were on a northerly heading and as the light approached it was observed to be above and slightly to the south of the T-33. The pilots turned to the east to keep the light under observation as it passed to the south of their position. The light was about the intensity of an aircraft landing light and as the object passed it was observed to be trailing 3 or more very faint bluish-green squares. The T-33 continued its turn to get behind the object but was unable to due to its high rate of speed and estimated altitude of 40-50,000 feet. The object went out over the Pacific where the light extinguished for about 10 seconds, came back on for a few seconds, then disappeared and was not seen again. The object was under surveillance for 3 to 5 minutes as it passed from east to west.

On 1 September 1959 at 2015 PDT two pilots in a T-33 over the Monterey Peninsula, California at 30,000 feet observed a single source of white light about the intensity of a landing light fly a course from east to west at a very high rate of speed and at an altitude of 40-50,000 feet and disappear just off the coast over the Pacific Ocean.

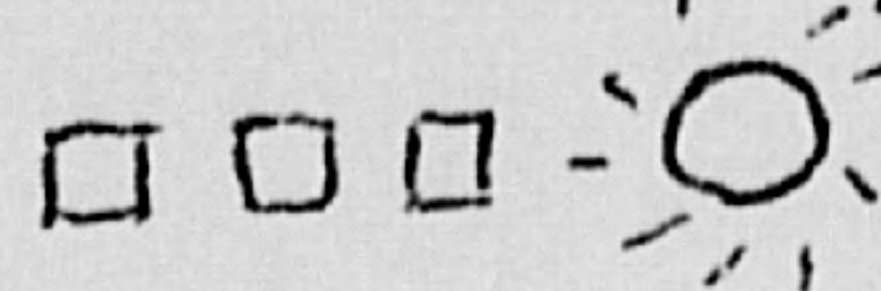
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Drawing

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE OF PAGES
At approximately 2015 PDT, 1Sept.'59 (0315Z, 2 Sept.'59) Lt. Roy C. Gill, Hq Sq Sacramento Air Material Area (MOARS) and I were approximately over the Monterey Peninsula at 30,000 feet. The Peninsula was obscured by a low ground fog, but Salinas and the Coast north of the Peninsula were visible. We were on a north heading when we spotted a light to the east during normal scanning for other aircraft. At first it was difficult to ascertain whether or not the light was moving and I believed it initially to be a bright star that had just appeared over the horizon as I have seen on clear nights out over the Pacific Ocean. In about 30 seconds it was clearly evident that the light was moving directly toward us. We then watched it constantly for running lights and in the event evasive action were necessary. Nothing but the one white light could be observed as it approached and it was about the intensity of a landing light. It is my estimate that when we saw the light initially, it was either east of the Sierras or over those mountains, but no ground reference was available to pinpoint it. As the light drew closer it became evident that it would pass directly behind us and above. We then started a turn to the east to keep the light under surveillance and, consequently, to our right. As we passed through an easterly heading the light was due south of us and above at an estimated altitude of 40-50,000 feet. It was evident that it was moving at a high rate of speed. At the point where it was due south of our position I was aware of very faint, bluish-green squares directly behind the white light. These were very, very faint and visible for only an instant and were three or more in number. I asked Lt. Gill if he saw them but he did not, however, he was flying the plane whereas I was devoting my full attention to the light. I'm sure of what I saw though it was faint, because up to this point I thought it was another aircraft and was not expecting anything unusual. My observations to this point were purely objective. As the light passed we continued our turn to the right in an effort to obtain a stern position and thus silhouette the object against the western sky which still had a faint glow from the setting sun. As we completed the turn it was apparent that the object had a much higher rate of speed than we did and was pulling away from us rapidly. It was still south of our position and moving in a westerly direction out over the ocean. As it got out over the Pacific the light disappeared and we could see nothing. In about 10 seconds the light reappeared just as brightly as before and was visible for a few seconds then went out and we did not see it again. We remained in the area for about 5 minutes in hopes we would see it again, but it was in vain. It is estimated that we had the object under observation from 3 to 5 minutes from the time we first saw it in the eastern sky until it disappeared over the Pacific. It appeared to fly a level east to west course and if it were climbing it was doing so very gradually. It made no turns or other maneuvers as far as we could tell. We remained at 30,000 feet throughout the observation and while astern of the object our true air speed was approximately 340 knots. At no time were we aware of any disturbance to our radio or normal functioning of our aircraft. We both immediately agreed that we had never seen a similar appearing presentation in our respective flying careers, thus the decision to report it. At no time were we able to see an object outline not even for the instant when the bluish-green squares trailing the white light were visible. The difference in speed made a tail chase completely futile.		

Very faint bluish-green squares
visible as the object
passed due south of
the T-33's position.
Not visible any other
time. 3 or more in number.



Single Source
of white light
about landing light
intensity and
visible from all
angles of obser-
vation.

This Case Includes

ONE (1) $7\frac{1}{2}$ " $\times$ $9\frac{1}{4}$ " negative
and ONE (1) 8" $\times$ 10" print.

1st September 1959 Toledo, Ohio

