

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Apr 64		2. LOCATION Grants, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0340Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft Night Photo Miss ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes Returned to source ☐ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 seconds max		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE n/a	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj observed three times. Manuevers of a/c in flight. Strong pulsating light described as electronic flash unit pulsating once per second. Red light with dark obj below. Described by additional observer with flashes three times per second. Cigar shaped or elliptical.				11. COMMENTS Identified as night photo mission from project cloud gap. Plane had strobe photos did not have image.	

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REPLY TO

ATTN OF: TDEW/Capt H Quintanilla/69216

SUBJECT: Grants, New Mexico Sighting, 26 Apr 64

18 May 64

TO: Maj William C Harrelson
DO-161
4510th Combat Crew Training Wing (Tac Ftr)
Luke Air Force Base, Arizona

Reference your letter, Supplemental Information on UFO Report, TWX DO-161-2D 2030Z, 30 Apr 64, Luke AFB, Arizona. The film was developed and printed by the Kodak Company in Chicago, Illinois. Please return these slides to Mr. [REDACTED], Phoenix, Arizona, owner, thanking him on behalf of the Air Force for there use. We did not find any pictures which would be useful in identifying the reported UFO, in fact the slides are blank. However, the sighting and the object reported by Mr. [REDACTED] was an aircraft on a low level night photo reconnaissance mission for Project Cloud Gap. The unusual thing about the aircraft was its use of a strobe instead of the conventional lights and/or flares. We are returning the photos which were processed and returned to us by the Kodak Company.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Slides

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4510TH COMBAT CREW TRAINING WING TAC FTR
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LUKE AIR FORCE BASE
ARIZONA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DC-16I/Maj Harrelson/489

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information on UFO Report, TWX DC-16I-2D
2030Z 30 Apr 64, Luke AFB, Arizona

TO: AFSC

Attn: Capt Quintanilla
Project Officer "Blue Book"

1. Contacted Mr. [REDACTED] personally at his teaching position, [REDACTED] School, Phoenix, Arizona at 1300 Hours, Friday, 1 May 1964.
2. His camera is a KONICA, Model L, 35mm (Hexar lens 2.8, F-40mm), made in Japan. He took the photograph during the second sighting in the dark, with lens setting of 2.8 (wide open); speed: 1/50; Film Kodachrome #2, 35mm, ASA 25, Hand-held; so he is not sure of what he got, if anything.
3. He stated that he did not mind letting the Air Force have the film, but that he wanted to be sure he gets back copies of the pictures (including one of the object). One picture has a legal value and involves a will that is in litigation on monies he is to inherit. I assured him faithfully that the Air Force would guard his property rights in the film and return to him as requested. Please personally see that this promise is fulfilled.
4. Reference Item B(2)(3) and Item E(1)(2) and (3) in subject TWX: Heading of object are indicated on enclosed Mobil road map by the observer's personal annotations; also his exact location at time of the three sightings. These are different from locations and headings previously submitted by TWX and based on telephone conversation with observer. I had him personally mark them on map; since I was not a witness myself and am unfamiliar with the area.
5. The observer also stated that his first thought was that the sighting was "an experimental aircraft on a night photo recon mission, but then -- it definitely was not -- that it would not be flying at such a low altitude in the terrain of the area at night -- there were no navigation lights. Definitely was not an aircraft" "At time of second sighting, what appeared to be a satellite could also be observed through broken cloud cover on an East-Southeast heading at great altitude, estimated to be 40,000 feet or more."
6. The observer appears to be competent, reliable, intelligent, sincere and truthful in his reporting.

William C. Harrelson
WILLIAM C. HARRELSON
Major, USAF
Staff Intelligence

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1. 35mm Film (Undeveloped)
2. Mobile Road Map

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-4, DIA-15 (31)

SMB A035

HQA729ZCQJA374

PP RUEAHQ

DE RUWHSB 43 30/2335Z

ZNR

P 02030Z

FM LUKE AFB ARIZ

TO RUWGALE/ADC

RUWHSB/WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RUCCDSQ/AFSC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS DO-16I-2D. FOR AFSC (FTD); USAF FOR (AFCIN); SECRETARY
OF THE AF FOR (SAFOI). THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECT (UFO) SUBMITTED IAW AFR 200-2.

ITEM A:

(1) CIGAR SHAPE OR ELLIPTICAL

(2) SIZE OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, 27 TO 30 FEET IN LENGTH AT ONE QUARTER
MILE.

(3) EXTREME RED LIGHT TOP OF OBJECT. LIGHT PULSATING THREE TIMES
PER SECOND. OBJECT DARKER BELOW RED LIGHT. VERY STRONG WHITE LIGHT
SHINING DOWN AND ILLUMINATING TERRAIN BELOW OBJECT. OBSERVER

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DESCRIBED THE WHITE LIGHT AS PULSATING ONCE PER SECOND AND REMINED HIM OF AN ELECTRONIC FLASH UNIT. (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) NO FEATURES DISCERNABLE OTHER THAN SYMMETRICAL SHAPE. (7) NONE (8) NONE. HOWEVER, GARAGE MECHANIC WHO OBSERVED OBJECT WITH THIS OBSERVER ON THE THIRD OBSERVATION STATED THAT WHEN IT CAME OVER HIM EARLIER IN THE EVENING IT WAS MAKING A "TERRIFIC NOISE". (9) NONE

ITEM B:

(1) THE UNUSUAL BRILLIANT RED LIGHT AND THE WHITE LIGHT SHINING DOWN ON THE TERRAIN. (2) 500 FEET, 170 DEGREES AZIMUTH AT A 10 TO 12 DEGREE ANGLE FROM OBSERVERS POSITION. (3) OBJECT EXECUTED A 90 DEGREE TURN JUST SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 66, PROCEEDED WEST ALONG THE HIGHWAY FOR ONE AND HALF MILES, EXECUTED ANOTHER 90 DEGREE TURN TO RIGHT (NORTH) TOWARD MOUNT TAYLOR. (4) SEE TWO AND THREE ABOVE. (5) LIKE A NORMAL AIRCRAFT, AS INDICATED ABOVE. (6) OBJECT SIGHTED THREE TIMES; FIRST TIME VISIBLE FOR 45 SECONDS, SECOND AND THIRD TIMES VISIBLE FOR 30 SECONDS EACH.

ITEM C:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS. OBSERVER TOOK PICTURE WITH HAND HELD 35MM JAPANESE CAMERA.

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(1) FIRST SIGHTING 0340Z 26 APR; SECOND SIGHTING 0415Z 26 APR; THIRD SIGHTING 0510Z 26 APR. (2) NIGHT, FULL MOON, CLEAR VISIBILITY 5 MILES. TYZIN PLAINLY VISIBLE.

ITEM E:

(1) FIRST SIGHTING: 107 DEGREE 23'00" W - 35 DEGREE 05'00"N; 45 MILES WEST OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AND 5 MILES EAST OF LAGUNA, NEW MEXICO. (2) SECOND SIGHTING: 107 DEGREE 29'30"W - 35 DEGREE 06 J 45" N; ON HIGHWAY 66 NEAR SAN FIDEL, NEW MEXICO. (3) THIRD SIGHTING: 17 DEGREE 53' 45" W - 35 DEGREE 03' 00" N; NEAR GRANTS, NEW MEXICO.

ITEM F:

(1) MR [REDACTED] 36 YEARS, [REDACTED], PHOENIX, ARIZ.

SCIENCE TEACHER AND AUDIO-VISUAL COORDINATOR AT [REDACTED] SCHOOL. OBSERVERS FATHER OWNED A FLYING SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS AND OBSERVER HAS MANY HOURS IN THE AIR IN LIGHT AIRCRAFT. ONE OF HIS HOBBIES RLAUIKUY AJ7 HE HAD BEEN VISITING A FRIEND ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION IN THE VICINITY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS 11 YEAR OLD SON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, WHO ALSO MADE THE SAME OBSERVATION AS HIS FATHER. OBSERVER WAS HAVING CAR TROUBLE AND WAS STOPPED AT TIME OF ALL THREE SIGHTINGS. ON THE THIRD SIGHTING A GRANTS, NEW MEXICO GARAGE MECHANIC STOPPED TO HELP HIM WITH HIS CAR AND ALSO OBSERVED

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THE OBJECT WITH THEM. THE MECHANIC WAS DRIVING A RED INTERNATIONAL PICK-UP TRUCK; NAME UNKNOWN. HAS A GARAGE ON NORTH SIDE OF HVU0#:R RZXTY IN GRANTS, NEW MEXICO. OBSERVER, WOODRUFF, APPEARED TO BE A VERY RELIABLE AND COMPETENT OBSERVER, WITH AVIATION EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING HE COMMENTED THAT HIS FIRST THOUGHT ON THE RED LIGHT WAS THAT IT MIGHT BE A NAVIGATION LIGHT, BUT THAT IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT. FROM HIS FIRST POSITION HE WAS LOOKING DOWN FROM AN ELEVATED TERRAIN POSITION TOWARD HIGHWAY 66 WHEN HE SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT AN ESTIMATED 500 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. HE THOUGHT IT WAS VERY STRANGE THAT AN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE FLYING AT SUCH LOW ALTITUDE IN SUCH MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN IN A VALLEY. HE COMMENTED THAT ONE RADAR BASE WAS LOCATED VERY NEAR AT LAGUNA, AND ANOTHER AT THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE, BUT " DOUBTED THEY COULD PICK UP THE OBJECT BECAUSE OF GROUND CLUTTER AND PERMANENT ECHOS ON THE SCOPE AT ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT". HE WAS VERY HESITANT ABOUT MAKING A REPORT AND DID NOT DO SO UNTIL THE MORNING OF APR 29 AT THE URGING OF, AND AFTER DISCUSSION WITH ANOTHER TEACHER AT THE SCHOOL, WITH REGARD TO NEWS PAPER ITEMS ON SIX OTHER REPORTS IN THE SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO AREA. BELIEVE WITNESS TO BE COMPETENT, CREDIBLE, AND TRUTHFUL. REPORTED TO LUKE AFB, ARIZ.

ITEM G:

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(1) CLEAR; VISIBILITY 5 MILES; WINDS 25 MILES PER HOUR. BITTER COLD;
HAD BEEN SNOWING TO THE EAST TOWARD ALBUQUERQUE, SNOW ON THE GROUND.
THINLY SCATTERED CLOUD COVER.

(2) NOT AVAILABLE. (3) UNKNOWN (4) UNKNOWN (5) UNKNOWN (6) UNKNOWN
(7) UNKNOWN (8) NONE

ITEM I: NONE

ITEM J: NONE REPORTED.

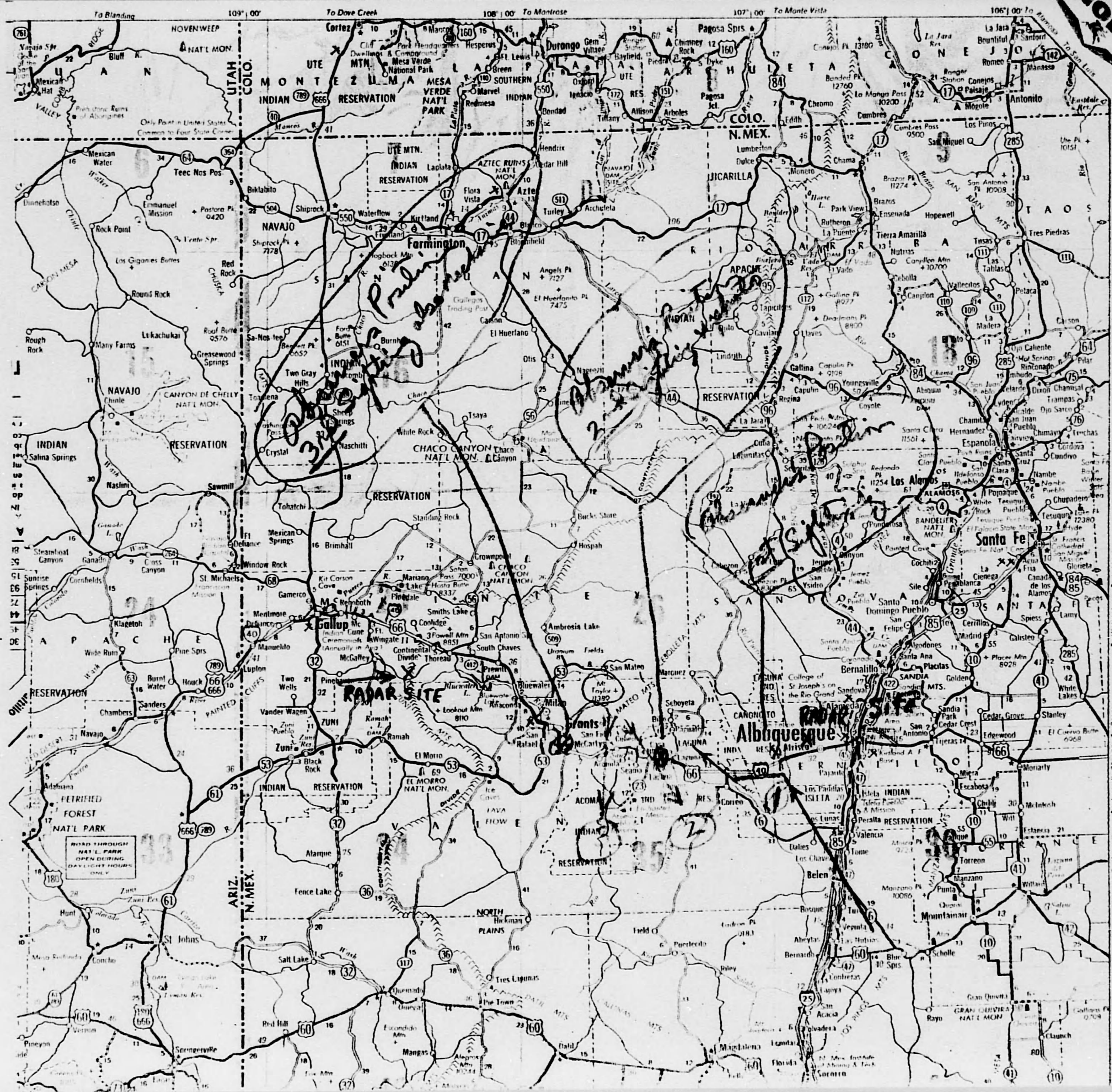
ITEM K: STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, MAJOR WILLIAM C. HARRELSON, USAF,
4516 CCR TNG SQ, LUKE AFB, ARIZ. UNABLE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY
ANALYSIS OF THIS SIGHTING OTHER THAN THE COMMENTS OF WITNESS
RELIABILITY CONTAINED IN BODY OF REPORT. OBSERVER APPEARED TO BE
MATURE, HESITANT, BUT OBVIOUSLY SINCERE IN THE REPORTING OF THE
SIGHTING.

ITEM L: OBSERVER TOOK PHOTOGRAPH WHICH IS NOT DEVELOPED TO DATE.
WILL BE FORWARDED IF DESIRED.

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NOTE : Message received garbled and may be in error.
Service will be initiated upon request.

this case includes
one (1) Road MAP



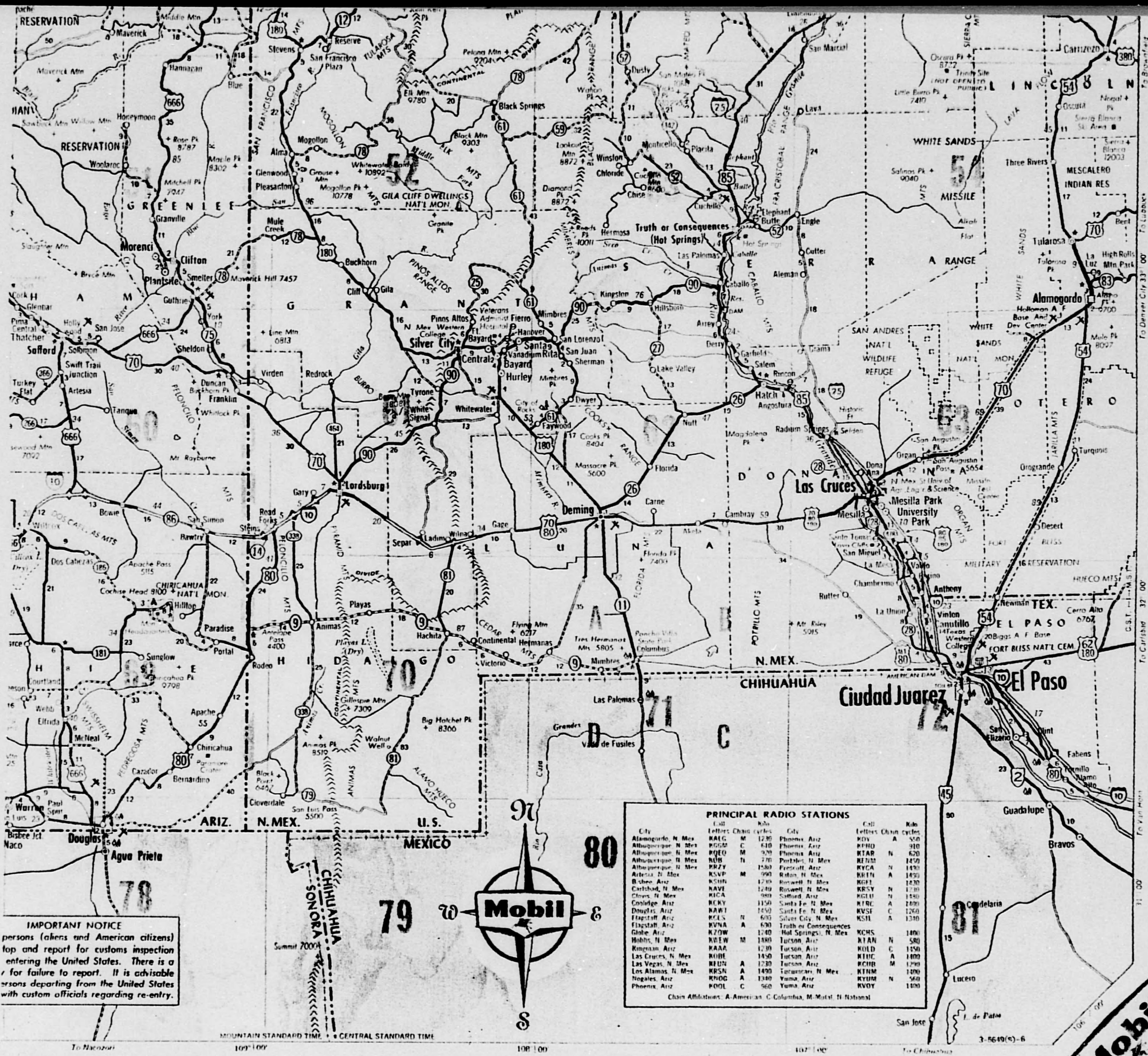
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Albuquerque, N. Mex.	KQEO	M	920
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	KQUB	N	770
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	KRZY	M	1580
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	KRVP	M	990
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Carlsbad, N. Mex.	KAVE	M	1240
Chavez, N. Mex.	KICA	M	980
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Flagstaff, Ariz.	KVNA	A	600
Globe, Ariz.	KZOW	M	1240
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Las Vegas, N. Mex.	KHUP	A	1230
Los Alamos, N. Mex.	KRSN	M	1490
Nogales, Ariz.	KNOG	A	1340
Phoenix, Ariz.	KPOL	C	960
Phoenix, Ariz.	KPHX	M	1230
Phoenix, Ariz.	KPHO	N	910
Phoenix, Ariz.	KTAR	N	620
Phoenix, Ariz.	KTNM	N	1450
Phoenix, Ariz.	KYCA	N	1450
Phoenix, Ariz.	KRTN	A	1450
Phoenix, Ariz.	KRFE	N	1430
Phoenix, Ariz.	KRSV	N	1230
Phoenix, Ariz.	KGII	N	1450
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