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Askania Phototheodolites. It has been reported that objects are sighted in some number; as many as eight have been visible at one time. The individuals making these sightings are professional observers therefore I would rate their reliability superior. In both cases photos were taken with Askanias.

3. The Holloman AF Base Data Reduction Unit analyzed the 27 April pictures and made a report, a copy for which I am enclosing with the film for your information. It was believed that triangulation could be affected from the pictures taken on 24 May because pictures were taken from two stations. The films were rapidly processed and examined by Data Reduction. However, it was determined that sightings were made on two different objects and triangulation could not be affected. A report from the Data Reduction and the films from the sighting are enclosed.

The Data Reduction Unit Report on the April sighting reads as follows:

"OBJECTS OBSERVED FOLLOWING MX776A TEST OF 27 APRIL 1950

1. According to conversation between Col. Baynes and Capt. Bryant, the following information is submitted directly to Lt. Albert.
2. Film from station P10 was read resulting in azimuth (sic) and elevation angles being recorded on four objects. In addition, size of image on film was recorded.
3. From this information, together with a single azimuth angle from station M7, the following conclusions were drawn:
 - a. The objects were at an altitude of approximately 150,000 feet.
 - b. The objects were over the Holloman range between the base and Tularosa Peak.
 - c. The objects were approximately 30 feet in diameter.
 - d. The objects were traveling at an indeterminable, yet high speed.

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This report clearly shows that Elterman was wrong in stating that "no information was gained." Here we have an explicit altitude (150,000 ft.) and an explicit size (30 ft.). Of course the measured singles might have been somewhat in error, so these calculated values might not be completely accurate. Probable accuracy would be plus or