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Incident #275

NR OF AMPO 23 Sept 48

LOCATION Sante Fe, N.M.

SOURCE Private Pilot

DATE IN TO AMIC

COLOR Perfectly white

SPEED Slow

ALTITUDE 30,000'

DURATION OF TIME OBSERVED 15-20 minutes

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Very little movement

TIME OF OBSERVATION 0940 EST

TYPE Disc

SIZE 25T. 100'-150'

COURSE 180°

NO. IN GROUP 1

REMARKS

Formerly AMIC Form 329
(1 Jan 52)

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Incident #175 -- Santa Fe, New Mexico -- 23 September 1948

The evidence here is so contradictory that it is very difficult even to attempt any identification. For example, one observer states that the object was stationary; the other that it was moving at a speed of 700-800 MPH. One says the elevation was 45°; the other says 70°. It is hard to believe that they were looking at the same object, even though it is so stated.

Considering #175 ([redacted] statement) alone, it is possible that the object observed was the planet Venus. The location is is given as southwest and the elevation as 70°, which corresponds approximately with the position of Venus at the time. The magnitude of the planet was -3.3; it could have been visible in the daylight sky. It would have appeared, however, more like a pinpoint of bright light than like a "dime in the sky." It seems unlikely that it would have been noticed at all, but since the observer was looking closely at the sky ("watching a government plane come in"), he might have chanced upon it.

Considering the vast discrepancies in the two reports, it may not be amiss to suggest another, far fetched, interpretation for one or both. The moon at the time was in gibbous phase, and was a little off the horizon north of west. Most people are so unused to thinking of the moon in that position in the daytime that they fail

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to identify it. This is particularly true if one's eyesight is not of the best. While this hypothesis has little correspondence to either report, as the evidence is stated, it is worth mentioning, especially since it may be met in future citings of incidents.

It seems far more probable that some type of balloon was the object in this case.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

/s/ W. A. West
W. A. WEST
Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

2 Incls:
1 - Incident Summaries
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

23 Sept 48

No. 175: Pilot balloon sounding released from Albuquerque at same time as observation. Upper winds show WNW flow hence could not have been the AB balloon. Great differences of opinion exist as to speed and shape of the object. One observer states that the object was not a weather balloon. All evidence indicates that this is true. Conclusion: Not a balloon.

INCIDENT NO. 175

1. Date of Observation 23 Sept 1948 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time (local) 0940 to 1000

3. Place of Observation SW from Plaza of Santa Fe, N. M.

4. Position of observer ground

5. What attracted attention to object: - Saw object glint while watching another aircraft

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 100 to 150 feet in diameter

8. Color of object white

9. Shape round flat - comparable to dime

10. Altitude 25,000 to 30,000 feet

11. Direction from observer

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Stationary - seemed to move in a semi-circle (may have been optical illusion) from S. to E. & finally to NE

14. Time in sight 15 or 20 minutes

15. Speed

16. Sound and/or No sound

17. Trail No evidence of exhaust noticed

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers Very little movement if any noticed

21. Manner of disappearance Still in view when observer left

22. Effect on clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather conditions CAVU

(over)

Name and address of observer: [redacted] Waco, Texas

Occupation and hobbies: Neon Sign Manufacturer - own employer. A pilot since 1928

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Mr [redacted] is approx 50 yrs of age, well settled and conducts his own business. He is an experienced pilot, comes from a middle-class family, is a little above average in intelligence and is a good conversationalist. He told a straight forward story and did not contradict himself. He appeared honest in his conviction that he saw an unconventional aircraft. He was convinced the object was not a waather balloon since he is familiar with weather balloons.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

While watching a government plane come in for a landing at Los Alamos at 0940 hours 23 Sept 1948, Mr [redacted] noticed something glint in the sun. Focusing his attention on the object he perceived that it was perfectly white, neither transparent or translucent and that it had no metallic sheen. It was perfectly circular, the side visible to him being flat - much as a coin would appear when observed from a distance. It appeared no larger than a dime. Lining it up in relation to the tip of the radio tower he backed off to the north. The object appeared clear out of the picture in relation to the tower. Using this perspective he judged the altitude to be approximately 30,000 ft. At this altitude the object would necessarily be some 100 to 150 feet in size in order to be visible at all. There were no projects, air-trails, or exhaust of any kind. [redacted] called the object to the attention of [redacted] his companion. Both men then went into a building, transacted their business, and at the end of eight minutes, went outside and again perceived the object in approximately the same position. From the time [redacted] first saw the object to his last observation was approximately 15 to 20 minutes. AGENT'S NOTE: A comparison of the above statement with that of Mr [redacted] (175A) reveals discrepancies in that Mr [redacted] places the date of sighting as 23 Sept whereas Mr [redacted] states the date to be 25 Sept 48. Mr [redacted] thought the object appeared to be moving in a semicircle. He also stated that it was visible for approximately 15 to 20 minutes; that it left no air trail or exhaust and that it moved from South to East and finally to Northeast. Mr [redacted] stated that the object was moving at an estimated speed of from 700 to 800 MPH and that it emitted a blue glare to the rear. Mr [redacted] stated the object was moving in a direction from northeast to southwest.

INCIDENT NO. 175A

1. Date of Observation 25 Sept 48 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time (local) 0930

3. Place of Observation Santa Fe, N. M.

4. Position of observer ground

5. What attracted attention to object &: - Attention called to object by Mr [redacted]

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 150 to 200 feet estimated size

8. Color of object bright silvery object

9. Shape oblong egg shape

10. Altitude 30,000 feet

11. Direction from observer

12. Distance from observer 7 miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Northeast - Southwest

14. Time in sight

15. Speed 700 or 800 MPH

16. Sound and Odor None

17. Trail Bluish appearance to rear

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers Straight course

21. Manner of disappearance Faded from view

22. Effect on clouds

23. Additional information concerning object A sort of a sunflower shape at the end of object seemed to be apart from it but close on its tail

24. Weather conditions CAVU

(over)

Incident: 175A

Name and address of observer: Mr [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies: Building Superintendant, drawing, mechanical inclinations, also woodworking & photography

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

A check of the criminal and subversive files of the local field office of the FBI revealed no information pertaining to [redacted]

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mr [redacted] saw a bright silvery oblong or egg-shaped object which appeared to have a speed of 700 to 800 MPH and which seemed to have a sort of sunflower shape at the end of it but apart from it and close on its tail. He perceived a bluish appearance to rear of the object which could have been exhaust. To him the object appeared silvery instead of white and oblong rather than round. Mr [redacted] thought the object remained stationary or that it seemed to move in a semi-circle from south to east and finally to northeast. Mr [redacted] stated that the direction of flight was from northeast to southwest.

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft at Santa Fe, New Mexico

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Reference is made to Control No. -1917, as requested in letter, Intelligence Division, CSGID 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft."

2. Attached Summary of Information dated 30 eptember 1948 forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
S/I dtd 30 Sep 48

DUTTS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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14 Oct 48

Hq AAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Requests for further investigation of the sighting of unconventional aircraft at Santa Fe, New Mexico have been forwarded to CO, 4co Air Force Base, Texas and to District Commander, 17th District OSI, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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w/d

H. R. KLINEMAN
Colonel, G-2
Actg Chief of Intelligence

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452.1 AKAIB 1 October 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighted at Santa Fe, New Mexico

TO: Director of Intelligence
General Staff, U. S. Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Group

1. Reference is made to Control No. A-1917, as requested in letter, Intelligence Division, CSGID 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft."

2. Attached Summary of Information dated 30 September 1948 forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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S/I dtd 30 Sep 48

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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1 Rpt.
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 30 Sep 43

PREPARING OFFICE
Office of the AC of S, G-2, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUBJECT
Unconventional Aircraft

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:		OF INFORMATION:	
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	1
USUALLY RELIABLE	B	PROBABLY TRUE	2
FAIRLY RELIABLE	C	POSSIBLY TRUE	3
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	D	DOUBTFULLY TRUE	4
UNRELIABLE	E	IMPROBABLE	5
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 30 September 1943, the San Antonio Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported to this Section that the FBI Resident Agent, Waco, Texas, had received the following information: (A-1)

On 23 September 1943, at 0945, a round, white, object in the sky, estimated at approximately 30,000 feet high and about 150 feet in diameter, was seen from the street in downtown Santa Fe, New Mexico, by [redacted] Waco, Texas, [redacted], and [redacted], [redacted] Santa Fe, New Mexico. (B-3)

[redacted] is a pilot who is familiar with weather balloons and he claims that the object seen above Santa Fe was not a weather balloon. (B-2)

This information has been furnished the Intelligence Officer, Waco Air Force Base, Waco, Texas, by the FBI Resident Agent, Waco, Texas. (A-1)

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452.1 AKADB

6 October 1943

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Reference is made to letter, Intelligence Division, CSGID 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject as above and to Control No. A-1917.

2. Attached Summary of Information forwarded for your information and any action necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
S/I dtd 4 Oct 48

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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CHAIC-3/MWS/dw

Hq AAC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio OCT 18 1948

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

A request for further information has been forwarded directly to Agent in Charge, Branch Intelligence Office, 112th CIC Detachment, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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w/d

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Asst Chief of Intelligence

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BASIC: Project "Sign", basic communication dated 18 October 1948.

File No. 24-6 1st Ind SLJ/JJS/mfw

Headquarters, 17th District Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF,
Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, N. M. 17 November 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO

1. Transmitted herewith Report of Investigation, this headquarters, dated 16 November 1948, subject: Project "Sign", as requested in basic communication.

2. Request for development of undeveloped leads as indicated in inclosed report has been forwarded 10th District, Office of Special Investigations.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

JOHN J. STAHL, Jr.
Captain, USAF
Deputy District Commander

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2. w/d
3. Rpt of Invest re Project "Sign" (dup)

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HEADQUARTERS

AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

OCT 18 1948

SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

TO: District Commander
17th District O.S.I. (IG)
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
ATTN: Mr. Jack Bolling

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Headquarters USAF letter dated 6 February 1948, subject "Report of Information on Flying Discs".

2. A report from Headquarters Fourth Army, attached as Inclosure 1, indicates that [redacted] Sante Fe, New Mexico, saw an unidentified aerial object in Sante Fe on 23 September 1948.

3. It is requested your office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during the interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 2. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the EEI, should be included.

4. Interested personnel should be advised that the confidential nature of this matter precludes any publicity.

5. It is requested that all pertinent material be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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H. R. CLEDICERIAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-6

DATE 16 Nov 48

REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM H. PITTSON

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AF Base

PERIOD 26 October 1948

OFFICE OF ORIGIN Air Materiel Command

STATUS REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

TITLE

PROJECT "SIGN"

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Letter, Air Materiel Command, dated 18 October 1948

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, Mr. [redacted] in a signed statement, substantiated the aerial anomaly sighted over Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 23 September 1948. The reliability of the observer was checked with no derogatory information revealed.

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Lt. Col., USAF
DISTRICT COMMANDER

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GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions - Reading at 1030 hours, 23 September 1948; clear visibility 40 miles, pressure 1064 mili bars, temperature 71°, dupoint 31°, surface wind W S W 13°, altimeter setting 29.98 inches.

2. Winds aloft report - Reading at 0900 hours, 23 September 1948; 10,000 ft. 11 miles per hour 290°, 18,500 ft. 17 miles per hour 310°, 30,000 ft. 15 miles per hour 290°.

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time - local flight schedules, none. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations, or any other - None.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils - Object did not contact earth.

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. - No other aircraft involved.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed - In City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened) - Did not contact earth.

   d. Maneuvers - Flew straight course.

   e. Formation if objects were more than two - Only one (1) object.

8. Secure signed statement - See Inclosure No. 1.

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible - Not possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might persumably be construed as such) - None observed.

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3. On 26 October 1948, the following interviews and agency checks were made to substantiate the reliability of the observer: (Reference page 4, paragraph 7 of Essential Elements of Information form.)

a. Mrs. [redacted] (Housewife), [redacted] Santa Fe, New Mexico, stated in substance, that she has known [redacted] approximately three (3) years and that he is a good family man, a hard, aggressive worker, and successful business man. Mrs. [redacted] further stated that she has no knowledge of derogatory information concerning Mr. [redacted]

b. Mrs. [redacted] (Housewife), [redacted] Santa Fe, New Mexico, stated in substance, that she has known Mr. [redacted] approximately one (1) year and that he leads a nice quiet home life and is a very likeable person. Mrs. [redacted] further stated she has no knowledge of derogatory information concerning Mr. [redacted]

c. Police Department, Santa Fe, New Mexico - No record.

Sheriff's Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico - No record.

d. Mr. [redacted] (filling station proprietor and used car dealer), [redacted] New Mexico, stated in substance, that he has known Mr. [redacted] approximately one (1) year and is presently in his employment as a building superintendent. Mr. [redacted] further stated that Mr. [redacted] has never been in trouble and has a fine character and background to the best of his knowledge.

INCLOSURES

FOR HQ., AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB:

1. Signed statement of Mr. [redacted] dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, 26 October 1948.

2. Essential Elements of Information.

FOR OSI HQ., WASHINGTON, D. C.:

1. Photostatic copy of signed statement of Mr. [redacted], dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, 26 October 1948.

2. Essential Elements of Information.

FOR DO #10, KELLY AFB:

1. Form of Essential Elements of Information.

- RETURNED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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DISTRICT OFFICE #10, KELLY AFB:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

1. Will check the criminal and subversive files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine if [redacted] has a record.

AT WACO, TEXAS

2. Will obtain detailed signed statement from Mr. [redacted] in reference to the anomaly observed.

3. Will obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 1. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the EEI, should be included.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon letter, dated 18 October 1948, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, subject: Project "Sign". Basic letter indicated that [redacted], Santa Fe, New Mexico, saw an unidentified aerial object over Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 23 September 1948.

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2. On 26 October 1948, this agent interviewed Mr. [redacted] at [redacted], Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the following information was obtained: [redacted] was born 2 April 1920, Sunbright, Tennessee, came to Santa Fe, New Mexico, from Florida in 1945, was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and at Los Alamos, New Mexico, for approximately six (6) months. He is presently employed by a Mr. [redacted] (Santa Fe, New Mexico) as a Building Superintendent. On 23 September 1948, Mr. [redacted] and a business associate (Mr. [redacted], Waco, Texas) observed an unidentified aerial object over Santa Fe, New Mexico, as outlined in "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as inclosure two (2) of this report. Mr. [redacted] stated he and Mr. [redacted] were the only witnesses to the sighting of the unidentified aerial object. A signed statement of Mr. [redacted], regarding the unidentified aerial object is attached to this report as inclosure one (1) and is set forth verbatim below:

26 October 1948

This statement was taken at the residence of Mr. [redacted] at 1415 hours, on 26 October 1948, by Mr. William H. Pittson S/A Office of Special Investigations Kirtland AFB, Kirtland Field, New Mexico

STATEMENT OF: [redacted]

On September 25, 1948 at approximately 0930 hours, while on East Marcy Street down town Santa Fe, New Mexico. I discovered an oblong bright object flying at a high speed I estimated between seven (7) and eight (8) hundred miles an hour, at thirty (30) thousand foot or over this object gave a blue glare to the rear and was traveling from North East to South West. I did not hear any sound but discovered this object while looking up at K.T.R.C. radio tower. At first glance I thought this object was an insulator on one of the wires, but when I discovered it was moving an effert was made to detect sound and to establish hight and direction of course.

/s/ [redacted]

WITNESS;

/s/ [redacted]

/s/ [redacted]
/s/ Santa Fe

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STATEMENT OF: [redacted]

On September 23, 1948 at approximately 0930 hours, while on East Marcy Street down town Santa Fe, New Mexico. I discovered an oblong bright object fly - ing at a high speed I estimated between seven (7) and eight (8) hundred miles an hour, at thirty (30) thousand foot or over this object gave a blue glare to the rear and was traveling from North East to South West. I did not hear any sound but discovered this object while looking up at K.T.R.C. radio tower. At first glance I thought this object was an insulator on one of the wires, but when I discovered it was moving an effert was made to detect sound and to establish hight and direction of course.

[redacted]

WITNESS;

[redacted]

Santa Fe

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object(s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting - 23 September 1948

2. Time of sighting
(Zonal by 24 hr clock) - 0930

3. Where sighted: Santa Fe, New Mexico

a. Ground

(1) City, Town - City

(2) Distance and direction from city or town
Road, intersections, etc. - seven (7) miles at 30 thousand ft. flying over the southern part of the city

(3) From building (story), yard, etc - Street

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing
Latitude and longitude - 35° 30 minutes 40 seconds north latitude, 105° 45 minutes 45 seconds west longitude

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction flight

(2) Distance & direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

(4) Latitude and longitude

c. Sea

(1) Latitude and Longitude

(2) Proximity to land
(Name city, country, etc)

4. Number of objects

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)

5. Distance of object from observer - seven (7) miles

a. Laterally or horicontally - laterally -

b. Angle of elevation from horizon - 45° angle

c. Altitude - 30,000 feet

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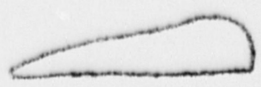
6. Time in sight - 1½ minutes

7. Appearance of object

a. Color - Bright silvery object

b. Shape
(sketch if possible) - oblong egg shape



c. Apparent construction (translucent) - unknown

d. Size

(1) Estimated size - 150-200 feet

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(Compared to known object) - one foot

8. Direction of flight North East - South West

9. Tactics or maneuvers - Straight course

a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, osciallating fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

10. Evidence of exhaust

a. Color of smoke - Bluish appearance to rear

b. Length and width - sort of a sunflower shape at the end of object seemed to be apart from object but close on its tail

c. Odor (if any) - None

d. Rate of evaporation - Solid bluish appearance stayed at end of object

e. Does trail vary with sound? - None

11. Effect on clouds

a. Opened path thru clouds

b. Formed cloud or mists

Clear sky

c. Reflected on cloud

d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

a. Reflected or attached

b. Luminous - one silver streak

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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13. Support - Could not determine

a. Wings

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion - Could not determine

a. Propeller or jet

b. Rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or osciallating) (KatzMayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability - Could not determine

a. Fins

b. Stabilizers (Horizontal or vertical)

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air Ducts

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. - 700 or 800 miles per hour

18. Sound - None

a. Continuous whine or buss

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

- None

c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view X

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted] Santa Fe, New Mexico

3. Occupation - Building Supt.

4. Place of business - None

a. Employer or employee - Employee

5. Hobbies - drawing, mechanical, woodwork and photographing

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) since childhood
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.

6. Ability to determine

a. Color - good

b. Speed of moving objects - fair

c. Size at distance - fair

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor - yes
(2) Police Dept. - No record
(3) FBI records
(4) Employer - yes

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Was looking up at radio tower when observed object, thought it was an insulator or wire when first spotted.

(1) Sound
(2) Motion
(3) Glint of Light X

9. Witnesses - Mr. [redacted]

a. Addresses - [redacted], Waco, Texas

b. Occupation - Pilot

c. Reliability - Unknown

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated. Subject was well educated, character very good

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc. and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airbourne when object sighted

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits.

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

OCT 18 1948

SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

TO: Commanding Officer
Waco Air Force Base
Waco, Texas
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Headquarters USAF letter dated 6 February 1948, subject "Report of Information on Flying Discs".

2. A report from Headquarters Fourth Army, attached as Inclosure 1, indicates that [redacted] Waco, Texas, telephone 1180, reported sighting an unidentified aerial object on 23 September 1948 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

3. It is requested your office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during the interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 2. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the EEI, should be included.

4. Since it would be impractical for your office to attempt to conduct all phases of the investigation as outlined in the EEI, an agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico has been requested to investigate more fully at the scene of the observation.

5. Interested personnel should be advised that the confidential nature of this matter precludes any publicity.

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6. It is requested that all pertinent material be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls
1. Cy of Rpt
2. EEI Form

H. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief of Intelligence

3F 1st Ind HEM/mdp

Office of the Intelligence Officer, 3565th Basic Pilot Training Wing, Waco Air Force Base, Waco, Texas, 29 October 1948

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

In compliance with basic communication, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, MCIAXO-3, Subject: Project "Sign" dated 18 October 1948 the inclosed report is submitted

HUGH E. MC CALL
Captain, USAF
Intelligenve Officer

2 Incl
1. Statement of A. R. Angier
2. Rpt on EEI

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AGENT REPORT

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2. DATE SUBMITTED

11 October 1948 (ek)

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

452.1 AKADB

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

Mr [redacted], Waco, Texas on 8 October 1948 furnished the following information concerning the unconventional aircraft seen at Santa Fe, New Mexico on 23 September 1948:

a. Weather at time object was sighted was ceiling and visibility unlimited. Object was first seen at 0945.

b. The only drawing of the object that could be furnished would be a perfect circle. Therefore, it was deemed unnecessary to obtain a sketch.

c. The object appeared to be a perfect circle, approximately 100 to 150 feet in diameter and white in color. At first the object seemed to move in a semi-circle, from South to East and finally to North East. This may have been an optical illusion. The estimated altitude was 30,000 feet, and because of this great height, the speed and maneuverability could not be ascertained. During the period of observation this object made no sound and did not create an exhaust trail. After the first observed movement, the object remained stationary.

d. Mr Angier has been a pilot since 1929 and is familiar with all types of conventional aircraft. He observed this object from 0945 until 0950, and then again at 1000. These observations were also made by [redacted] Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

STANLEY KRISTIANSEN, CIC, Fourth Army

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Stanley Kristiansen

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18 February 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAMD-3, Captain B. Sneider

Forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary are two Reports of Investigation, in duplicate, subject as above, and both dated 8 February 1949.

2 Incls
1. Rpt of [redacted]
(in dup) dtd 8 Feb 49
2. Rpt of [redacted]
(in dup) dtd 8 Feb 49

H. B. GIBSON
Colonel, USAF
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.

DATE

REPORT MADE BY 3 February 1949

TITLE

PROJECT "SIGN"

REPORT MADE AT

PERIOD 1, Maxwell AFB

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

STATUS C, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

CHARACTER

REFERENCE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS Report of Investigation of Special Agent J J Tondnor dtd 31 Dec 48

During the course of the investigation, no information was found pertaining to SUBJECT in the files of the local field office, FBI.

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DETAILS:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

1. On 8 January 1949 a check of the criminal and subversive files of the local field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was made and revealed no information pertaining to [redacted]

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. [redacted] DATE 27 February 1949

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TITLE

PROJECT "SAUCER"

REPORT MADE AT [redacted]

PERIOD 23 September 1948

OFFICE OF ORIGIN [redacted]

STATUS [redacted]

CHARACTER

Special Inquiry

REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent William E. Pistorn, OSI #17, dated 14 September 1948, File No. [redacted]

SYNOPSIS

Statement obtained from [redacted] substantiated sighting of aerial anomaly over Santa Fe, New Mexico on 23 September 1948. Reliability of observer checked. No derogatory information revealed. Detailed factual data concerning sighting obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation was initiated upon the receipt of report of Special Agent William H. Pittson, DO # 17, dated 13 November 1948, File # 3-4-0.

2. Having prior knowledge that a letter, FILE/DOT "UFO", dated 13 October 1948, and directed to the Base Intelligence Officer, Waco Air Force Base, was on file in the Intelligence Office of the 3560th Basic Pilot Training Wing, Waco Air Force Base, Waco, Texas, with reference to the identical case of sighting aerial anomaly at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this Agent contacted Captain RUTH B. McGILL, Wac, Intelligence Officer, Waco Air Force Base, Waco, Texas, on 5 January 1949 and received from him copies of all reports, correspondence, and signed statement of one, Mr. [redacted] in regard to this matter. Since this case has already been developed by the local Intelligence Office to the extent requested by Headquarters 10th District, AAI, and in view of the fact that information obtained by the Intelligence Officer coincides in every respect with information currently desired, no further investigative procedures were undertaken. Letter/MEMO-3, FILE/DOT "UFO", dated 13 October 1948; statement of Mr. [redacted] and Essential Elements of Information (as applicable), are appended herewith as numbered enclosures.

AGENT'S NOTE: A comparison of the statements of Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] reveals discrepancies in that Mr. [redacted] names the date of sighting the unidentified object as 25 September 1948; whereas Mr. [redacted] states that the date was 25 September 1948. Despite the fact that the two men observed the object together, [redacted] declared that it appeared to be moving in a southerly and was visible for approximately fifteen to twenty minutes and left no air trail or exhaust of any kind; whereas Mr. [redacted] stated that the object was moving at an estimated speed of from seven hundred to eight hundred miles an hour and emitted a blue glare to the rear. According to Mr. [redacted] the object was moving in a direction from northeast to southwest.

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(No Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object(s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of Sighting:

   a. 23 September 1948

2. Time of Sighting:

   a. 0940 to 1000 hours

3. Where sighted:

   a. Ground

      (1) Santa Fe, New Mexico

      (2) Southwest from Plaza of Santa Fe, New Mexico

4. Number of objects:

   a. One (1)

5. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Not applicable

   b. 70° angle from horizon

   c. 25,000 to 30,000 feet

6. Time of sight

   a. 15 or 20 minutes

7. Appearance of object:

   a. White

   b. Perfectly flat in appearance, Compared to disc in sky

   c. Concentration not determined

   d. At least 100 to 150 feet in diameter

8. Direction of flight:

   a. Approximately same visibility, maybe moved a little South of where sighted

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9. Motion or maneuvers:

a. Very little movement if any noticed

10. Evidence of exhaust:

No evidence of exhaust noticed

11. Effect of clouds:

No clouds

12. Lights:

Sighted in Daylight

13. Supports:

a. Rotating cylinder

14. Propulsion:

Not determined

15. Air ducts:

Not determined

16. Control and stability:

Not determined

17. Sound - R.P.M.

a. Stationary at time sighted

18. Sound:

a. No sound determined at time of sighting.

19. Manner of disappearance:

a. Still in view when I left

Relative to the Observer

1. [redacted]

2. [redacted], Waco, Texas

3. Neon Sign manufacturer

4. Own employer

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5. Hobbies:

a. Pilot since 1928. Not a hobby

6. Ability to determine:

a. Not determined

b. Experienced Pilot

c. Same as b.

7. Reliability of observer:

a. Sources

(1) Not determined

(2) No information at hollow Department

(3)

(4) Own Employer

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Saw object while watching another aircraft

b. How attention was drawn to object

(1) No sound
(2) Very little motion
(3) Saw object glint while watching another aircraft

9. Witnesses:

a. [redacted] Santa Fe, New Mexico

b. Occupation unknown

c. Reliability unknown

10. It is the opinion of the Investigator that [redacted] is approximately fifty (50) years of age and well settled. After giving his statement to the Investigator he was interviewed concerning the essential elements of information and told the same story on both occasions. It seems that he was careful not to contradict himself, but told a straight-forward story. It is also the opinion of the Investigator that [redacted] is honest in his convictions in believing that he saw an unconventional object. [redacted] seems to have a little above the average intelligence, is a good conversationalist and is evidently from a middle class family.

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/s/ HUGH B. McCALL
/s/ Hugh B. McCall
Captain, USAF

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STATEMENT

I, [redacted] reside at [redacted] Waco, Texas, hereby voluntarily make the following statement to Captain Hugh B. McCall whom I know to be the Intelligence Officer at Waco Air Force Base, Waco, Texas.

I was standing in front of the Santa Fe Radio Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico, approximately four (4) blocks Northeast of the Plaza at approximately 0940 hours 13 September 1948, watching a Government plane apparently coming in for a landing at Los Alamos when I noticed a strange object in the sky. I immediately lost interest in the plane and focused my attention on the object.

I was approximately fifty (50) feet from the radio tower and easily lined the object up with the tip of the tower. To get the approximate height of the object, I walked a few feet West, and the object immediately jumped clear out of the picture in relation to the tower. I lined it up again with the tip of the tower and looked off to the North. The object was clear out of the picture again, in relation to the tower. This was when it had the appearance of moving in a semi-circle, South and West, but this could possibly have been an optical illusion. Using this perspective, I judged the altitude to be approximately thirty thousand (30,000) feet. At this altitude it would have to have been at least one hundred (100) to one hundred and fifty (150) feet in diameter to have been visible.

It was a perfectly white object, not being transparent or translucent, and having no metallic sheen. It was perfectly circular in appearance, the side visible to me being flat, as the same as a coin would appear when observed from a distance. There were no projections, air trails, or exhaust of any kind. I called [redacted]'s attention to it, and we went into a building, transacted our business which lasted approximately eight (8) minutes, came outside, and the object was still in approximately the same position.

From the time I first saw the object to the last observation was approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes.

I left [redacted] and returned to Waco, Texas by Automobile.

I did not observe the object after entering my automobile.

I have read this statement consisting of 1 page, and certify that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby affix my signature to this statement in the presence of Captain Hugh B. McCall whose signature appears on this page.

[redacted]

I, the undersigned, witnessed at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, this 13th day of October 1948, the signing of this statement by [redacted] being in his presence and signing at this request. The said [redacted], voluntarily affixing his signature.

/s/ Hugh B. McCall
/s/ HUGH B. McCALL
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
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2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
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3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

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