PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 April 49 15/2235Z	LOCATION El Paso, Texas 295
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (CLOUD)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers sighted a cigar-shaped object. It looked like white smoke. It was moving to the West. The object turned horizontantly, elongated, and disintegrated.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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INCIDENT NO. 295

1. Date of Observation 15 April 1949 Date of Interview 19 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1635

3. Place of Observation 40 miles ENE of El Paso, Texas, 31°, 25' North, 105° 35 West

4. Position of observer Ground in auto

5. What attracted attention to object Shape and color of object

6. Number of objects one

7. Apparent size Appeared 50' long

8. Color of object White as white smoke

9. Shape Cigar shaped

10. Altitude 7,000-8,000 ft. 30°

11. Direction from observer 270-300°

12. Distance from observer 10-15 miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West

14. Time in sight 15 minutes

15. Speed

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Dull

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Was perpendicular in sky when first noted. Turned horizontally and elongate.

21. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated

22. Effect on Clouds No clouds

23. Additional information concerning object also see report of this incident in file 394

24. Weather Conditions Clear, visibility unlimited (See original report for complete weather data.)

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A2 319.1 2nd Ind
Subject: Report of Information Pertaining to Flying Discs (9 May 49)

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HEADQUARTERS 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM, Biggs Air Force Base, Biggs Field, Texas 20 MAY 1949

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

1. Additional information requested in 1st Ind is inclosed.

2. Information shown on original report was obtained from Capt. E.J. Walsh Jr., USAF, assigned to Operation and Plans Division, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C. Capt. and Mrs. Walsh are not available for further questioning as they have returned to Washington.

3. Information on sighting of aerial phenomena as shown on second report was obtained from Mr. E.E. Miller.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Rpt on Flying Discs (duplicate)

Paul E. Johnson Jr.
PAUL E. JOHNSON, JR.
MAJOR USAF
ADJUTANT

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Name and address of observer: Mr. [redacted]d., El Paso, Texas
Mrs. [redacted]) USAF OPR Hq USAF
Capt. [redacted] Washington, D. C.

Occupation and hobbies:
Mfg Branch Mgr.
Housewife
Officer, USAF

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

Very Intelligent - Highest Character

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Object appeared rectangular then convex. When first sighted, it was rectangular in shape in a virtical position. Object changed position several times, slanting first to the right and then to the left. Object retained the same color throughout the entire period of observation. Eventually, the object became horizontal, and lost altitude, and then started to elongate, taking the appearance of a vapor trail until it disappeared. There were no rockets fired at White Sands Proving Ground on this date.

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Name and address of observer:
[redacted] El Paso, Texas
Capt. [redacted] USAF, OPR, HQ. USAF, Washington, D.C.
Mrs [redacted] Care Capt. [redacted] Same address

Occupation and hobbies:
Mr [redacted] Branch Manager, [redacted], Hobbies none
Capt [redacted] USAF, Hobbies unknown.
Mrs [redacted] Housewife, Hobbies unknown

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

Personnaly known to interrogator for 5 years, very intelligenxt and of highest character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Mr. [redacted] wearing, green polaroid glasses.
Not known if others wearing glasses.

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Carswell Air Force Base
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12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
15 miles

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
East to West

14. Time in sight:
Approcimately 15 mins.

15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance):
not known.

16. Sound and odor:
None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)
No trail

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Dull smoke color

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
none

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Was perpindicular in the sky when first noted, turned horizontally and elongated .

21. Manner of disappearance:
Disintegrated and disappeared.

22. Effect on clouds:
No clouds near the object.

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear and Bright.

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3. Place of Observation:
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4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
In rear seat of Automobile on Highway 80, approximately 40 miles east of El Paso. Travelling west.

5. What attracted attention to object:
Mr. [redacted] first noticed object. Attention attracted by its peculiar shape and color.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Appeared to be about 50 Ft. long, slender at first disintegrated as it elongated.

8. Color of object: Light Smoke

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Cigar shaped

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
30°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? 10 o'clock When last seen? 10 o'clock

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[redacted] El Paso, Texas
Capt. E[redacted], USAF, OPR, HQ. USAF, Washington, D.C.
Mrs [redacted] Care [redacted], Same address

Occupation and hobbies:

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Capt [redacted], USAF, [redacted].
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97th BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM
Biggs Air Force Base
El Paso, Texas

A2 319.1 22 APR 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

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

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In compliance with paragraph 3, SAC Regulation 200-5, 13 December 1948, the following report is submitted on an object sighted in the sky 15 April 1949:

a. Approximately 40 miles northeast of El Paso, Texas, 1630 to 1635 MST.

b. Clear visibility unlimited.

c. Mr. [redacted], Branch Manager, Jo[redacted] El Paso, Texas.
Mrs. S[redacted], Housewife, 9[redacted] El Paso, Texas.
Capt. E[redacted] USAF, Hq USAF, O.P.R., Washington 25, D.C.

d. None.

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f. 1. One.
2. Rectangular then convex. When first sighted it was of a rectangular shape in a vertical position. Object changed position several times slanting first to the right and then to the left. Toward the close of the sighting time the object took the following appearance retaining the same color throughout. Eventually the object became horizontal and lost altitude and then it started to elongate, taking the appearance of vapor trails until it disappeared.

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3. Unable to tell because of inability to estimate distance from observers, appeared to be large.
4. White as white smoke.
5. Stationary
6. Not moving
7. Not moving except occasionally changing from a vertical to a slanting position, first right then left.
8. Unable to estimate accurately, approximately seven or eight thousand feet above ground.
9. None
10. None

g. There were no rockets fired at White Sands Proving Ground on this date.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Paul E. Johnson Jr.
PAUL E. JOHNSON, JR.
MAJOR USAF
ADJUTANT

Info copies TO:

Commanding General
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

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Basic Ltr, Biggs AFB, El Paso, Texas to CG, AMC, dtd 22 Apr 49, Subj: Report of Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

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

TO: Commanding Officer, Biggs AF Base, Biggs Field, Texas.

1. Additional information as outlined in the inclosed Guide to Investigation is desired regarding sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena reported by basic letter.

2. In view of the numerous balloon and other atmospheric research equipment now being launched from the Alamogordo, New Mexico area, special attention should be given to the General Section of the inclosed form.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W.R. Clingerman CQ OSAF
for H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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1. Teletype Sequence of local weather condidtions:
   Clear Temp 64.
2. Winds S-SE 9 Knots at Surface
   18 " " 5,000 Ft.
   14 " " 6,000 Ft
   4 " " 8,000 Ft
   6 " " 10,000 Ft
   21 " " 12,000 Ft

3. American Airlines Flight No 99 West Bound Scheduled arrive El Paso 440PM
   American Airlines Flight No 100East Bound scheduled leave El Paso 405PM
   No other flights known.

4. Checked with White Sands Proving Grounds, Alamogordo AFBase and Ft. Bliss, White Sands had fired two small rockets at 0930 this date. Others checked had not sent anything aloft.

5. Object did not contact earth so far as known by observer.

6. Sketch attached.

7. Signed statement from [redacted] on file./Signed Statements not obtained from Capt. and Mrs [redacted]

8 None.

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