

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 Jul 49 16/130Z		2. LOCATION Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California 401	
3. SOURCE Military		10. CONCLUSION Astro (████) (Jupiter)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1½ hours			
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The position of the object was approx 215 deg az and 3-5 deg elevation. There was no apparent motion to the sphere. It looked like reflected sunlight much as from the aluminum aircraft skin. The object disappeared in a layer of haze in about 1½ hours.	
7. COURSE Stationary			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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INCIDENT NO. 401

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1. Date of Observation 16 July 1949 Date of Interview 16 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 0500-0520 PST
3. Place of Observation Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif.
4. Position of observer Control tower through 7X binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object Sgt Vita
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Unknown
8. Color of object Aluminum
9. Shape Sphere
10. Altitude 3-5° elevation 35,000 feet
11. Direction from observer 215° magnetic
12. Distance from observer Farther than 100 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) no motion observed
14. Time in sight 1 1/2 hours
15. Speed No apparent motion
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Reflected sunlight much as aluminum A/C skin
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers None
21. Manner of disappearance Obscured by layer of haze.
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object Winds above 35,000 usually quite strong and westernly.
24. Weather Conditions Clear 20 miles visibility except in spots.

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Incident 401

Name and address of observer: Capt Robert F. McCabe; Fairfield Suisun AFB, Calif.
T/Sgt A. A. Vita, Pfc Troy Clapman, S/Sgt Eugene Zimmerman

Occupation and hobbies:

Ass't Station Weather Officer

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

The following is a report of an observation made from the Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base control tower on 16 July 1949 between the hours 0500 and 0520 pst.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

At approximately 0500, 16 July 1949, T/Sgt Vita, the control tower operator on duty, asked me to go up in the tower to observe this particular phenomena. Upon arriving in the tower Sgt Vita told me position to look with the seven power binoculars available and asked me what I saw. The position was approx. 215 Deg. mag and approx. 3 to 5 deg. elevation. At an altitude that I would judge to be well above 35,000 ft. and at an undetermined distance, but further than 100 miles, there appeared to be a very large sphere, of unknown size and composition. The sun was just coming above the horizon and the sphere seemed to reflect the sunlight much the same as the aluminum skin of an airplane. There was no apparent motion to the sphere although the winds above 35,000 ft are usually quite strong and westerly. The sphere remained under observation until 0520 when it was obscured by a layer of haze, at about 3,000 ft, over the Vallejo area.

The weather at the time was clear with 20 miles visibility except for a fog bank over the hills between Cordelia and Vallejo and a thin haze layer, base 304,000 ft over the San Pablo Bay.

/s/ Robert F. McCabe

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Project Grudge Comment

The object reported was probably a planet. Jupiter at this time was approx. 180° ahead of the sun on this date. With allowance for error in direction (28°) Jupiter would have been in this position,, however there appears to be no explanation for the statement that during the period object was under observation no movement was noticed. If this object were actually Jupiter then there should have been an observed diviation of $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ during the $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour object was under observation.

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HEADQUARTERS
9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, California

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16 July 1949

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Flying Disc

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

1. Pursuant to the provisions of SAC Regulation 200-5, dated 13 December 1948, the following information on a flying disc sighting is submitted:

- a. Location and time of sighting:
The sighting was made at 0500 Pacific Standard Time, 16 July 1949, from the Control Tower, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif.
- b. Weather at the time:
Weather at the time of the sighting was clear with unlimited visibility.
- c. Names, occupation, and addresses of witnesses:
Transmitted herewith as inclosures 1, 2, 3, and 4 are eye-witness accounts from the following military personnel:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
CAPT ROBERT F. McCABE	Asst Station Weather Officer	10/4L Weather Detachment Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif
T/SGT A. A. VITA	Tower Chief	1901 AACS Squadron Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif
PTC TROY CHAPMAN	Weather Observer	10/4L Weather Detachment Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif
S/SGT EUGENE ZIMMERMAN	Weather Forecaster	10/4L Weather Detachment Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif

- d. Photographs of objects if available:
No photographs of the object were possible due to darkness.

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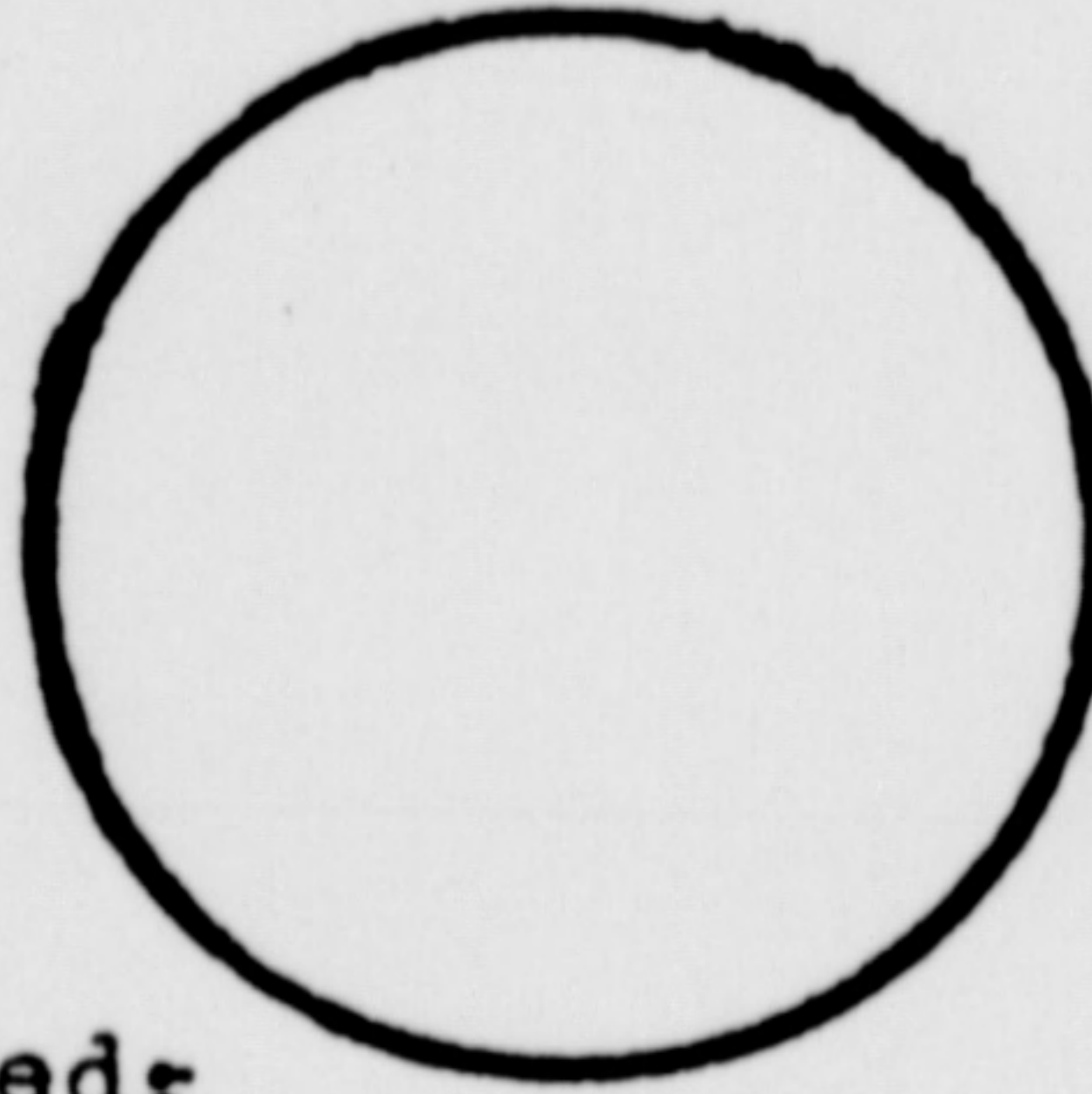
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e. Sketches of object's configuration:



Spherical object of
unknown size.

f. Object sighted:

- (1) Number:
One.
- (2) Shape:
A round or spherical object was sighted.
- (3) Size:
Size of the object could not be determined.
- (4) Color:
Object appeared to shine like the duraluminum surface of aircraft or aluminum surface of a balloon. Object appeared to reflect light or glow with translucent or fluorescent lighting effect. Light given off was soft with no glare.
- (5) Speed:
Object appeared to remain motionless.
- (6) Heading:
Object appeared to remain motionless.
- (7) Maneuverability:
Object appeared to remain motionless.
- (8) Altitude:
Object was estimated at between 20,000 and 40,000 ft altitude.
- (9) Sound:
Object did not emit any sound.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not:
Object did not emit or leave a visible trail.

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g. General remarks:

A sighting of an unidentifiable object was made by Sgt R. R. Von Bargen, Control Tower Operator, 1901st AACS Squadron, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, at 2330 hours, 13 July 1949. It is believed the object could have easily been a planet or other heavenly body and therefore was not reported as a disc sighting. An extract of the Control Tower Log giving the sighting information is transmitted herewith as inclosure #5.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

George A. Moore
GEORGE A. MOORE
WOJG USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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1. Eyewitness Report, Capt
Robert F. McCabe
2. Eyewitness Report, T/Sgt
A. A. Vita
3. Eyewitness Report, Pfc Troy
Chapman
4. Eyewitness Report, S/Sgt
Eugene Zimmerman
5. Extract, Control Tower Log
13 July 1949

Cc: CG, SAC, Offutt AFB,
Omaha, Nebraska (dup)
CO, 1901st AACS,
Fairfield-Suisun
AFB, California

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BASE WEATHER STATION
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
California

16 July 1949

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SUBJECT: Report of Observation of Phenomena.

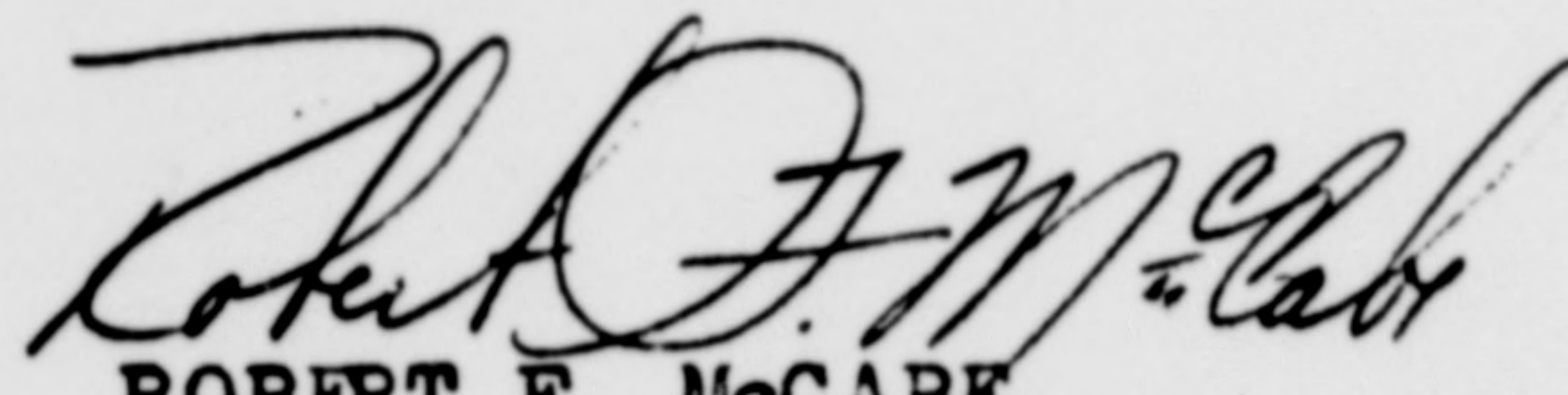
TO : Commanding General
Headquarters 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
California.

ATTN: Security Officer.

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3. The weather at the time was clear with 20 miles visibility except for a fog bank over the hills between Cordelia and Vallejo and a thin haze layer, base 3-4,000 ft over the San Pablo Bay.


ROBERT F. McCABE
Captain, USAF
Asst. Station Weather Officer
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
1901ST AACS SQUADRON
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, California

A3/AC/hc

SUBJECT: Unusual object observed in the sky.

18 July 1949

TO: S-2, 1901st AACS Squadron.

At approximately 0340 I saw a light in the sky to the southwest. It appeared at first glance to be a star as it was considerably above the horizon. It shown with a yellowish white light with no twinkle whatsoever. After several glances every few minutes I looked at it through field glasses. The light was still yellowish white and was perfectly round with absolutely no twinkle. I was convinced that it was not a star. This object did not move.

At 0425 after observing the takeoff of an aircraft to the southwest I looked at this object again with field glasses. It appeared to be a silvery colored object, perfectly round still reflecting a little light. At this time there was a band of light on the horizon to the northeast before the sunrise. The sky to the southwest was still totally dark and the object could be plainly observed with naked eye as perfectly round, resembling a silver sphere.

At approximately 0450 I called weather station and requested observer to come up to the tower to take a look at it. Two men came up and observed the object. Captain McCabe also came up approximately 5 minutes later and observed the object for approximately 20 minutes before the haze and rising sun obliterated it from view. During the time the object was under observation, about one and one half hours, the object did not move. After first becoming curious I made a mark on the window with grease pencil aligned with object and subsequent observations used this mark for orientation. The object was observed in the same place in reference to this mark until it was no longer visible due to haze and sunrise. Captain McCabe estimated that the object must be a great distance away and at a height between 30 and 40 thousand feet. Weather observer agreed with this estimate. Size of object unknown thus accurate estimate of distance not possible.

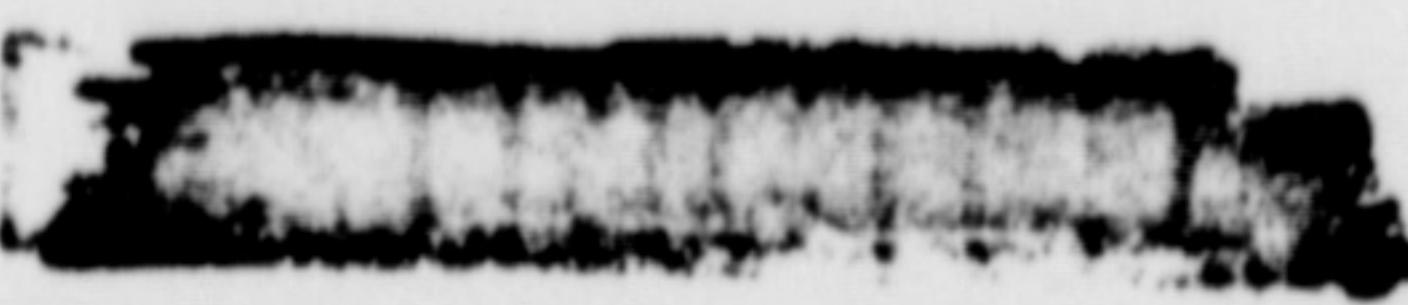
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Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

/s/ A A Vita
/t/ A A VITA
T/Sgt, USAF
Tower Chief

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
1901ST AACS SQUADRON
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, California

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SUBJECT: Unusual object observed in the sky.

18 July 1949

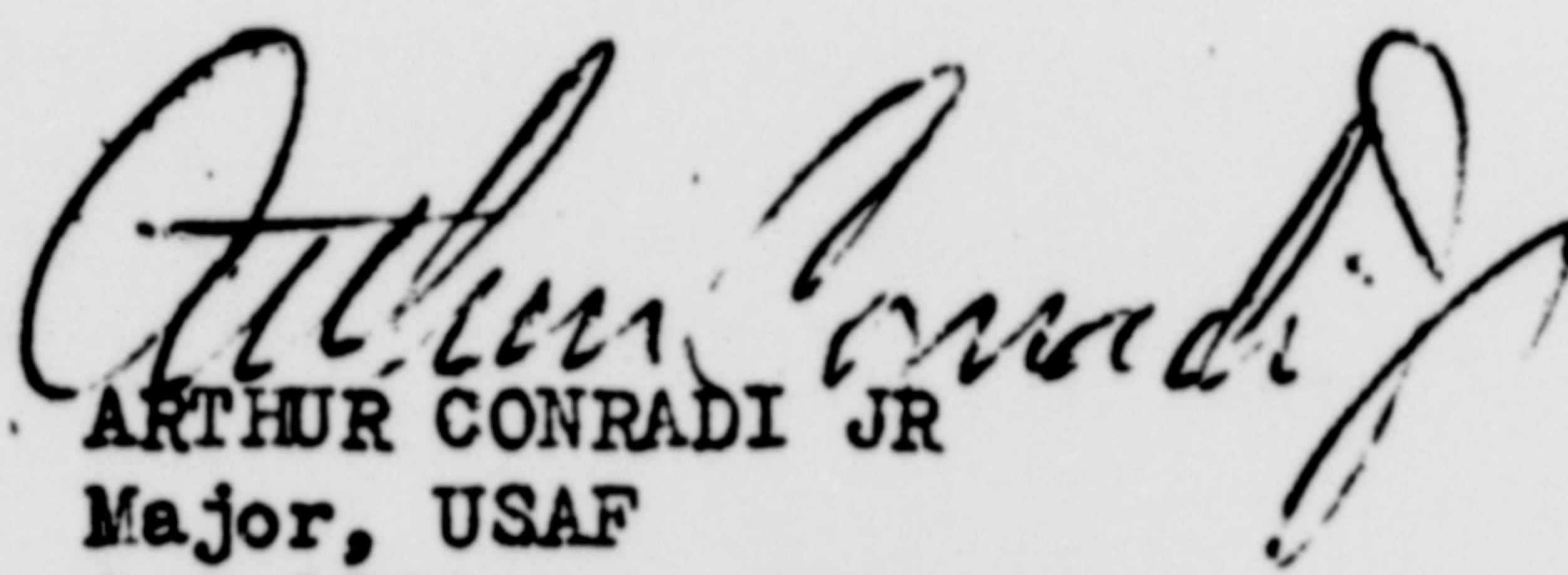
TO: S-2, 1901st AACS Squadron.

I saw a small round object and very high 0500 hours 16 July 1949. It gave off a glitter or gleam as the reflection of the sun rays hit it.

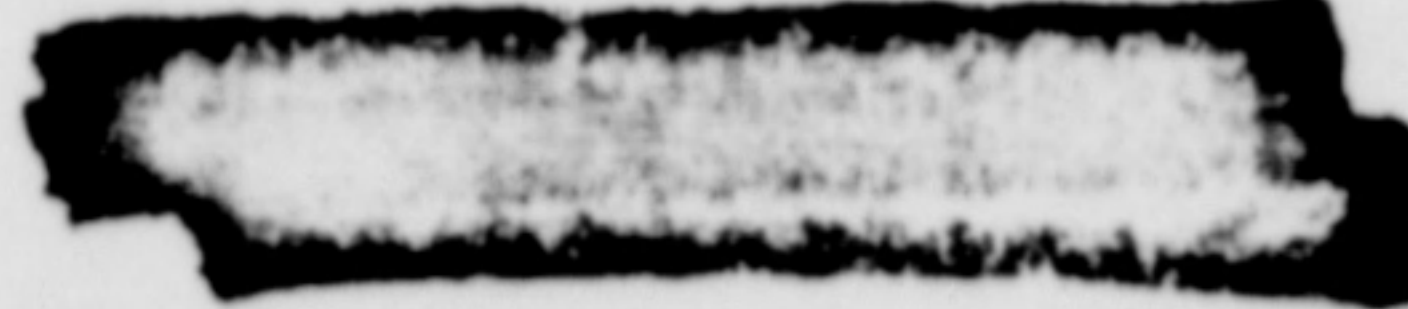
It was not moving but just lying in the same position constantly. Its reflection gave it a metallic look.

/s/ Troy Chapman
/T/ TROY CHAPMAN
Pfc, USAF
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Intelligence Officer

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1901ST AACS SQUADRON
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, California

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SUBJECT: Unusual Object Observed in the Sky

TO: S-2, 1901st AACS Squadron

Object was sighted 0500 hours 16 July 1949 at approximately 20,000 feet and seemed to be stationary in its position. It was round and seemed to appear as a ping pong ball suspended in the air. The object seemed to glow as a fluorescent lamp. No obtrusions could be distinguished on the surface of the object.

/s/ Eugene Zimmerman
EUGENE ZIMMERMAN
S/Sgt, USAF
Weather Forecaster
10/4L WEA DET
2101 WEA GP

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Arthur Conradi Jr.
ARTHUR CONRADI JR.
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Wing Intelligence Officer

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS 1901ST AACS SQUADRON
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Calif

SHEET NO. 1

CONTROL TOWER LOG

DATE 13 July 1949

TIME	OPERATOR	REMARKS
* 1555 *	* VB/BN *	* ON DUTY /s/ R R Van Bayn /s/ C. Boghosian *
2305	VB	NOTICED STRANGE GLOW IN THE SKY ENE OF HERE. DID NOT MOVE, LOOKED SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE MOON WHEN IT RISES ONLY SMALLER, AND IT FADED IN AND OUT. HAD AN A/C CK BUT COULD SEE NO* THING. NEITHER MCC NOR MHR TWR COULD SEE ANY THING.
* 2345 *	* VB/BN *	* OFF DUTY /s/ R R Van Bayn /s/ C. Boghosian 2 PR BINOCs PRES. *

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