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DATE OF REPORT 3 Dec 1949

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✓ HOLLoman FB, N. H.

REPORT NO. ---

Civilians

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TIME OF REPORT 1305 MET

Green, Fringe of Orange

SHAPE Circular

NO. 1 ---

SIZE Larger than Venus

APPROX. ---

DIRECTION East to West

LENGTH OF TIME 2 seconds

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF SURFACE Ground

REMARKS ---

Object traveling in an arc downward, seemed to prescribe a small loop about midway in arc.

SIGHTING ---

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. (24-8)-6	DATE 12 December 1949
TITLE UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA Sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] Holloman Air Force Base 1805 hours 3 December 1949.		REPORT MADE BY S/A RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.	
		REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		PERIOD 3, 5 December 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
STATUS CLOSED		<i>AB</i> <i>Holloman</i> <i>3 Dec 49</i>	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA)			
REFERENCE AFCIS Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949.			
SYNOPSIS This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCIS Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Mr. [REDACTED], Civilian Employee, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1805 hours, 3 December 1949. [REDACTED] was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.			
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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation predicated upon a directive, AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

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2. Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ was interviewed on 5 December 1949 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, and the following information was obtained:

- a. Date of sighting: 3 December 1949.
- b. Time of sighting: 1805 hours, MST.
- c. Where sighted: 105° 58' West Latitude
32° 52' North Longitude
(On the ground, walking)
- d. Number of Objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
- f. Distance of object from observer:
 - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Appeared to be one block away.
 - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 2°
 - (3) Altitude: Unable to determine.
- g. Time in sight: 2 seconds.
- h. Appearance of object:
 - (1) Color: Green, except for fringe of orange light.
 - (2) Shape: Circular.
 - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
 - (4) Size: Somewhat larger than Venus.
- i. Direction of flight: East to West.
- j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object was traveling in an arc downward; seemed to prescribe a small loop about midway in its visible travel.
- k. Evidence of exhaust: None

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1. Effect on clouds: No visible clouds.
- m. Lights: None. (Sparks were emanating from object and were more pronounced in the lower rear edge of object. These sparks were orange to white in appearance. Intensity of the center part of the object remained the same, however, the intensity of the sparks along the edges varied.
- n. Support: None observed.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability. Not applicable.
- q. Air ducts: None.
- r. Sound: None
- s. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind building.
- t. Notes relative to observer:
 - (1) Name: Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Civilian Employee, Holloman AFB.
 - (2) Address: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Alamogordo, New Mexico
 - (3) Occupation: Geodetic Engineer (well versed in astronomy).
 - (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
 - (5) Pertinent hobbies: Study of astronomy
 - (6) Ability to determine: Above average
 - (7) Reliability of observer: Observer extremely reliable and has aided this office on numerous occasions in obtaining readings on other observations.
 - (8) Former sightings: ~~XXXXXX~~ has observed no sightings prior to this and was not suffering from fatigue at the time of this sighting.
 - (9) Witnesses: None

3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that they had no radar in operation at the time of this sighting. Further check with the Base Weather Station revealed that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Check with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman Air Force Base, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the sighting.

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