

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 7 Feb 1950
 AF NO. --- LOCATION San Jose, Calif
 REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Civilian
 DATE OF REPORT 14 Feb 50 DATE IN TO ATIC ---
 TIME OF SIGHTING 1747 PST COLOR Fiery Tail
 SHAPE Conical SPEED slow Estimated
 SIZE --- ALTITUDE EST 800' Measured
 COURSE --- LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---
 NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
 SOUND Propeller Noise MANEUVERS ---
 PHOTOS --- SKETCHES (1)
 REMARKS: Source stated he observed
 light single engine plane giving a red
 vapor trail.

Temporary ATIC Form 329
 (2 Jan 52)

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 AF NO. --- LOCATION Berkely Calif
 REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Army & Navy Officers
 DATE OF REPORT 14 Feb 50 DATE IN TO ATIC ---
 TIME OF SIGHTING 1730 PST COLOR Trail Looked like sparks
 SHAPE Conical SPEED "Drifting" Estimated
 SIZE --- ALTITUDE 200' Measured
 COURSE 180° LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 5 Min.
 NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
 SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---
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 going in opposite direction.

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February 9th 1950

Hamilton Field Air Base
California

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing a clipping from our San Jose paper about a "flying ice cream cone".

I wish to inform you that I have seen it, first when it appeared to be over our western mountain range coming from the west toward San Jose and this was when I looked out of my shop window at 5:47 p.m. on Tuesday.

It attracted my attention because it looked like a small comet turning slowly upward and again leveling off

flying toward San Jose. At about 5:57 p.m. it flew almost over our street (First Street) at about 800 feet and out of my sight over Santa Clara Street. It was a small single motor plane which I could see very distinctly throwing off this red fire vapor from its tail like this



The plane

was moving slowly with a slight noise of the propeller. I called downstairs to the store personnel and they went out and saw it also.

I hope this information may be of service to you.

Yours very truly,

s/


San Jose, Calif.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


BESBY F. HOLMES
Captain, USAF

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24 THURS., FEB. 9, 1950 SAN JOSE EVENING NEWS

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9 (AP). Intelligence officers of the Western Air Defense zone are checking on reports of a "flying ice cream cone." They didn't seem excited about it.

A spokesman at Hamilton Field disclosed yesterday an investigation was being made of a report by six observers—including a Navy air officer—that a peculiar, cone-shaped craft was seen flying over the Alameda naval air station Tuesday.

The observers, five residents of San Leandro and Lt. Comdr. J. L. Kraker of the naval air station. They said it appeared like a 30-foot ice cream cone, flew over the naval station at about 5000 feet and disappeared to the southeast at from 75 to 95 miles an hour. They said it left a vapor trail from its cone tip.

Some Hamilton Field officers said such a vapor trail might have been from a plant in the locality because it was comparatively cold.

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Flying Cone With Vapor Trail Hunted

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8 (AP)
So now it's a "flying ice cream cone." No fooling. The Air Force is checking up on it.

Six observers, including Lt. Comdr. J. L. Kraker of the Alameda Naval Air Station, reported seeing a giant object passing over the station yesterday. The report was passed along to the western air defense zone intelligence office at Hamilton Field, which made it public today.

The observers said the object looked like an ice cream cone and flew slowly south at a height of about 5000 feet, trailing a gray vaporous exhaust from its cone tip.

They said it then tilted abruptly on its side and headed southeast at a speed estimated at from 75 to 95 miles an hour. They described it as about 30 feet long.

Authorities at the air station said no meteorological balloons were up yesterday. A spokesman at Hamilton Field said the Air Force is checking, but thus far has found nothing.

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COLONEL ROLAND W. PINGER 53 Tunnel Road Berkeley 5, California
U.S.A. Retired

Feb. 9, 1959

Memo for Intelligence Officer
Hamilton Field, Cal.

I saw this "Cone", also, and pointed it out to three University of California students (names unknown), and to my son Edward Pinger (Lt Commander U.S.N.R.), who had called at the University to drive me home.

From the roadway just west of the Greek Theater it appeared like this:



← looked like sparks from a large exhaust

Without changing its angle with the vertical it drifted southward, diminishing in intensity and size, and presently faded away. I did not look at my watch, but I must have observed it for at least five minutes. The time was about 5:30 p.m.

When first observed I also saw an airplane just a little to the right of the cone, proceeding north. The initial bearing of the cone was about "south by west", and elevation about 20° . It was bright red against the darkening sky.

s/ ROLAND W. PINGER
Colonel, U.S.A. (Retired)

P.S.

My theory is that the plane emitted a cone of exhaust vapor before I saw it - then straightened out and flew north. The sun, just set or about to do so (I did not observe) threw light upon the cone in such a way that it appeared red to me, but possibly gray or unilluminated to others observing from other directions.

s/ R.W. PINGER

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

BESBY F. HOLMES
Captain, USAF

⊕ Greek Theater
myself



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1. The following information was obtained from the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Prisons, and the United States Department of Justice, regarding the activities of the following individuals:

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Piedmont XI
California

Friday, Feb. 10th., '50

To:-

Army Intelligence
Hamilton Field,
Marin Co.,
Calif.

My Dear Sirs,

In the interest of possible facts, and because this article describes so closely, the phenomenon witnessed by my friend and self at approximately the same hour and day, I offer this account.

We are two World War I Nurses (non-drinking) My friend had driven me from her home in East Oakland, to my home on the line which divides Oakland from Piedmont.

As we witnessed this 'mysterious' sign, I remarked to her, 'let us remember what we have seen, and watch for reports.'

The 'object' appeared from a southerly direction, 'dipping' and slowly 'floating' eastwards.

Submitting this account for what it may be worth,

Respectfully,

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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Besby F. Holmes
BESBY F. HOLMES
Captain, USAF

Incl 2''

HEADQUARTERS 78th FIGHTER WING
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON, CALIFORNIA

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

OI 373.5

14 FEB 1950

SUBJECT: Reporting of Additional Information on Flying Discs

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: TSDIN

1. Information contained in the inclosures is additional information to report submitted by Letter, Hq 78th Fighter Wing, Subject: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs, file OI 373.5, dated 8 February 1950.

2. The inclosed information is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Par 2, ConAC Letter 200-1, dated 10 Oct 49.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

George L. Paul
GEORGE L. PAUL
LT. COL. USAF
ADJUTANT

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2-Letter, [REDACTED]
3-Letter, [REDACTED] (Retired)
4-Letter, [REDACTED]

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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San Francisco 4
Telephone YUkon 6-6600

February 9, 1950

Army Intelligence
Hamilton Field
Marin County, California

Dear Sirs:

I have just seen the article in the San Francisco Chronicle of February 9th, 1950 relative to a flying "Ice Cream Cone" reported over the Alameda Naval Air Station on Tuesday, February 7th, at about 5:30 p.m.

At about 5:50 on Tuesday evening, February 7th, I was riding on the southbound Southern Pacific Commuter train, which reaches Palo Alto Station at 6:00 p.m. Riding on the right hand side of the train I saw at 5:50 p.m. west of San Carlos, what appeared at first to be a comet. It was a mile or more west of the track at the time and quite high and appeared cone shaped as reported. I did not note any gray exhaust but what looked like a tail of fire - probably because the rays of the setting sun which had dropped behind the hills, illuminated either the object itself or its exhaust. It appeared at first to be traveling at about the same speed as the train, which is rapid, as it is a non-stop train from San Francisco to Palo Alto, and as the train progressed south, it picked up in speed and gained in distance until it disappeared in the southwest in the general direction of Woodside. It was lost to sight at that point because it was too small or too high for the eye to follow, but by that time the fiery effect had disappeared and there was a thin streak of gray perceptible. Its general shape was about like this:  The whole area of the triangle appeared a solid mass of fire - not only the outer edges.

Very truly yours,

s/ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


BESBY F. HOLMES
Captain, USAF

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Flying 'Ice Cream Cone' Reported Over Alameda

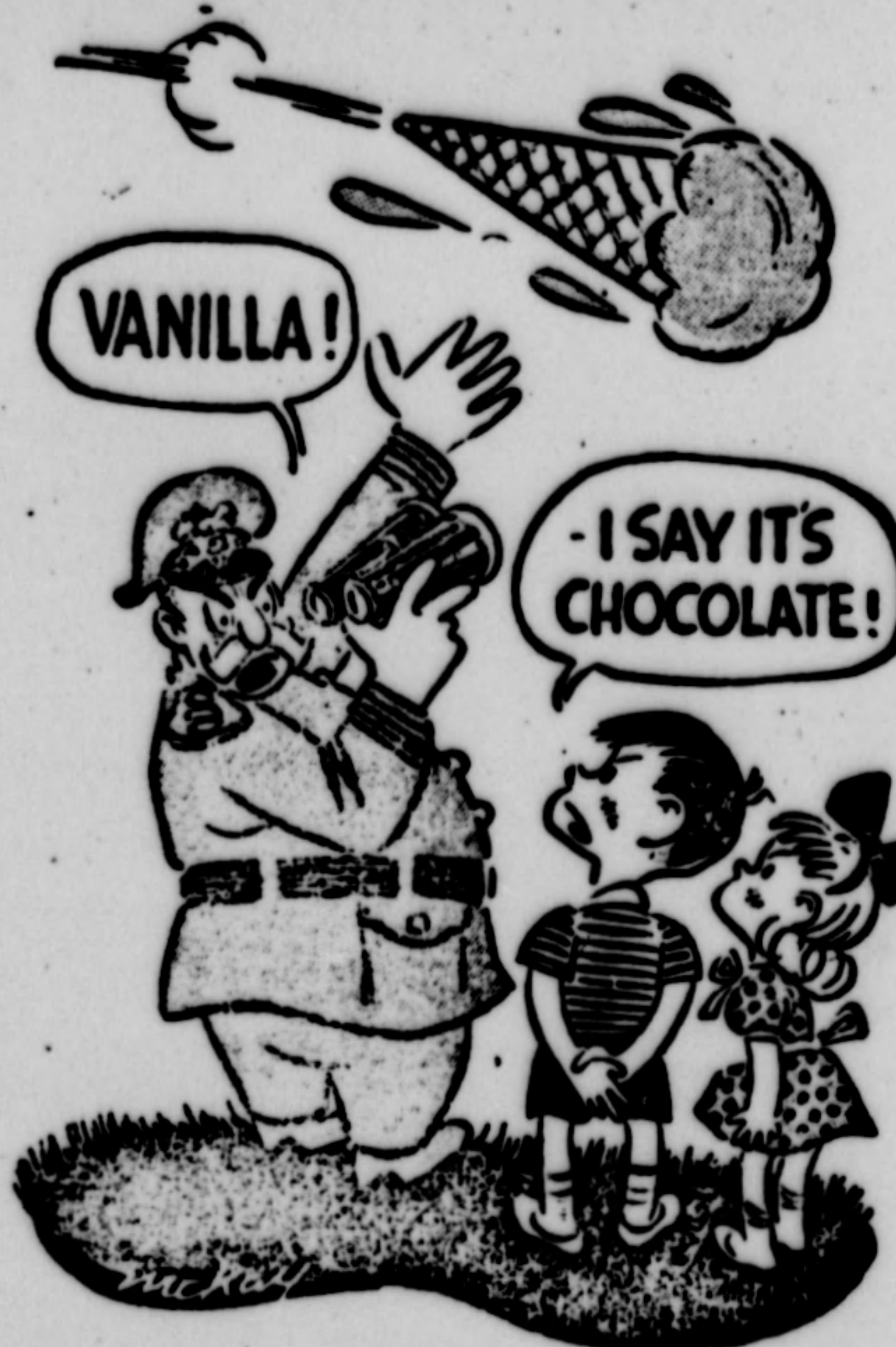
Army Intelligence at Hamilton Field yesterday was investigating reports that a giant, "flying ice cream cone" was seen drifting southward over the Alameda Naval Air Station Tuesday.

Six observers—one of them an officer at the air station—described the object as 30 feet long. It passed over the field about 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, trailing a gray vaporous exhaust from its cone tip, they said.

The cone flew slowly south over the air station at a height of about 5000 feet, then tilted abruptly on its side and headed southeast at a speed estimated between 75 and 90 miles an hour, observers said.

The air station, which immediately turned the reports over to the Army at Hamilton Field, said it had not sent out any meteorological balloons Tuesday and was baffled about what the "flying cone" could be.

Observers who reportedly spotted the cone in Alameda include Lieutenant Commander J. L.



Kraker of Alameda Naval Air Station, H. A. Clark, 14568 Sylvia way, San Leandro; William Page, 7991 Victoria avenue, San Leandro; C. Palmer, R. E. Strahl and R. T. Moore, also of San Leandro.

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HEADQUARTERS 78th FIGHTER WING
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON, CALIFORNIA

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8 FEB 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO:

OI 373.5

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: TSDIN / A X A

Under the provisions of Par 4, ConAC Letter 200-1, dated 10 October 1949, the following report of information on "Flying Discs" is submitted:

- (1) Location and time of sighting: Over Alameda, California
1730 PST 7 February 1950.
- (2) Weather: Clear, 10 miles visibility.
- (3) Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

Mr. [REDACTED] San Leandro, California.
Mr. [REDACTED] a civilian employee at Alameda Naval Air Station. He works the night shift in the Power Plant.

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Mr. [REDACTED] is a civilian employee at Alameda Naval Air Station. He works the night shift in the Power Plant.

- (4) Photographs: None available.
- (5) Sketch of objects' configuration:



- (6) Objects sighted:
 - (a) Number: One (1).
 - (b) Shape: Conical, with the base much like an ice-cream cone, and the top rounded somewhat like the canopy of a parachute.
 - (c) One-half (1/2) to three-fourths (3/4) the size of an ordinary parachute.

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- (d) Color: Bright Silver.
- (e) Speed: Sixty (60) to seventy (70) miles per hour.
- (f) Heading: No definite heading. The object appeared to hover at times and then "lazily" move on to another position and hover again. Mr [redacted] and Mr [redacted] observed the object for a period of ten (10) minutes. It finally disappeared in a South-east direction from Alameda.
- (g) Maneuverability: In addition to the movements as indicated in (f) above, the object would change from the perpendicular position to a horizontal position in flight.
- (h) Altitude: Both individuals reported the object to be 2500 to 5000 feet altitude.
- (i) Sound: None.
- (j) Exhaust trail: One observer states an exhaust trail appeared to be much like that of a jet or a rocket. The other states no exhaust trail observed.

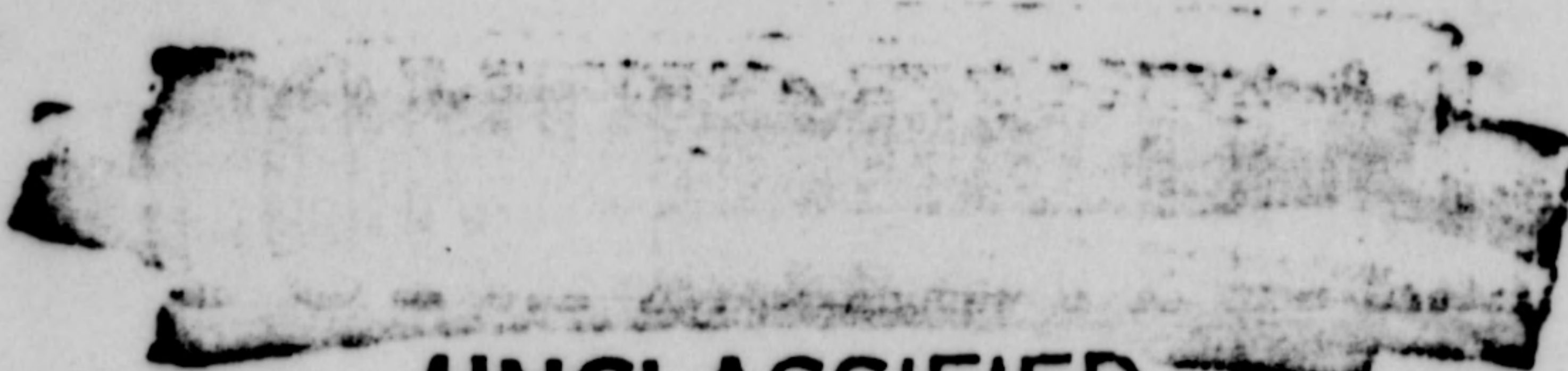
Remarks: The Ass't O.D. at Alameda Naval Air Station interviewed the two observers and indicated that he was sure they has seen something worth while reporting and seemed impressed by their story. Alameda Naval Air Station Operations informed Hamilton Flight Service that the only investigation that they were making was informing Hamilton Air Force Base for further investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


GEORGE L. PAUL
Lt Colonel, USAF
Adjutant

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