

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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ATIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO ☒ 24 Feb 1950
AP NO. _____ LOCATION Albuquerque, N. Mex.
REPORT NO. OSI Report SOURCE Civilian Weather Observers
DATE OF REPORT 9 March 1950 DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF SIGHTING 1355 MST COLOR Same as moon in daytime
SHAPE Round SPEED 2° arc in 1 1/2 Min.
SIZE Same as dark portion of moon? ALTITUDE _____
COURSE 240° - 270° LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 1 1/2 Min. 20-30 Sec.
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Roof of Building
SOUND _____ MANEUVERS _____
PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____
Observed by experienced weather observer through theodolite. Also seen by tower operator. Appeared to be very far away at an elevation of 20° and at a bearing of 110° from observer.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No: (24-8) - 21

22 March 1950

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT; Fireball Sighted 1358 hours, 24 February 1950, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Observed by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

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

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1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this office, relative to observations of unidentified aerial objects.
2. Attached for your information is one copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Cristino B. Griego of this office, dated 9 March 1950, subject as above.
3. Investigation of unidentified aerial objects is continuing, and copies of future reports will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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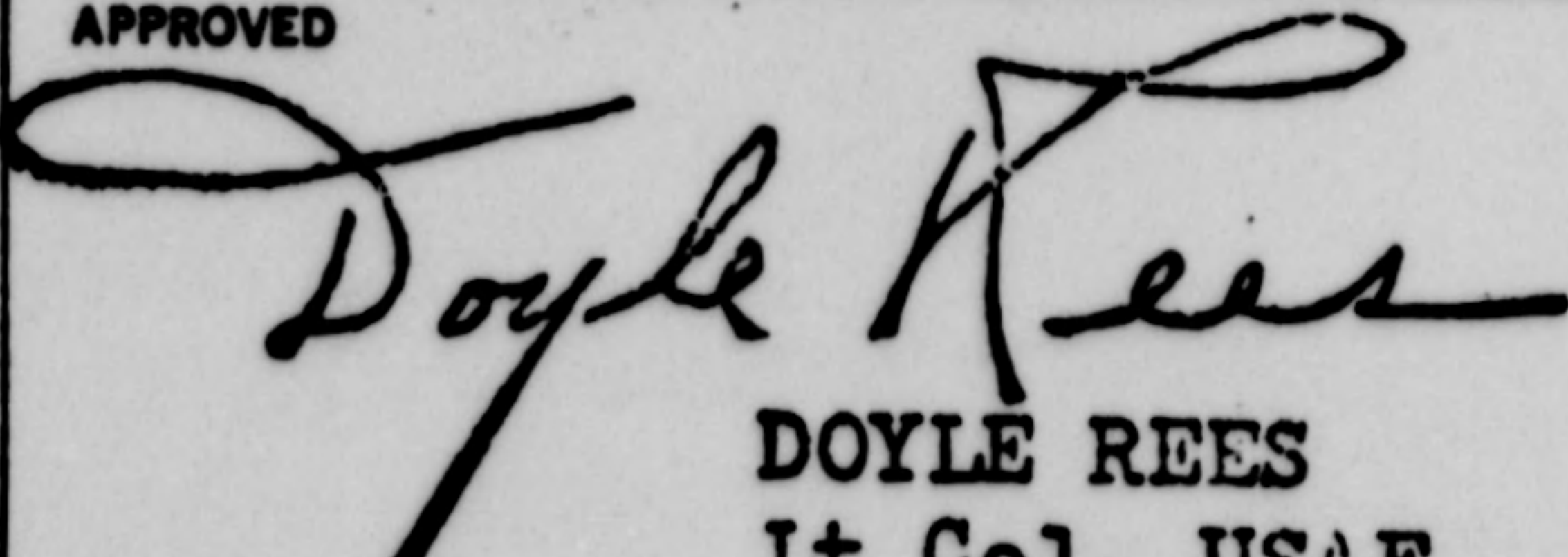
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. UNCLASSIFIED (24-8) - 21 9 March 1950	
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT Fireball Sighted 1358 hours, 24 February 1950, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Observed by: (See Page 2)		REPORT MADE BY S/A CRISTINO B. GRIEGO	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland Air Force Base	
		PERIOD 28 February, 1, 7 March 1950	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland Air Force Base	
STATUS CLOSED			
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft			
REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85, Hq OSI File No. 24-185			
SYNOPSIS Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr. LINCOLN La PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aerial phenomena sighted approximately 1358 hours, 24 February 1950. Object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Reliability of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] believed unquestionable by Mr. [REDACTED], co-worker, and also of Albuquerque, New Mexico. PURSUANT TO PAR 11 AFR 205-6 UN-AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS A VIOLATION OF AFR 205-1			
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		APPROVED  DOYLE REES Lt Col, USAF District Commander.	
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Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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DETAILS:

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1. Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

2. Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed on 28 February 1950, and submitted the following information concerning object sighted by him on 24 February 1950:

Time and date of sighting: 1355 P.M., 24 February 1950

Point of observation: West end of Terminal Building (Roof TWA Bldg) Municipal Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico, where theodolite is situated.

Number of objects: One

What attracted attention to object: It crossed field of theodolite as observer watched weather balloon.

Color of object: Same as moon in daytime.

Size of object: Compared in size to upper dark portion of moon as it rises in the East.

Shape of object: Round but not spherical - not quite as elongated as an egg. Darkened on top-left side as seen thru theodolite.

Apparent construction: Undetermined

Distance of object from observer: Impossible to determine

Angle of elevation: Between 20° and 23°

Direction from observer: About 110°

Direction of flight: To West - Southwest, between 240° and 270°

Tactics and maneuvers: Straight flight

Evidence of trail or exhaust: None

Effect on clouds: Cloudless sky

Luminosity of object: Apparently none. Any light from it could have been reflection.

Apparent means of support: None apparent.

Projections and/or indentations: None visible

Speed: Took approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to cover 2° in theodolite.

As seen thru theodolite would be just a crawl compared to speed of shooting star.

Sound: None

Odor: None

Time in sight: $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes with naked eye.

Manner of disappearance: Finally lost it after having shifted observation to weather balloon.

Notes relative to observer: Has observed weather for five (5) years. Never studied astrology or astronomy. Never before had seen any phenomena resembling this object.

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3. Mr. [REDACTED], Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed on 7 March 1950, and related the following:

Time and date of sight: 1400 hours, 24 February 1950

Point of observation: Tower on Roof of TWA Building, Municipal Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Number of objects: One

What attracted attention to objects: Mr. McDONALD, observer, called attention to it.

Color: Bright white, as metal reflects light.

Size: Compared with size of weather balloon as it is about to disappear in the distance.

Shape: Round

Apparent construction: Unknown

Distance of object from observer: Very far.

Angle of elevation: About 20°

Direction from observer: About 110°

Direction of flight: East by Southeast

Tactics or maneuvers: None

Evidence of trail or exhaust: None

Effects on clouds: No clouds present

Luminosity: Very brilliant - more than white weather balloon.

Apparent means of support: None apparent

Projections and/or indentations: None visible

Speed: Very slow as seen by naked eye

Sound: None

Odor: None

Time in sight: 20 - 30 seconds

Manner of disappearance: Faded out of sight

Notes relative to observer: Weather forecaster for seven years.
Never saw unknown aerial objects before.

4. Mr. [REDACTED], Albuquerque, New Mexico, also a weather observer, was interviewed on 7 March 1950 and stated that although he was present when Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] sighted the unknown aerial object, he could not see same. He further stated that these two men are entirely trustworthy and believes that they did see object as they described it.

5. All logical leads have been exhausted and this case is being closed.

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