

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 February 1950 25/0230	2. LOCATION Alamogordo, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (Comet)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Photo compares with Comet photographs (Evaluation made 1965) (See Photo of Comet SIKI 1962 10 Apr case)
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS White object changing colors. Appeared to move NW. Observed for 1 hour 30 minutes. Color changes reported as red and green. Tail not visible to naked eye showed on camera. Elevation 30 degrees, azimuth not Reported. Observed in same area 4 hours later. Photos taken. Object appeared only as a brilliant light. Photo taken at 1930 when object first appeared. Disappearance behind mountains.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Appeared to move NW	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes In File ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Case includes six (6) 4" x 5"
photographs, one (1) 8" x 6"
photograph, one (1) 8" x 10"
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TO Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio
*ATIAA*FROM Dept of the Air Force
Hq USAF - AFOIN-2A2

DATE 1 Aug 52

COMMENT No. 1

Maj Fournet/71016

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6540TH MISSILE TEST WING
AIR FORCE MISSILE TEST CENTER
Holloman Air Force Base
New Mexico

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TION TO COMMANDING OFFICER
HOLLAMAN AIR FORCE BASE
ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE
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23 JUL 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Attn: 2 A4 (Mrs. Barber)
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inaccordance with telephone conversation request from Mrs. [REDACTED] on 18 July 1952, inclosed is a confidential negative of an unidentified flying object taken at 1930 hours 24 Feb 50 from Datil, New Mexico. A print from this negative was used as inclosure "A" to Report No. EHO-41 dated 25 July 1951 from HAFB and as an inclosure to a letter "Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950" dated 25 May 1950 from office of the Inspector General USAF, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico to Brigadier General Joseph F. Carroll, Director of Special Investigations, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

2. It is requested that this negative be returned after being used.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

✓ Incl
a/s

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Operations

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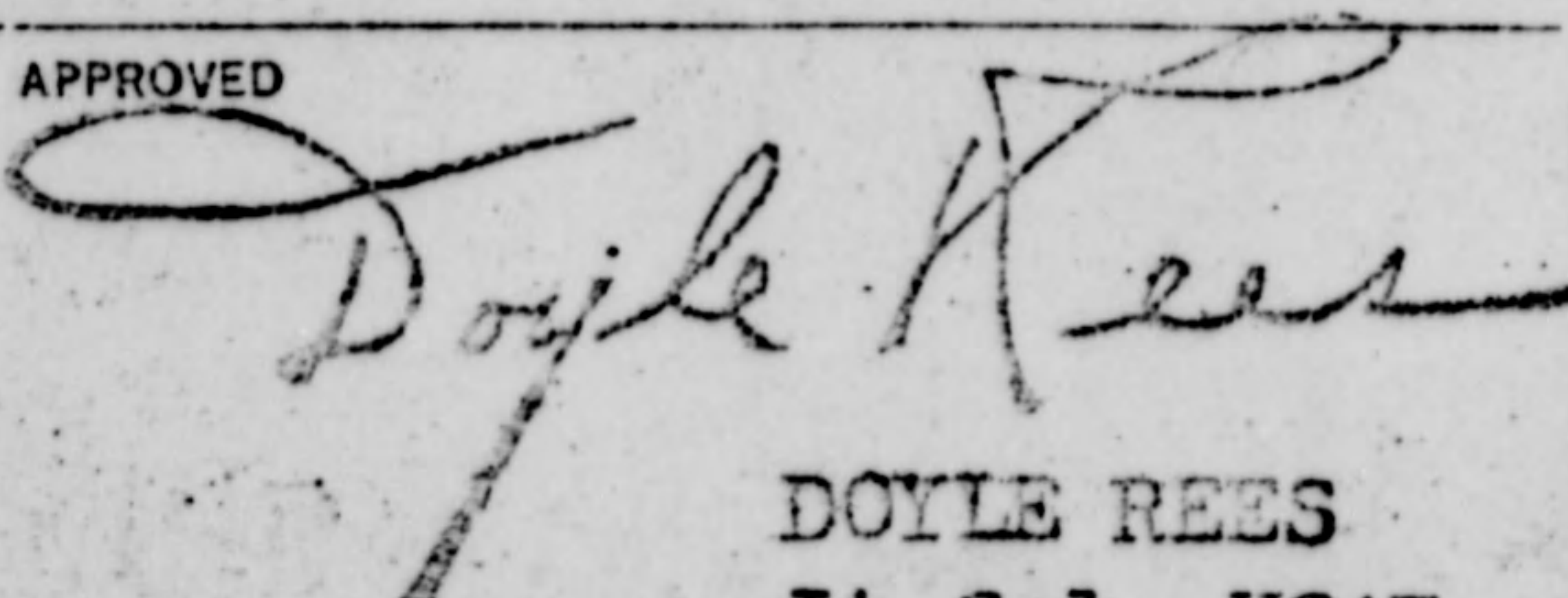
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. (24-8) - 25	DATE 7 March 1950
TITLE UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA Sighted by Cpl LERTIS E. STANFIELD AF-38573711, 3024th Air Police Sq, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, at 1930 hours 24 Feb 1950 and 0200 hours 24 Feb 1950 at Datil, New Mexico		REPORT MADE BY S/A ROBERT R. JOHNS	
		REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		PERIOD 1, 6 March 1950	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft			
REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85; Hq OSI file 24-185			
SYNOPSIS This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Cpl LERTIS E. STANFIELD, AF-38573711, 3024th Air Police Sq, Holloman AFB, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon at 1930 hours 24 Feb 1950 and at 0200 hours 25 February 1950. All pertinent information was obtained from STANFIELD and is reported herein. Photographs of the object which were taken by STANFIELD are herein inclosed, numbered 1 to 5 in the sequence in which taken. PURSUANT TO PAR 11 AFR 205-6 UN-AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS A VIOLATION OF AFR 205-1			
DISTRIBUTION CG AMC ATTN: MCIAXO-3 2 CO AF Cambridge Research Laboratories 1 Hq OSI 2 File 2		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson AF Base Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAXO-3 APPROVED  DOYLE REES Lt Col, USAF District Commander.	
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DETAILS:

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

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. A personal interview has not been conducted with Corporal LERTIS E. STANFIELD, AF-38573711, concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon, as he is on detached service at Datil, New Mexico. However, STANFIELD sent the information contained herein in writing to this office.

- a. Date of sighting: 24 and 25 February 1950
- b. Time of sighting: Object was sighted at 1930 hours on 24 February 1950 and 0200 hours on 25 February 1950. Object remained in view the first time from 1930 to 2200 hours and reappeared at 0200 hours and remained in view approximately 30 minutes.
- c. Where sighted: At Datil, New Mexico.
Coordinates: 107° 45' West, 34° 8' North
Object appeared due south of position of observer.
- 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: Unable to determine.
 - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Approximately 30°.
 - (3) Altitude: Not estimated.
- g. Time in flight: Approx. 1½ hours - From 2000 hours to 2130 hours.
- h. Appearance of object:
 - (1) Color: White, changing to red and green.
 - (2) Shape: Object was perfectly round.
 - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
 - (4) Size: Not estimated.

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- i. Direction of flight: Object appeared to move northwest.
- j. Tactics or maneuvers: None
- k. Evidence of exhaust: No evidence of exhaust appeared to the naked eye. However, photograph No. 1 indicates some sort of trail from the object.
- l. Effect on clouds: No clouds.
- m. Lights: Object itself appeared to be a very brilliant light.
- n. Supports: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability: Movement of object was not erratic, but moved in a straight line.
- q. Air ducts: None visible.
- r. Speed: 1° per 2 minutes on the azimuth.
- s. Sound: None
- t. Manner of disappearance: At 2200 hours object disappeared while still high in the sky. Object then re-appeared at 0200 hours 25 February in almost the same position where it disappeared at 2200 hours 24 February.
- u. Notes relative to observer:
 - (1) Name: Cpl. LERTIS E. STANFIELD, AF-38573711
 - (2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
 - (3) Occupation: Air Police Range Patrol, Holloman AFB.
 - (4) Place of business: Datil, New Mexico.
 - (5) Pertinent hobbies: Hunting and fishing.
 - (6) Ability to determine: Above average.
 - (7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable
 - (8) Former sightings: None
 - (9) Witnesses: No other witness.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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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) - 25

14 March 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA Sighted by Cpl LERTIS E. STANFIELD,
AF-38573711, 3024th Air Police Sq, Holloman AFB, New Mexico,
at 1930 hours 24 Feb 1950 and 0200 hours 25 Feb 1950 at Datil,
New Mexico
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

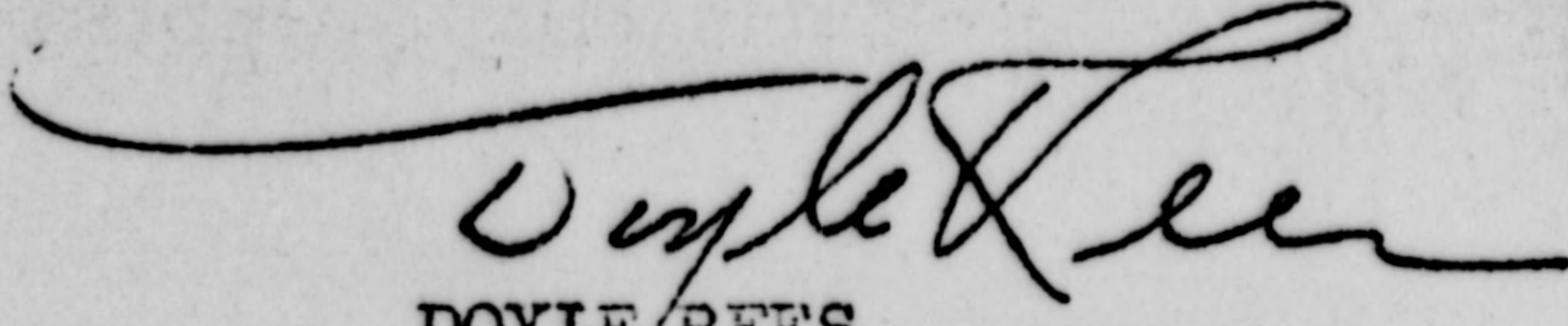
TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXC ~~3~~

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this office relative to observations of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached is one (1) copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Robert R. Johns of this office, dated 7 March 1950, subject as above.

3. Investigation of unidentified aerial objects is continuing and copies of future reports of observations of this nature will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

ANALYSIS DIVISION FILE

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3. Photographs of this object were taken at 1930 hours when it first appeared, by [REDACTED]. At 2000 hours the object appeared much brighter than before and had moved west some distance, and appeared much closer. At 2130 hours the object had ceased moving but continued to blink red and green. At 2200 hours object faded from view. Object again appeared at 0200 hours and began a slight movement to the northwest. Object disappeared behind a mountain at approximately 0230 hours, 25 February. Photographs of the object were taken at various times by [REDACTED] and are numbered in the order in which they were taken, from 1 to 5.

4. The Electronics and Atmospheric Branch, Holloman AFB, and the Weather Detachment, Holloman AFB, could offer no information which would explain what the object was. Photographs of the object are inclosed herein. A comparison photograph was made by the Photo Lab, Holloman AFB, with the same type of camera, lens, and film, of a round object 3-25/32 inches in diameter. The data regarding this comparison photograph is contained on the back of this photograph, which is No. 6.

Inclosures:

FOR CG, AMC, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

Photographs, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI

Same as above.

FOR COMMANDING OFFICER, AF CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH LABORATORIES

Same as above.

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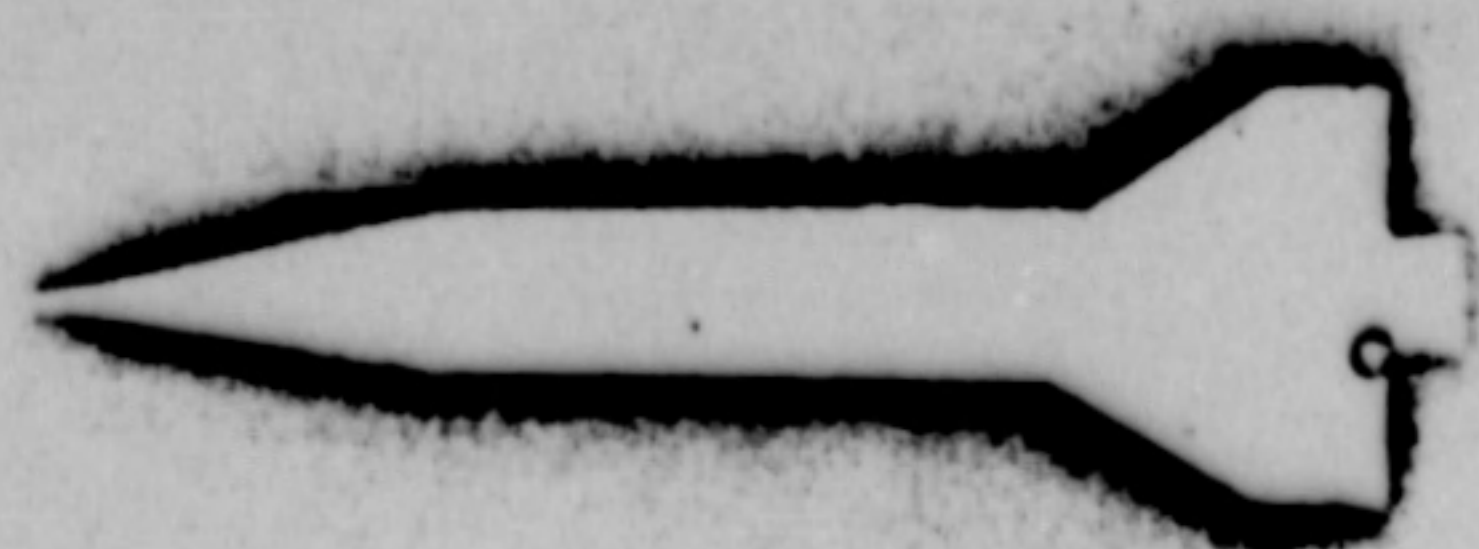
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NEW MEXICO

REPORT OF AERIAL PHENOMENA
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
22 FEBRUARY 1954
SIGNAL NO 10410

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
SUBJECT: [illegible] 1954

DATE: [illegible] 1954

PREPARED BY: [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Signature: *Edward A. Dow*
EDWARD A. DOW
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Due to the large number of observations of unexplained aerial phenomena in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base by reliable individuals, the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base deemed it advisable to establish a continuing system of observation. The intent of such a program was to endeavor to gather sufficient factual data for presentation to Headquarters United States Air Force in order to obtain support in terms of funds, manpower and equipment for investigation of the validity of this phenomena. The following personnel were present at most all conferences held locally at Holloman Air Force Base on this project: Colonel Baynes, Colonel Thomas, Colonel Norton, Major Baynor, Captain McCotter, Captain Reagan and Major Robert Anderson.

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Type Camera 8-15

Focal length 1/2 inch

Angles subtended

Circular diameter 1/2 inch

Length of beam 1/2 inch