

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

24/2009

ATIC NO. - - -

DATE OF INFO 24 Mar 1950

AF NO. - - -

LOCATION Sandia Base, N.M.

REPORT NO. - - -

SOURCE Soldiers

DATE OF REPORT 25 April 1950

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING 1500-1505-1541 MST

COLOR Silver

SHAPE Round

100 mph and
SPEED higher

Estimated

SIZE Softball - Moon

ALTITUDE 7,000'

Measured

COURSE 360°

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3 to 7 min.

NO. IN GROUP 1 - 4

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

DOUBT - - -

MANEUVERS Are upward

PICTURES - - - SKETCHES - - -

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

Balloon

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
Office of the AC of S, G-2
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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25 April 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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

The following report(s) re unidentified aerial phenomena observed
at Sandia Base on date and time indicated, forwarded for
your information:

<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Pfc William B. Gault, Hq & Hq Serv. Co. 8450th MP Group	24 Mar 50	1505
Cpl William Schmidt, Hq & Hq 8450th MP Group	" " " " "	1500
Cpl Davis M. Gear, 8450th MP Group	" " " " "	1505
Pvt Henry D. McMinn, Jr., Hq & Hq Serv. Co. 8450th MP Group	" "	1547

4 Incls
As stated

for Stewart
GEORGE A. A. JONES
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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PFC William B. Gault

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 50 Date of Interview 29 Mar 50
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1505
3. Place of Observation: Over Sandia Base, going North
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details)
In Jeep in front of Officers' Club
5. What attracted attention to object: Was at MP Hqs when a lady called
stating she saw a disc
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb
or fist at arms length):
About size of softball
8. Color of object:
Silver, bright
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Square shaped object
10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon,
90 degrees overhead):
45 degrees from horizon
11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North):
Going north - northeast from observer
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over
which object appeared to be):
Unknown
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Going North
14. Time in sight:
About four or five minutes
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Standing still when first
seen but started travelling around 700 MPH

Incl

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Gault

16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) Approximately seven (7) inches long and five (5) inches in width

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Very bright

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Made a looping motion

21. Manner of disappearance:

Out of sight

22. Effect on clouds:

No clouds

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Fair and clear

Name and address of observer:

Pfc William B Gault, Hq & Hq Ser Co., 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier - None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

None

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

None

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Col William Schmidt

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 50 Date of Interview 29 Mar 50
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1500
3. Place of Observation: Directly above Sandia Mts and in line with Hwy 66
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details)
In front of BOQ 101
5. What attracted attention to object:
Transmission over radio
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb
or fist at arms length):
Relative size of moon
8. Color of object:
Silver
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round
10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon,
90 degrees overhead):
45° angle over the horizon
11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North):
Directly East
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over
which object appeared to be):
Six to eight miles
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
South
14. Time in sight:
Three or four minutes
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Incl 100 miles per hour

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

None

21. Manner of disappearance:

Unknown

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear

Name and address of observer:

Cpl William Schmidt, Hqs & Hqs Service Co, 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:

Military Policeman - none

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Reliable MP. "Q" Cleared

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No Glasses

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Cpl. Davis M. Near

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 50 Date of Interview 29 Mar 50
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1505
3. Place of Observation: Over Sandia Mountains
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details)
In Jeep in front of Officers' Club
5. What attracted attention to object:
Another patrol pointed it out to him
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb
or fist at arms length):
About size of soft ball
8. Color of object:
Silver, bright
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Could not determine shape - only glanced at bright object
10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon,
90 degrees overhead):
45 degrees from horizon
11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North):
Did not notice
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over
which object appeared to be):
Unknown
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Going Northeast
14. Time in sight:
Four or five minutes
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Incl

Unknown

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16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

Silver, length and width unknown

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Very bright

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Northeast motion

21. Manner of disappearance:

Did not watch object go out of sight

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Fair and clear

Name and address of observer:

Cpl Davis M Gear, Hq & Hq Ser Co., 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier - None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

None

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

None

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pt. Henry Dr. McMiner

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 50 Date of Interview 30 Mar 50
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1547, approximately
3. Place of Observation: Over Sandia Base
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details)
Riding in open top jeep, Main and "D" Streets
5. What attracted attention to object:
Just looking and saw it - thought it was paper at first
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
Four
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Approximately eighteen (18) inches long. Looked round
8. Color of object:
Silvery
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Couldn't tell if it had sides, was in a spinning or turning motion
10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
7,000 feet. 45° angle
11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North):
East
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Four to five miles, approximately over mountains
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
North
14. Time in sight:
Approximately five to seven minutes
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Approximately 150 MPH at first, then approximately 700 MPH
Incl at time went out of sight

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16. Sound and odor:

No sound

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Aluminum color and was brighter as sun reflected on it.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level, then straight up

21. Manner of disappearance:

Could see them until out of sight. Left faster than any jet

22. Effect on clouds:

None, clear day

23. Additional information concerning object:

Seemed to increase in speed

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear day, no wind, bright sunlight, good visibility

Name and address of observer:

Pvt Henry D McMinn, Jr Hqs & Hqs, 8450th MP Group

Occupation and hobbies:

Military Policeman - None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

NONE

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

NONE