

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Feb 52	2. LOCATION ROSWELL, NM MEXICO	12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 17/0845 MST	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Telescope Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF Pilot & Bomb.	☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical - Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	☐ Other ☐ Identification Data for Projected ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish blue fireball, estimated to be approx 1.5 three feet in diameter with a long tail, observed from an a/c at 15,000' for a period of 2 seconds.		11. COMMENTS Observer did not state the direction the object was traveling but it is believed that object was on a downward course.

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MARCH 1951 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA SIGHTED BY PERSONNEL FLYING IN B-29 AIRCRAFT

9698 ON 17 FEBRUARY 1952 PD AT APPROXIMATELY 0845Z AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING

AT A SPEED OF 192 TAS AT 12000 FT AT 3315N 10410W IN A SOUTHEASTERLY

DIRECTION AND A TRUE HEADING OF ABOUT 120 DEGREES PD AT THIS TIME CMA

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DIRECTION AN A TRUE HEADING OF ABOUT 120 DEGREES PD AT THIS TIME CMA
THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER CMA THE INSTRUCTOR PILOT AND THE GUNNERS ALL
VISUALLY SIGHTED A BALL OF GREENISH BLUE FIRE LIGHT APPROXIMATELY 3 FT
IN DIAMETER CMA APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE AHEAD OF AIRCRAFT AND AT ABOUT
15000 FT ALTITUDE PD OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING IN A SOUTHEASTER

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DIRECTION ON A STRAIGHT LINE TRAJECTORY CMA AND WAS ONLY IN SIGHT FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 SECONDS PRIOR TO DISAPPEARING PD OBSERVERS STATEE THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A METEOR AND THAT OBJECT DID NOT HAVE STREAMERS OF SPARKS COMMONLY ASSOICATEE WITH METEORS PD INSTRUCTOR PILOT CMA A SQUADRON COMMANDER CMA AND OTHER OBSERVERS ARE ALSO EXPERIENCED AIR CREW MEMBERS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE PD ALL OBSERVERS WERE IN NOSE SECTION OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT WAS ON LET-DOWN TO WALKER RANGE STATION AT COMPLETION OF ELEVEN HOURS AND 15 MINUTES OF FLYING TIME PD WEATHER SEQUENCES AT WALKER AFB AT 0830Z WERE CLEAR CMA 15 MILES VISIBILITY CMA SEA LEAPEL PRESSURE 1010.8 MILLIBARS IMA TEMP 34 DEGREES F CMA DEW PD 23 DEGREES CMA WINDS CALM CMA ALT SETTING 29.92 QWITH NO CHANGES FOR THE HOUR PD END

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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19 Feb 52

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CGSAC,
THEIR CABLE FLICON 121, DATED 17 FEB 52,
WHICH IN TURN RELAYED MESSAGE RECEIVED
FROM COARIRDIV 47, WALKER AFB NEW MEXICO,
LATTER'S NO. 6DOI 385. MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS FOR
YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION:

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1. ZIPPO. 2. B-3 3. 6 BW
 4. CAPT CALVIN W. PARKER AO-793827 AND
LT COL WILLIAM E RIGGS 3499A,
 5. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND OBSERVER, 6. 9698
 7. 0845Z 17 FEB 52, 8. 3315N-10410W, → 25 miles SE
R03-111 NME.
 9. 12,000FEET,
 10. APPROX 1 MILE AHEAD AT AIRCRAFT, 11. 15,000FEET,
 12. UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA AT 0845Z 17
- FEB THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT 3315-N-1041W AT 12,000FEET.
AT THIS TIME THE PILOT SEIGHTED A BALL OF
GREEN BLUE FIRE LIGHT APPROX 3 FEET IN DIAMETER,
WITH A TAIL OF 15 TO 20 FEET. STARTING
AT APPROX 15,000FEET ALTITUDE THE BALL PASSED
ABOUT 1 MILE AHEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE
BALL STAYED IN SIGHT ABOOUT 2 SECONDS.

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LOCATION SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: 3315-N-19410W ——— 7 0717 3000 42

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 4

DATE: 17 Feb 52

TIME (Local): 0145

LOCATION: Roswell, N. Mex.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Above

HEADING: 135°

SOURCE: B-29 crew members

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Green fireball phenomena. No conclusions..

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Greenish-blue ball of fire was observed by a B-29 crew.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE		FILE NO. 24-60	DATE 29 FEB 1952
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		REPORT MADE BY PELHAM R BURNETT, S/A	SV
TITLE AERIAL OBJECT (Unidentified) Norfolk, Virginia 18 February 1952		REPORT MADE AT DO #21, Langley AFB	
		PERIOD 27 February 1951	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
		STATUS REFERRED UPON COMPLETION	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE NONE - This is an initial report			
SYNOPSIS Investigation requested telephonically by Special Agent JAMES T BOYCE, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Unidentified aerial object was reported to have exploded near Norfolk and subsequent investigation under jurisdiction of United States Coast Guard resulted in determination that the aerial object was a meteorite which exploded when entering the earth's atmosphere.			
18 FEB 52 VA ASTRO METEOR 1-3712-43 DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS: DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE AND WILL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF SECURITY AND AFB 205-4			
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		APPROVED Pelham R. Burnett for: DWIGHT J SCOVEL Lt Colonel, USAF DISTRICT COMMANDER	UNCLASSIFIED

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the telephonic request of Special Agent JAMES T BOYCE, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. This district was requested to investigate reports that a "ball of fire" was sighted near Norfolk, Virginia by Mr [REDACTED] of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

2. On 27 February 1951 inquiry at the Offices of the United States Weather Bureau, revealed that the only person known as [REDACTED] was [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Weather Bureau's Greensboro, North Carolina Office. Weather Bureau personnel advised that the sighting of an unidentified aerial object had been investigated by the U. S. Coast Guard at Norfolk on 18 February 1952.

3. On 27 February 1951, contact with Lt EARL REINHARDT of the U. S. Coast Guard, revealed that their office had acted as the coordinating agency for an air search and investigation following receipt of a report that a "jet plane" had exploded in flight over Whaleyville, Virginia at about 1145 hours 18 February 1952. Review of the Coast Guard log book revealed the following sequence of events:

"18 February 1952

1155 hours - Received call from Langley AFB that a Mr. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) at Whaleyville, Va. reported he saw a jet aircraft explode over Whaleyville at 1145 hours. Immediately vectored all available Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard aircraft to the scene and started search of Dismal Swamp area. A Mrs [REDACTED] called from Holland, Va. and reported seeing a white flash above her at 1145 and saw pieces falling to the ground. Preliminary reports from Air Search negative. Helicopter landed and interviews with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] revealed no further information.

1500 hours - Norfolk CAA reports that pilot of Eastern Air Lines Flight 602 reported that he was climbing on a south heading just south of Lake Drummond on the Virginia State line and noticed a bright flash pass ahead and above his plane. Initial sighting was 80° above horizon and flash continued until it disappeared at a point off his left wing at about 20° above the horizon. A trail of black smoke was left in the wake of the flash. Pilot stated the sighting was "some kind of comet".

1501 hours - Norfolk and Richmond Seismographs reported a disturbance south of Norfolk between 1130 and 1200 hours.

1503 - Mr [REDACTED] Y at Norfolk Weather Bureau reports a deviation on his Seismograph at about 1100 hours and a pressure surge on the barograph at 1145 hours.

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1531 - Associated Press reported that the Weather Bureau at Greensboro reported sighting a meteorite which exploded approximately 100 miles North-North East of Greensboro at an altitude between 40,000' and 30,000'.

1552 - Captain HURST, District Intelligence Office, 5th Naval District, passed evaluation of incident as a meteorite sighting.

1600 - Air search terminated with negative report regarding sightings on ground."

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This Clipping From
RICHMOND, VA.
NEWS-LEADER

APR 18 1952

FLYING SAUCER THEORY EXPLODED:

MYSTERY OF BALL OF FIRE SOLVED

By JAMES ELLIOTT

Remember that blazing ball of fire that streaked across the skies of Virginia and North Carolina in February?

At the time, the phenomenon stirred many an imagination into thoughts of flying saucers. And recent disclosures by the Air Force that there might be something, after all, to those saucer sorties, raised a few more eyebrows.

Despite those anxieties and revelations, however, you can rest assured that the gyrating, detonating fireball of February 18 was not mysterious.

In a report made to The News

Leader today, the American Meteor Society disclosed that the aerial flash definitely was a meteor.

And by taking astronomical data, and adding a few mathematical calculations, the society can tell you just about anything you would like to know about the meteor.

BASED ON 100 ACCOUNTS

The data is based on more than 100 accounts by persons in both States who saw the brilliant flash.

It first came into sight when it was 73 miles in the air, the report noted. From that point, two miles south of Buffalo City, N. C.,

it rocketed through the sky at an estimated 26½ miles a second for 106 miles before burning out over Virginia, about 12 miles above a point six miles east and one mile north of Fox Hill, Elizabeth City County, over lower Chesapeake Bay.

Its remains, if any, apparently fell into the bay, the report said, and no fragments have been discovered.

The meteor left a train of smoke cloud, said the report, that lasted fully 15 minutes before dissipating.

"Had the fireball appeared at night," the report continued, "it would truly have been terrifying from its brilliancy." The fireball flashed into sight at 11:31 A. M., and was visible to residents of the States despite the clear bright

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO. 24-40

SUBJECT: MEXICAN Sighting

TO: District Commander
5th Air Force OSI (10)
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

1. In accordance with your request of 27 February 1952, forwarded herewith are newspaper clippings taken from Dayton, Ohio, North Carolina newspapers concerning the sighting of persons.

2. Also attached are reports of interviews in the City of Charlotte, N. C. in regard to these newspaper clippings.

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J. C. [Signature]
JCSA, [Signature]
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1. Clipping (The Charlotte N. C.
News, 6th 18 Feb 52)
2. Clipping (The Charlotte N. C.
News, 6th 19 Feb 52)
3. Clipping (The Charlotte Observer,
6th 19 Feb 52)
4. Rpt of Interviews

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED SHOOTING

DATE OF INVESTIGATION: 27 February 1952

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Interviews in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina revealed numerous persons who had witnessed a small meteorite on 18 February 1952 at 1130 hours. All persons interviewed stated substantially the same in that they described the meteorite as being a ball of fire about the size of a tennis ball, orange to red in color and trailed by a white bluish trail of smoke. They all stated the course of the meteorite was North West and that it was falling very fast from heights estimated as from being 10,000 to 50,000 feet. They revealed that the meteorite was only in sight three seconds at the most as it was travelling at a very great speed.

MR. JAMES M. BOWD, United States Weather Bureau, Charlotte, North Carolina, revealed the weather at 1130 hours on 18 February as follows:

Temperature:	50 degrees
Dew Point:	23 degrees
Relative Humidity:	54 per cent
Visibility:	15 miles plus
Wind:	West-Northwest at 3 miles per hour

MR. BOWD further revealed that the day had been bright and sunny with light clouds in the air.

MAJOR H. MCKEE, USAF, Airbase, North Carolina Wing, Civil Air Patrol, Charlotte, North Carolina, informed that he had received numerous reports of the meteorite sighting at 1130 hours on 18 February 1952. MCKEE stated that some of the reports were given as a plane crash and that the Civil Air Patrol and the North Carolina State Police had investigated these reports with negative results. MR. MCKEE further revealed that his office had received reports from the following locations: Mount's Cemetery and Van Vol, South Carolina; Charlotte, Raleigh, Hickory, Greensboro, Winston Salem and Sparta, North Carolina. MR. MCKEE informed that their investigation was discontinued when it was determined by their investigation, searches and interviews that there had been no plane crash, but it had been a meteorite that had been sighted.

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Greensboro Man Reports Meteor

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 18. — Explosion of a bright meteorite, north-north-east of Greensboro, Rich Point airport was reported today by L. J. Molen, meteorologist at the United States Weather Bureau here.

L. J. Molen said he had heard an unconfirmed report that the explosion was a jet plane exploding at high altitude but he discounted the theory.

Molen said the explosion occurred at 11:33 A. M. He estimated the height of the falling body at 40,000 to 50,000 feet and the distance away from the airport at 100 miles or more.

Several persons employed in the Weather Bureau saw the phenomenon just after an airline pilot likewise reported seeing it from the cockpit of his plane.

It Was A Heavenly Day Featured By Explosion

GREENSBORO, N. C. — The bluish flash of light streak across the sky, Mayo Hanner and Lee Gabriel said it looked like a red hot dove when it exploded near Wilmington and Salisbury.

A P. Miller of the U. S. Weather Bureau here said that a meteorite had exploded 100 miles in the air, north-northwest of Greensboro at a height of 20,000 to 30,000 feet. A history of about 100 miles continued to have two main explosions.

A meteorite also streaked into the sky in Virginia, where it was seen at Hopewell and Pamplin.

A heavy booming explosion shook the Norfolk Portsmouth area of Virginia before dawn. Authorities investigating it report that it went into Greensboro but found no evidence of there two main explosions.

The Charlotte Observer

A Friend To Everybody Is A Friend To Nobody

1935

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 19, 1935

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Big Meteorite Is Witnessed In Charlotte

Thousands of Charlotteans at 11:33 a. m. yesterday witnessed the explosion of a huge, flaming meteorite which streaked across the Southern sky setting off a wild chain of rumors involving crashing airplanes, flying monsters and secret weapons.

A. P. Moler of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Greensboro said the meteorite exploded 40 miles north-west of Greensboro at a height of approximately 21,000 feet. In Richmond, Va., a housewife reported seeing the object which appeared to be a ball of fire as big as a basketball trailing a long tail of flames, and in North Carolina's Swain County in the northwestern part of the state, a farmer said: "When I was coming over my house and landed in front of me of the fall."

A Charlotte newspaperman who asked the fire department which it said resembled a football, said it hit the ground and exploded high into the air. A local airline pilot saw it and declared that it went too far to be an airplane.

RUMORS RISE

The Weather Bureau at the Municipal Airport was deluged with calls from persons who had witnessed the phenomenon. Some reported the crashing of a jet plane. Similar reports were received throughout the state to put the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the State Highway Patrol and other agencies on the run in determining the accuracy of reports.

Estimates of the flaming object's size ranged from that of a tennis ball to that of a five-room house. There was speculation of a "secret weapon" or a guided missile following a heavy, rumbling explosion in the Norfolk-Hampton area.

It was generally agreed by meteorologists, however, that the object seen at all points in Charlotte, Western North Carolina, on coastal areas and Virginia was a meteorite. It is rare that meteorites are seen in daylight and even rarer that they fail to burn out before striking the earth. It had not been established last night whether the Norfolk explosion was related to the meteorite's fall.

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HAMILTON AFB, CASTLE AFB AND MOFFETT NAS WERE MADE WITH NEGATIVE
POSSIBILITIES OF ANY OF THEIR ACFT OR BALLOONS BEING IN THE
STOCKTON-LODI AREA BETWEEN 2300 HRS AND 2400 HRS 20 FEB52.
STATEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING BY CREW OF 2D ACFT FR
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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 20 Feb 52

TIME (Local): 2330

LOCATION: Stockton, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: 9,000' (Est)

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilots

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions. No investigation due to time lapse since report.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Two aircraft pilots observed object described as "locomotive headlight" at same altitude as a/c. Object accelerated and climbed after crossing path of a/c. Possibility of other aircraft in area was negative. No radar returns. ~~(b)(7)(C)~~

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM: Wing Intelligence Officer 3535th Bmb. Tng. Wing, Mather Air Force Base, California	REPORT NO. OW 7-2-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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Description:

Pilots sighted an unidentified object flying at approximately the same altitude as their aircraft. No specific shape could be determined. The only noticeable feature was a bright light much like the headlight of a locomotive except the object projected no beam but seemed to glow within itself. No aerodynamic features were noted and the object left no visible trail or exhaust. The method of propulsion could not be determined by either pilot. No sound was heard from the object.

Path of Flight:

The object approached the observers' aircraft from a northerly direction on an apparent collision course. The object was at the same altitude as the observers' aircraft and from a distance of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) miles the object appeared to be fifteen (15) inches in diameter. It did not appear to have any set course as it variably approached and receded from the observing aircraft. During these moments the object appeared to grow dimmer as it receded and brighter as it approached the aircraft. After crossing in front of the observing aircraft at a distance of approximately seven (7) miles at an approximate speed of one hundred eighty (180) miles per hour, it suddenly turned to an easterly heading, accelerated rapidly to an estimated eight hundred (800) miles per hour and disappeared, climbing at an angle of thirty (30) degrees. One of the observers, formerly a navigator and familiar with celestial bodies, definitely stated that the object was not a star, planet or meteor. Source further stated that the stars were clearly visible at all times and the object could be seen to cross the sky between the observers and the stars.

Weather Conditions:

Weather in the area at the time of observation: Temperature twelve (12) degrees centigrade; Visibility unlimited; broken stratus at eight thousand (8,000) feet; Winds aloft report - eight thousand (8000) feet two hundred sixty (260) degrees at eight (8) knots, ten thousand (10,000) feet two hundred eighty (280) degrees at fifteen (15) knots, twelve thousand (12,000) feet two hundred eighty (280) degrees at twenty five (25) knots. No known meteorological or other conditions or activities during observing time which would cause any disturbance in that area were found. A hailstorm earlier in the evening left a very clear sky.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

No other physical evidence is available (fragments or photographs) to confirm sighted object. Both observers are rated pilots with a good amount of flying experience. The evaluation of this report is twofold as another aircraft also reported the sighting of this object. Upon direction of the Commanding Officer, Mather Air Force Base, the preparing officer proceeded to Hamilton Air Force Base, California, to interview jet pilots on the feasibility that the aforementioned object could be the result of a jet afterburner. The results of this interview were negative. A check with the Aircraft Control and Warning system of Mather Air Force Base on a possible tracking was also negative.

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. GWT-2-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 428595
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft Sighting		
AREA REPORTED ON Stockton, California, U.S.A.	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office 3535th Emb. Tng. Wing, Mather AFB, California	
DATE OF REPORT 29 February 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 February 1952	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) FRED E. WARNER, Captain, USAF	SOURCE (See Summary)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Interrogation of Captain CATTON, Pilot, and Major RIORDAN, Co-pilot of B-25 #8807 on 20 February 1952. On this date while flying at an altitude of nine thousand (9,000) feet with an air speed of one hundred sixty (160) miles per hour, the aforementioned officers sighted an unconventional aircraft, approximately five (5) miles west of Stockton California (37-54' 30"N - 121-21' 30"W). Time of sighting was 2330 hours Pacific Standard Time.

APPROVED:

Fred E. Warner
FRED E. WARNER
Captain USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	Wing Intelligence Officer Mather Air Force Base, California	REPORT NO.	GTL 3-52	PAGE	2	OF	2	PAGES
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Pilots sighted an unidentified object which at first was believed to be a plane with one (1) landing light on or with a bright light in the nose. Object first appeared to be between Stockton and Sacramento, California. As the object approached the aircraft it appeared to become larger, brighter and more yellow in color. As the object passed in front of the observing aircraft the pilot stated that it was definitely not another aircraft.

Path of Flight:

Object first came into view on an apparent collision course from a northerly direction. At this time observing aircraft was at an altitude of nine thousand (9,000) feet over Mt. DIABLO, California. Object continued on an apparent collision course for approximately eight (8) minutes during which time it climbed from nine thousand (9,000) feet to approximately eleven thousand (11,000) feet where it seemed to pick up speed, veer in an easterly direction and was lost from sight as observing aircraft made a turn towards Sacramento California. Object was not sighted again as observing aircraft left the area for a simulated bomb run on Mather Air Force Base.

Weather Conditions:

Weather in the area at the time of observation: Temperature twelve (12) degrees centigrade, visibility unlimited; broken stratus at eight thousand (8,000) feet. Winds aloft report: eight thousand (8,000) feet, eight (8) knots at two hundred sixty (260) degrees; ten thousand (10,000) feet, fifteen (15) knots at two hundred eighty (280) degrees and twelve thousand feet, twenty five (25) knots at two hundred eighty (280) degrees. No known meteorological or other conditions prevalent during time of observation existed. A hailstorm earlier in the evening left very clear skies.

Comments:

No physical evidence is available (fragments or photographs) to confirm sighting. Both observers are rated pilots with a good amount of flying experience. The evaluation of this report is twofold as another aircraft also reported the sighting of this object.

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COUNTRY <u>United States</u>	REPORT NO. <u>CEL 3-52</u>	CLASSIFIED (LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT <u>Unconventional Aircraft Sighting</u>		
AREA REPORTED ON <u>Stockton California</u>	FROM (Agency) <u>Wing Intelligence Officer</u>	<u>Mather Air Force Base, California</u>
DATE OF REPORT <u>29 February 1952</u>	DATE OF INFORMATION <u>20 February 1952</u>	EVALUATION <u>1-2</u>
PREPARED BY (Officer) <u>FRED E. WARNER, Capt., USAF</u>	<u>Wing Intelligence Officer</u>	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) <u>(See Summary)</u>		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Interrogation of Captain MONTGOMERY, Richard J. AO 696789, United States Air Force and Captain WATKINS, John nai, AO 780451. Captain's WATKINS and MONTGOMERY were pilot and co-pilot of B-25 aircraft number 3820. Subject officers sighted an unconventional type aircraft after completing a practice radar bomb run off of Pittsburg, California. Aircraft was at eight thousand feet (8,000) on a heading of eighty two (82) degrees preparing to make a turn to a heading of seventy two (72) degrees toward Stockton when sighting was made.

20 FEB 52

MT DIABLO

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Time 11:30 P.M. local time
Date of obs - Feb. 20, 1952.

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Possibly balloon?

- wind considered
- slight rises
- seems to hang in front of
plane as in collision course

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