

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>15 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Santa Cruz, Calif.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1940 PST</u> GMT <u>0300 16/03/02</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>male civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>6-8 seconds</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Circular. Straight and level maneuvers.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Objects were same as 2" at 50'. Source appears to be very reliable.</u>	

B/L fr 3904th Comp Wg to CG, SAC Subject: Report of Flying Object
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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha,
Nebraska

8 MAY 1952

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-
Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. ATTN: AFOIN-ATIAA

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



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MAJOR, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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SUBJECT: Report of Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska
ATTN: Directorate of Intelligence

1. The attached letter was recently submitted by M/Sgt ~~REDACTED~~, a member of the Training Squadron of this Wing to the Directorate of Intelligence, 3904th Composite Wing.

2. M/Sgt ~~REDACTED~~ enjoys a reputation of considerable repute within this organization. He describes his brother, the writer of the attached letter, as a man of outstanding maturity and intelligence. His brother's present status is retired, after many years employment as a fire department employee.

3. The letter and attached drawing are submitted for possible forwarding to Air Force Headquarters or for any other disposition decided upon by your headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Drawing & Ltr

Donald D. Trimble
DONALD D. TRIMBLE
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

April 18th, 1952.

Dear [REDACTED]

Get set for a rather odd deal and you can do as you see fit with what I'm about tell you and so help me, it's the McCoy.

One of our shooters recently left the club temporarily and insisted that I keep his Argus 20x spotting scope for him until next season, so I gladly took it over not having one of my own. Last Tuesday evening we were favored with an exceptionally clear atmosphere and as the first stars began to appear my pseudo - scientific urge came to the fore and I mounted the afore said scope on a tripod, and while waiting for complete darkness to set in I amused myself by tracking two formations of Navy Grummans (F 6'S ?) from Monterey. They maneuvered over Santa Cruz for possibly 30 minutes and then returned to their base.

There was still a faint light in the west and I began to work on a group of stars just a little high and to the right of Taurus. I started to move the tripod to another position when I caught two very faint ovoid objects approaching from the southwest at a ~~very~~ terrific rate of speed. They crossed the entire horizon in about six or eight seconds and were gone from view. At first I thought they were jets, altho there weren't any wing lights visible, and waited for the roar. No roar. No nuthin'. Complete silence broken only by the tintinnabulations of my alcoholic heart as it tried to slip out under my seventh rib.

I've made several checks on light conditions, star positions, relative distances and stuff every evening since then, and these gizmos would approximate a two inch diameter at fifty feet, or slightly smaller. Color, greenish grey, phosphorescent and barely discernible. Speed, at fifteen hundred to 3000 ft altitude, 600 to ? M.P.H.

But, if they had been in our immediate atmosphere surely they would have created a shock or sound wave, and if they were way out beyond they must have been of tremendous size and their speed would have been well up in the thousands of M.P.H.'s.

Now, I ain't much of a drinking man anymore, account of it interferes with my shooting too much. I can buy 100 160gr. Normas for the price of a fifth of very poor grade stuff, and waking up in the morning without a hangover is well worth it, so you can see that this is strictly sober stuff.

I haven't said anything here as I don't want to be trundled off to Agnew in a canvas wrap-a-round. Besides the wise cracks that I'd have to listen to. I told Louise and the school teacher who lives in the front apartment and swore them to secrecy, but this morning I heard over the radio that

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the Aich Foece had sighted several of these critters near
Las Vegas yesterday. I saw mine Tuesday evening, April 15,
at about 7:40 P.M.

I'm sending you a rough drawing of my impression
of these snivvies, and you can make a little experiment if
you wish. This represents a view of my garage roof as one
looks due west. Now take this picture in your right hand
and hold it as far to the left as you can reach, keep your
eyes on those two light spots, now swing the picture as far
as you can to the right during a count of "six". That's all
there is to it, that's the way I seen it. Ay Caray!

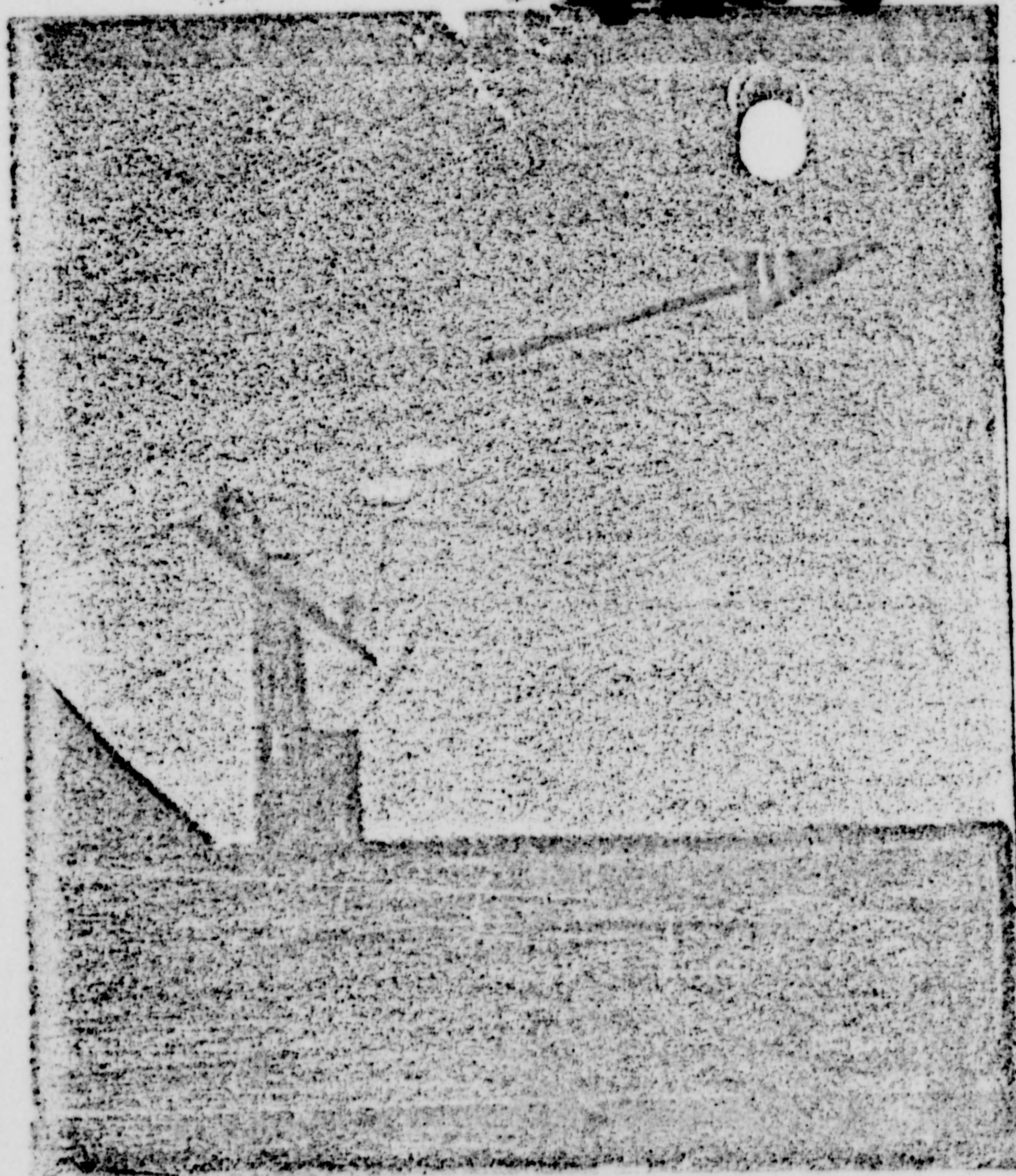
about six inches
above head height

If you think your outfit would be interested in
what I've written you're welcome to give it to them. If not,
it is yours for whatever you choose to do with it. As for
me, there's a Mormon church a couple of blocks away and
I'm about to re - up and cast aside coffee, tea and them
nasty cigareets,

Hoping you are the same

your neurotic bro.

The Flying Whoazit



EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 15 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 1940

LOCATION: Santa Cruz, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 6 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: 600.mph up

ALTITUDE: 1500-3,000'

HEADING: NE

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Two very faint objects crossed horizon in six seconds. (Unclas.)