

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
30 June 1952	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	☐ No. 1
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	☐ No. 2
Local 2100	☒ Ground Visual	☐ No. 3
GMT	☐ Air Visual	☐ No. 4
5. PHOTOS	6. SOURCE	☐ No. 5
☐ Yes	CIVILIAN COUPLE	☐ No. 6
☒ No	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	☐ No. 7
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	9. COLOR	☐ No. 8
30 seconds	one	☐ No. 9
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	11. COMMENTS	☒ No. 10
Downward path, blinked out, then upward, high speed. Almost as large as full moon.		

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-8-32	DATE 10 July 1952
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) Unidentified Object over 35th Avenue Phoenix Arizona 30 June 1952		REPORT MADE BY S/A FAYNE S. MC ELROY	blh
		REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	
		PERIOD 30 June 1952, 1 July 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	
		STATUS CLOSED	

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

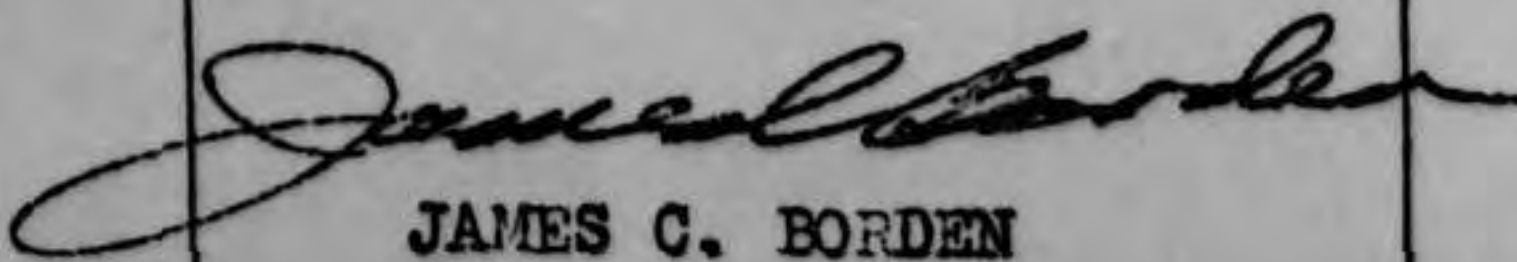
REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander predicated upon sighting of unusual bright object over Phoenix, Arizona by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated object traveled faster than any known aircraft, was about size of full moon, emitted a strange white light, made no sound and was in their sight approximately thirty (30) seconds. No other reports received confirming observation by [REDACTED]. Case closed.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander predicated upon information furnished this District by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], who reported sighting an aerial phenomenon on 30 June 1952.

AT WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

2. On 1 July 1952, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] reported to the writer that they were driving on 35th Avenue (Lateral #15) outside Phoenix, Arizona, at about 2100 hours, 30 June 1952, when they suddenly became aware of a light of unusual brilliance about 45° above the horizon and in an easterly direction from their position. Mr. [REDACTED] immediately stopped the car and they both got out to observe the light. Both described it as generally round in shape, apparently very far away and emitting a strange white light of unusual brilliance. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has done a great deal of welding and compared the light to that made by a welding torch. After getting out of the car they observed the light for a period of five (5) to eight (8) seconds. As they watched, the object traveled downward, arching slightly to the right, traveling very fast, and leaving no trail. It suddenly blinked out, then reappeared near the horizon, then traveled upward at an extremely high rate of speed. After two (2) or three (3) seconds, it suddenly flashed out again, then appeared about 45° above the horizon. Both Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] agreed that the object appeared to be at least several miles away and traveled much faster than any known aircraft. Mr. [REDACTED] stated it appeared to be as large as a full moon. His wife described it as being larger than any star, but some smaller than a full moon. Both stated they were startled and were not sure of the total length of time they observed the object, but believe they could actually see it for about thirty (30) seconds. Mr. [REDACTED] is the owner and manager of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Phoenix, Arizona, and he and Mrs. [REDACTED] are apparently of average intelligence. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] also stated that the object they sighted made no audible sound.

3. No other reports conciding with this sighting have been received by this District and this case is considered closed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

22 July 1952

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified Object over 35th Avenue
Phoenix Arizona
30 June 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent FAYNE S. McELROY, 17th OSI District, dated 10 July 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 17th OSI District, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, based upon information that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] had sighted an unusual object over Phoenix, Arizona.

3. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] stated the object traveled faster than any known aircraft, was about the size of a full moon, emitted a strange white light, made no sound and was in their sight approximately thirty seconds.

4. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in this matter.

5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits dissemination of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #17, dtd 10 Jul 52

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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