

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

WITNESS NAME RECORD CARD

1 JUL 52

VAN NUYS, CALIF.

REPORTING OFFICE

TYPE OF OBSERVATION

01/1955 EDT

☒ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground-Radar

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☐ Air-Visual

☐ Air-Intercept Radar

PHOTO

A. SOURCE

CV

Civilian family

X

NUMBER OF WITNESSES

10 min.

one

☐ Was Ballon
☒ Possibly Ballon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☒ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

II. COMMENTS

Veteran's Administration employee and family observed object in Los Angeles area. Object was stationary for 10 min. rotating slowly. Object stood on edge, then moved rapidly upward in a vertical path and disappeared.

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AREA REPORTED ON MT. WILSON AREA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		FROM (Agency) AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, EDWARDS AFB, CAL.	
DATE OF REPORT 2 JULY 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 JULY 1952	EVALUATION F-0	
PREPARED BY (Officer) CAPT. JOHN R. FIEN, AIR INTELL OFFICER		SOURCE [REDACTED] (CIV)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, DATED 29 APRIL 1952			

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 118—Part II.)

1. Mr. [REDACTED], civilian employed as a Registration Officer by the Veterans' Administration and presently on a short leave of absence, reported to this officer that he, his wife and his four children (aged 11 to 15 years) had all observed a "Flying Saucer" for a period of approximately ten (10) minutes beginning at approximately 1945 Pacific Daylight Saving Time on 1 July 1952.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the object was stationary for a period of about ten minutes after which it rotated slowly until it stood "on edge" and then moved rapidly upward in a vertical path and disappeared.

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APPROVED:

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1. Mr. [REDACTED], civilian employed as a Registration officer by the Veterans Administration and presently on ordinary leave of absence, was at the intersection of the Angeles Crest Highway and the Mount Wilson Road (see Incl. 1) with his wife and four children (aged 11 to 15 years) at approximately 1940 hours on 1 July 1952.

2. At this time the [REDACTED] family noted an aircraft, identified by Mr. [REDACTED] as a B-36 flying at an estimated 50,000 feet. The entire family observed the airplane both with the naked eye and using binoculars.

3. At approximately 1945 Pacific Daylight Saving Time the [REDACTED] noted a bright object, apparently an evening star, at a point described by the source as being "8 o'clock from the moon and a distance of five diameters of the moon from it. The moon at this time was at a point which appeared to be approximately due South from the position and, angularly, about 45 degrees above the Southern horizon.

4. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the object was first believed to be a star but that when they attempted to view the object through the binoculars a definitely "disc" shaped outline was visible. All members of the family looked at the object through the binoculars and agreed on its appearance. [REDACTED] also stated that the object, during the time of this observation, was completely stationary as indicated by the fact that no motion was visible despite the fact that he aligned his line of sight to the object along the hood of his automobile.

5. After viewing the object for approximately ten (10) minutes, the family prepared to depart but their attention was again directed to the object when one of the children saw the object move. [REDACTED] stated that the object rotated slowly until it was "on edge" and then moved vertically upward rapidly and disappeared. [REDACTED] stated there were no visible vapor trails or indication of method of propulsion and that no sound was heard. He described the object as a convex disc, judging the cross-section to be convex by the way light was reflected as the disc turned to the vertical position. He stated that the object gave him the impression that there was no source of light on it; that it merely reflected the sun's rays.

6. [REDACTED] appeared familiar with aircraft and stated that he was a former "barnstormer". He also voluntarily stated that he was familiar with meteorological balloons and was sure that the object was neither "skyhook" or a star.

7. Acting on the assumption that the B-36 he had seen earlier was at an altitude of 50,000 feet and that the object was at an equal altitude, [REDACTED] estimated the size as one-half the wingspan of the B-36.

COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER

Mr. [REDACTED] told a convincing story of the incident reported and invited any personal checking that the USAF might care to make. He gave his address as [REDACTED], California and exhibited his leave slip from the Veterans Administration. He also made statements regarding an alleged sighting of two discs on April 16th, 1952, by his wife and of an incident occurring after dark on April 10th, 1952, which his two daughters told to him. In mentioning the latter two incidents, Mr. [REDACTED] referred to a letter alleged to have been written by his wife. This officer was not impressed favorably by the latter two reports and no formal report of these alleged sightings is contemplated. An attempt ~~was made~~ to have the source's credibility checked by 18th District, Office of Special Investigations, was cancelled when it was learned that no reply could be expected in the immediate future.

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/ [REDACTED] / FROM AFOIN 52947 FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED

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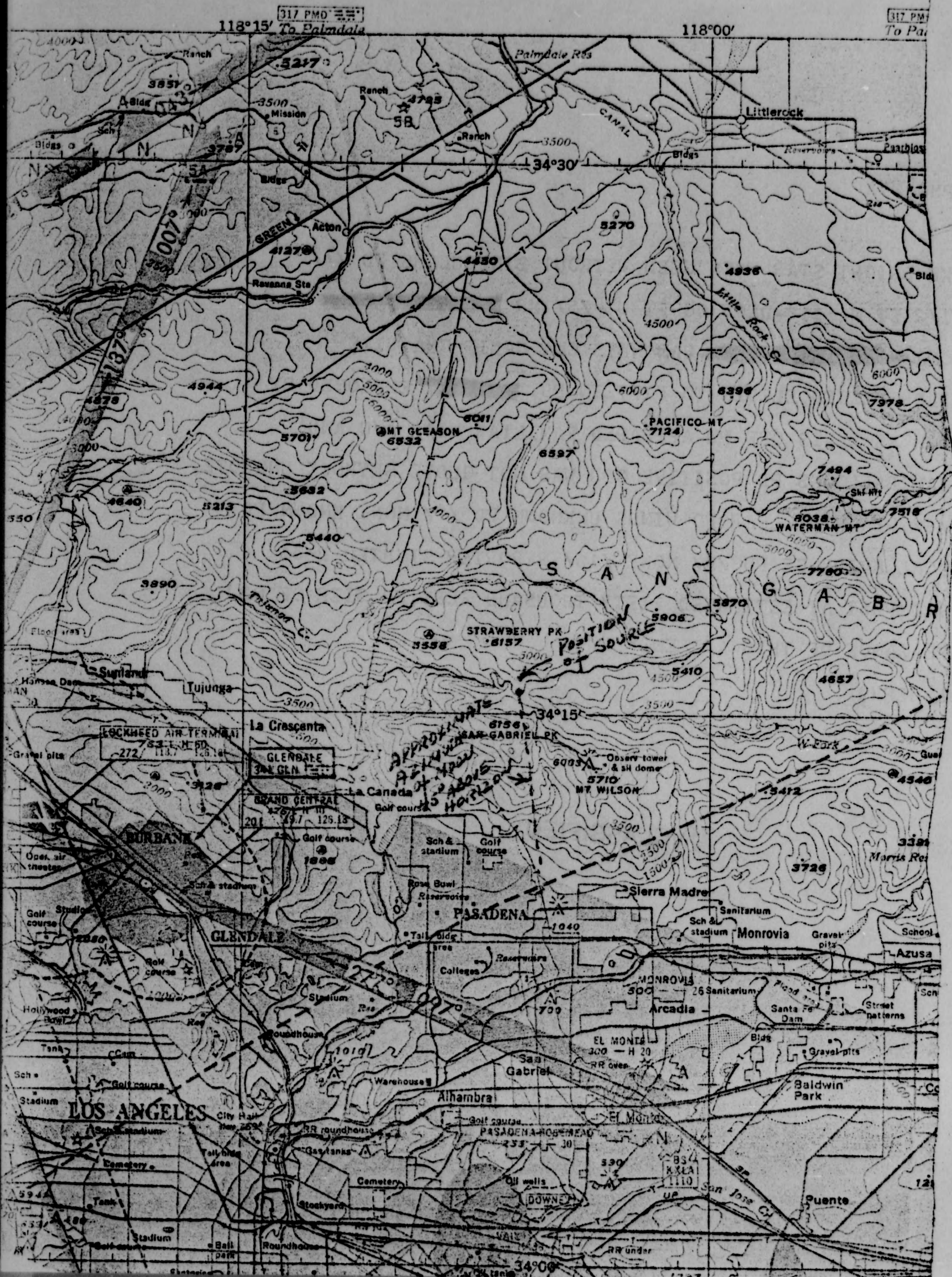
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FROM (Agency) 127th Pilot Training Wing Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona	REPORT NO. IR-7-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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T/Sgt. Andrew A. Prebeck, AF 15208983, charge of quarters for the 127th Air Police Squadron, was contacted by telephone by Pearl Hamburger of 2907 North 18th Place, Phoenix, Arizona, at about 2215 hours, 1 July 1952. She reported having seen unidentified lights in the sky on frequent occasions.

Investigation by this office produced the following information:

1. Miss [REDACTED] was interviewed and claims she sighted lights on 30 June, 1 July, and 2 July. They were round, appeared to be about 9 inches in diameter to her eye. They remained stationary, first appearing as a yellow pinpoint then building up to "a big aluminum color." No wings, running lights, smoke, flame or other signs of conventional aircraft were visible.

2. The objects were viewed each night at about 2100 hours in the evening for an interval of a half hour to 45 minutes.

3. Observations were visual.

4. Observations were made from subjects home at [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona. Light appeared in an easterly direction on 30 June and 1 July, 1952. It appeared "as high as some new bombers." (Estimated angle of elevation 30°). On 2 July 1952, light appeared much closer and was in a more southerly direction.

5. [REDACTED] is about 12 years of age and a self-confessed science-fiction enthusiast. She alleges that she has made numerous other sightings in the past. She lives at home with her mother and never reported any sightings before. These reported sightings were made the day after her Mother left for the east because of family illness.

6. The weather conditions at the time of the sightings were reported as follows: 30 June 1952 - ceiling clear; Visibility 15 + miles; Wind practically calm. 1 July 1952 - ceiling clear; Visibility 15 + miles; Wind light surface. 2 July 1952 - Ceiling clear except for a few high cirrus clouds in west; Visibility 15 + miles; Wind practically calm.

7.a. Phoenix weather bureau reports the releasing of weather balloons carrying chemical lights for night observation purposes. Balloons are released about 2015 hours. Estimated final observation of these balloons is as follows: 30 June 1952 - 2500 feet over Camelback Road. 1 July 1952 - 2500 feet over Roosevelt Road. 2 July 1952 - over Phoenix to south, altitude not given.

b. Captain Wm R. Brock, AG 763833, of the 127th Pilot Training Group observed a low flying aircraft apparently approaching sky harbor on Tuesday night 1 July 1952 at approximately 2100 hours. Landing lights were on and flying lights were observable. Angle of approach was such that aircraft appeared nearly stationary for 10-15 minutes.

No electrical message forwarded because of low evaluation and information developed.

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Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer

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