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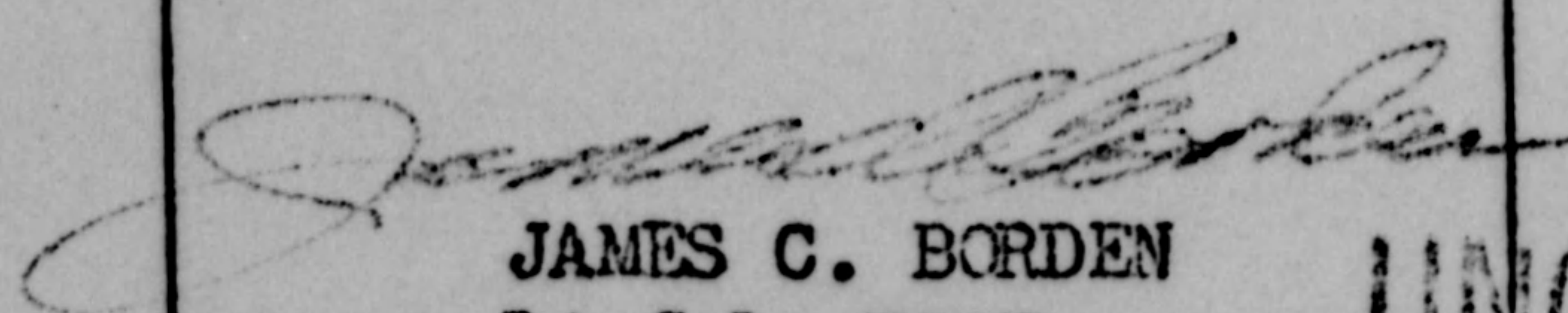
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Eight round aluminum-colored objects flew straight and level course, then began to make erratic changes of course, darting about and reversing direction. Source viewed objects through binoculars from Los Alamos Airport tower.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-8-34	DATE 30 August 1952
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) Sighting of Flight of Unidentified Aerial Objects over Los Alamos, New Mexico 22 July 1952		REPORT MADE BY S/A RICHARD S. SECORD	klm
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA		REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.	
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.		PERIOD 30 August 1952	
SYNOPSIS Investigation initiated by District Commander upon receipt of information concerning the observance of a flight of eight (8) unidentified aerial objects over Los Alamos Air Port Tower. Objects described as aluminum or bright metallic and large in size as compared to aircraft.		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.	
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by DONALD P. DICKASON, Director Security Division, Los Alamos Field Office, concerning the observation of a flight of unidentified aerial objects by DON R. WIENS.

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

2. On 22 July 1952, at 1050 to 1115 hours, Mr. [REDACTED], tower operator, 2004 "C" 23d Street, Los Alamos, reported sighting a flight of approximately eight (8) round or elliptical objects from the Los Alamos Air Port tower. WIENS stated the objects were in a South to Southwest direction at an estimated five (5) to fifty (50) miles distance from him. WIENS presumed the direction of flight to be Southwest, although it was in a direction going away from him and could have only been losing altitude. He described the color as aluminum or bright metallic with a very bright luminosity. As to size, WIENS stated it would be impossible to determine without knowing their altitude or distance but that they must have been rather large in relation to aircraft. WIENS stated some of the objects flew in straight and level for some distance and would change direction instantly; others did not seem to remain long in one direction, but darted one way and another, even to reversing themselves, making it impossible to keep in view with binoculars. WIENS stated some passed out of range, others simply were visible one instant and then with a darting movement disappeared completely. WIENS stated further that when first seen the objects seemed to be hovering directly overhead. The altitude was impossible to judge because the size of the objects could not be ascertained. They must have been very high because no distinguishing marks could be seen with the aid of glasses. Due to their extreme speed it is very doubtful that they could have been balloons. For the most part they were visible only with the aid of binoculars. It was estimated that the objects were in sight approximately 25 minutes, although not continuously.

3. Mr. [REDACTED], Carco pilot, Mr. [REDACTED], Carco pilot, and [REDACTED], fire department, also observed this group of objects.

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SUBJECT FLYOBREP			
AREA REPORTED ON Los Alamos, New Mexico		FROM (Agency) 34th Air Division (Det)	
DATE OF REPORT 30 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 July 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) KATHERINE P. LEWIS, 1st Lt., USAF		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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.)

SUBJECT: FLYOBREP

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBREP), the following report of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

On 22 July 1952 at approximately 1105 MST, ~~Mr. [redacted]~~ pilot for Carco Air Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was in Los Alamos at the airport waiting for a flight to Albuquerque. Suddenly, some jet fighters flew over, so along with several other people, he ran out to watch and saw 2 F-86's. One of the men with him observed several objects in the sky which appeared to be saucer shaped. These were sighted and then, lost sight of several times. This observation was reported to Security Headquarters immediately.

As there was only one pair of binoculars, all of the observers took turns trying to locate the objects. When Mr. ~~[redacted]~~ used the binoculars, he noticed a flash in the sky. He saw one of the objects through the binoculars, and it seemed to be saucer or circular shaped. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed down or in a southwesterly direction. Suddenly, it leveled out (if it was descending), or if going southwest at the same altitude, it made a turn of 90° to the right. The object then went into or behind a cloud. This cloud was about 15 miles southwest of the Los Alamos Airport.

The object appeared to be oscillating in such a way as to catch the reflection of the sun several times a second. It had no wings or tail surface, and it definitely appeared to be controlled.

The reliability of the observer is considered excellent.

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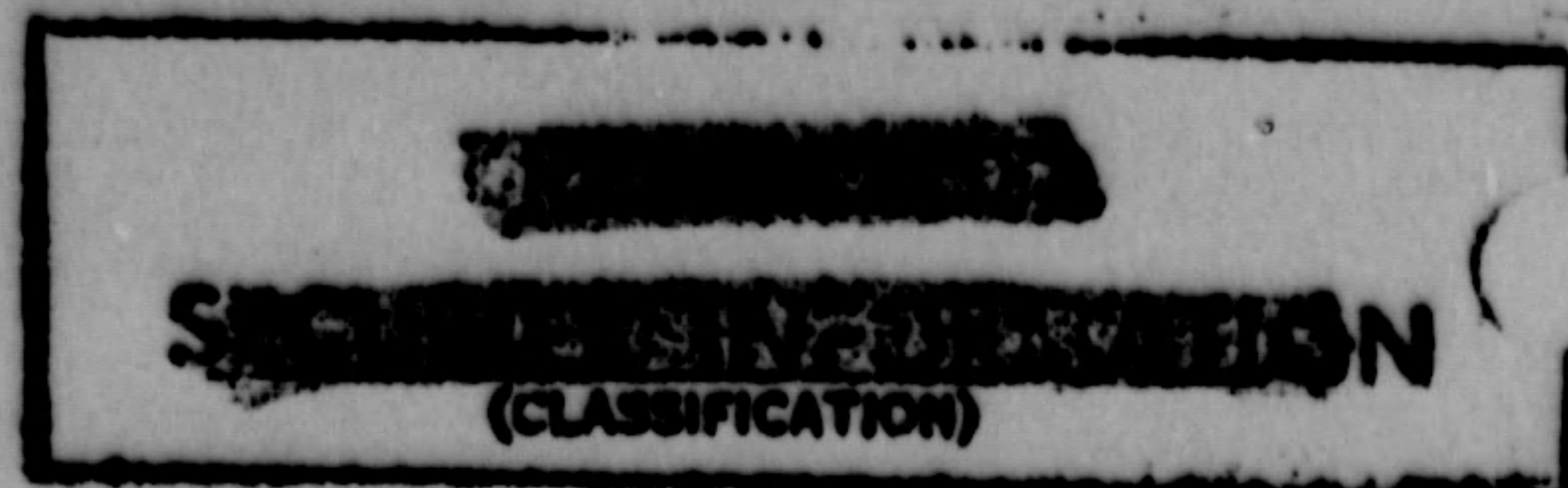
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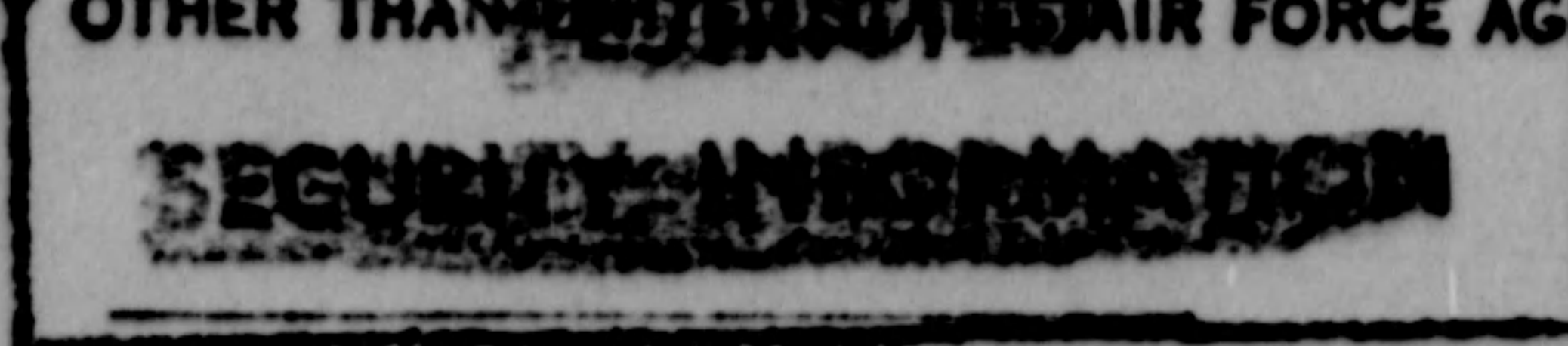
- (1) Shape: Like a ball or saucer in shape.
Size: Negative
Color: Silver in color.
Number: 8 to 10 in number.
Formation: Negative
Aerodynamic Features: Negative
Trail or Exhaust: Negative
Propulsion System: Negative
Speed: A very high rate of speed.
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Oscillating definitely under control.
- (2) 22 July 52 1130 MST.
- (3) Visual- used Army or Navy issue binoculars.
- (4) Observer on the ground at the control tower of the Los Alamos Airport.
- (5) Observer's reliability is considered excellent.
- (6) Winds 5-10 MPH from SE. Weather conditions clear, but heavy cumulus clouds over the mountains to the west.
- (7) Negative
- (8) Negative
- (9) Negative
- (10) Negative

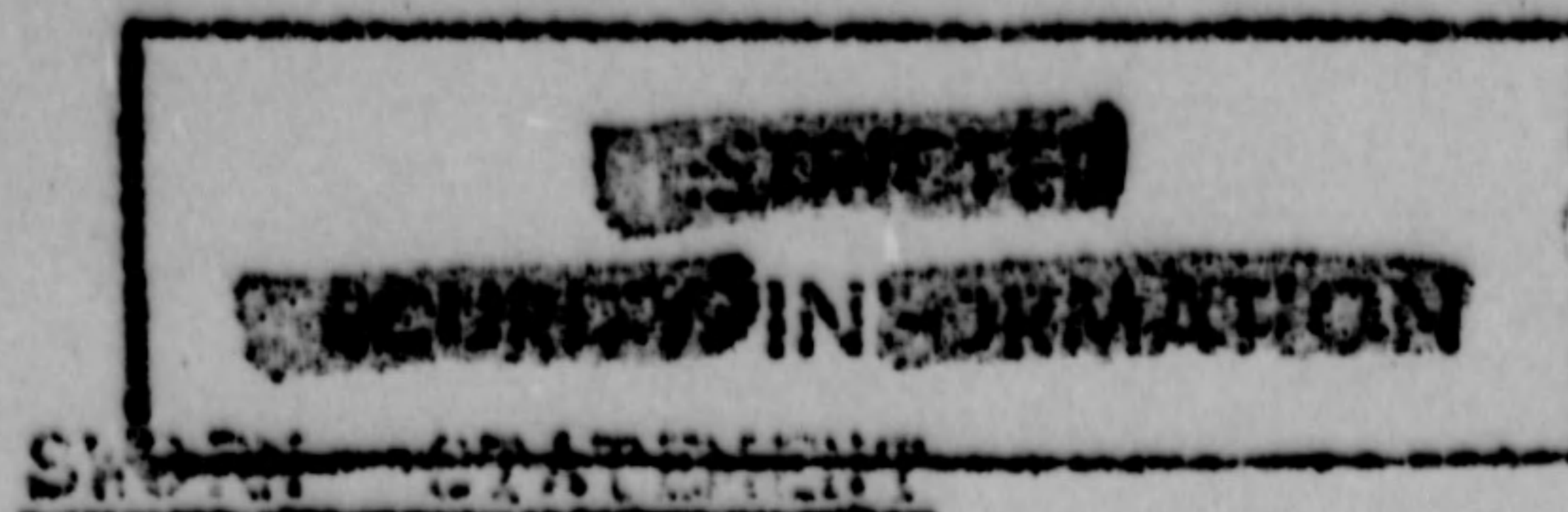
The information given above by [REDACTED] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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I, ~~J. [redacted]~~, pilot employed by Carco Air Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On July 22nd between 1105 MST and 1130 MST, I happened to be in Los Alamos at the Airport waiting for a flight to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Suddenly, I heard some jet fighters fly over, so along with several other people, I ran out to watch and saw 2 F-86's. One of the men with me (while looking up) happened to catch sight of several objects approximately 8 to 10 in number. These objects seemed to be either a ball or saucer in shape. These were sighted and were lost sight of several times. This sighting was reported to Security Headquarters immediately.

As there was only one pair of regular Navy (or Army) issue field glasses, all of us took turns trying to locate the objects. When my turn came to use the glasses, I caught a flash in the clear sky. The object that I saw appeared to be either saucer or circular in shape and was traveling at a high rate of speed, either down or in a southwesterly direction. It suddenly either leveled out (if it was going down) or if going southwest at the same altitude, it made a 90° turn to the right. The object then either went into or behind a cumulus type cloud which was building up over the Jemez Mountains.

The cloud was between 10 and 15 miles southwest of the Los Alamos Airport. Judging by the way the object went into or behind the cloud, the object must have been traveling at a very high rate of speed. Also, the turn it made to the right was much tighter than is possible in our jet type aircraft. The turn was not a direct 90° change of direction, but it was definitely much closer to a 90° change of direction than any fighter aircraft that I have flown or observed.

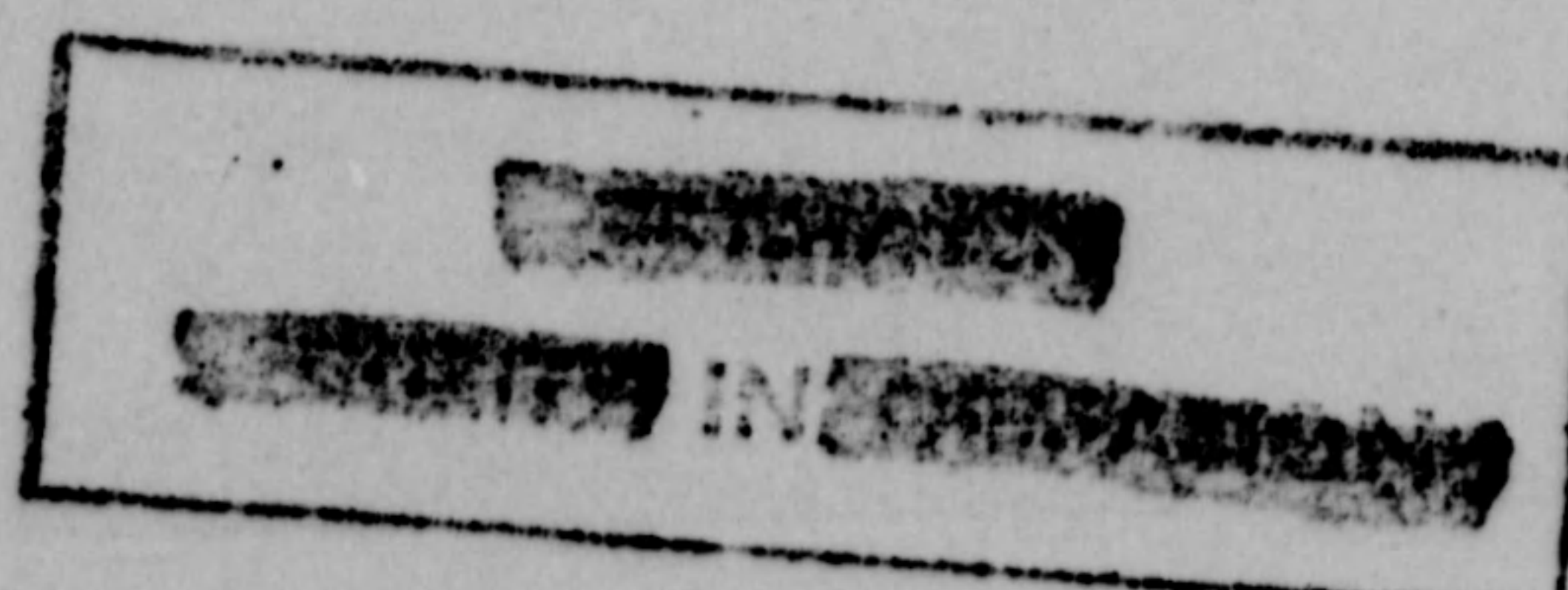
I watched this object for about 3 or 4 seconds. It appeared to be oscillating in such a way as to catch the reflection of the sun several times a second. It had no wings or tail surface and appeared to be definitely controlled.

~~[redacted signature]~~

Carco Air Service
Albuquerque, N.M.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish
GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
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FLYOB RPT PD /1/ ELLIPTICAL IN SHAPE CMA TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF

SPEED CMA OSCILLATING DEFINITELY UNDER CONTROL PD SILVER IN COLOR PD

/2/ 22 JULY 1952 1130 MST PD

/3/ ARMY ISSUE BINOCULARS PD

/4/ ON THE GROUND AT THE CONTROL TOWER OF THE LOS ALAMOS AIRPORT PD

/5/ APPROXIMATELY 35 DEGREES 50 MINUTES LATITUDE CMA 106 DEGREES

22 MINUTES LONGITUDE PD

/6/ WINDS 5-10 MILES PER HOUR FROM SE PD WEATHER CONDITIONS CLEAR CMA BUT

HEAVY CMA CUMULUS CLOUDS OVER THE MOUNTAINS TO THE WEST PD

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