

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>31 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Tularosa, New Mexico</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2000</u> GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>3 min.</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Bright star color.. Star shape. Erratic.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Seen immediately after midnight. scheduled balloon release.</u>	

HEADQUARTERS
6580TH MISSILE TEST WING
Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

WTMIF

10 September 1952

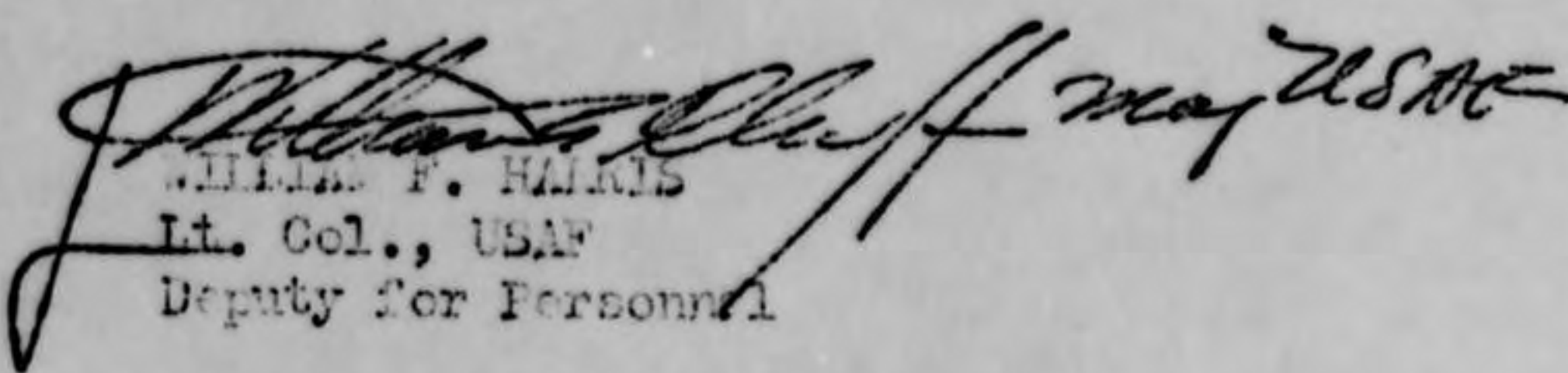
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Air Intelligence Information Report

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTENTION: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

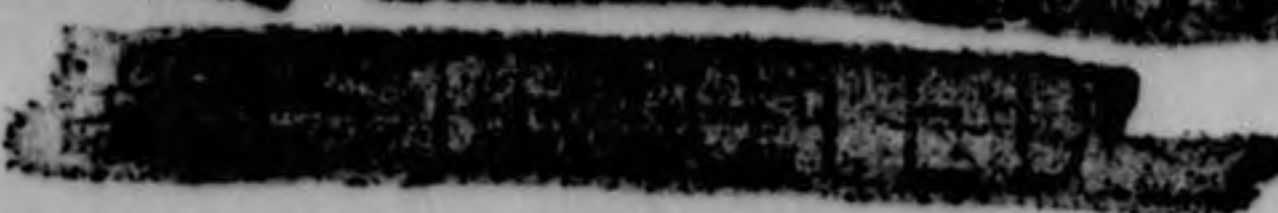
In compliance with Air Force Letter 200-5, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, dated 29 April 1952, the following Air Intelligence Information Report is submitted for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
Air Intel Info Rpt


WILLIAM F. HARRIS
Lt. Col., USAF
Deputy for Personnel

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STATEMENT

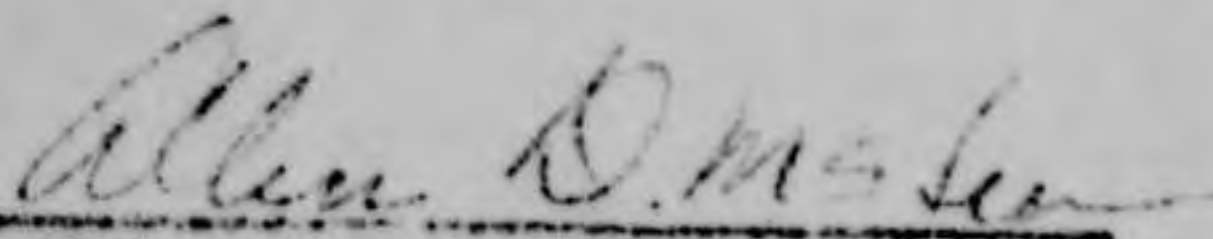
On Sunday the 31 August 1952, about the hour of 8:00 P.M., my family and I were driving from Cloudcroft to Alamogordo to attend the movie.

Just after passing through the tunnel on highway 83, which is about eight miles east of Alamogordo, my older boy said "look up there at those two bright stars". On looking up to where he was pointing, which was in the Northwest Sky there were two very bright lights, which appeared to be stars of about the same brightness as the Morning Star. One appeared to be about six inches directly above the other, and was perfectly motionless.

We then passed through a cut in the mountain, which obstructed them from our view. When we had passed through this cut and looked again to see them, they had disappeared.

In just a second my wife said "look there". One of the lights had descended quite a distance and was still descending. It continued to descend until it was about on eye level with us, at which time it leveled off over the valley traveling in a southerly direction. It continued on in this direction until it disappeared from our view behind a mountain. It seemed to be traveling at a much greater rate of speed than what a Jet type aircraft can travel.

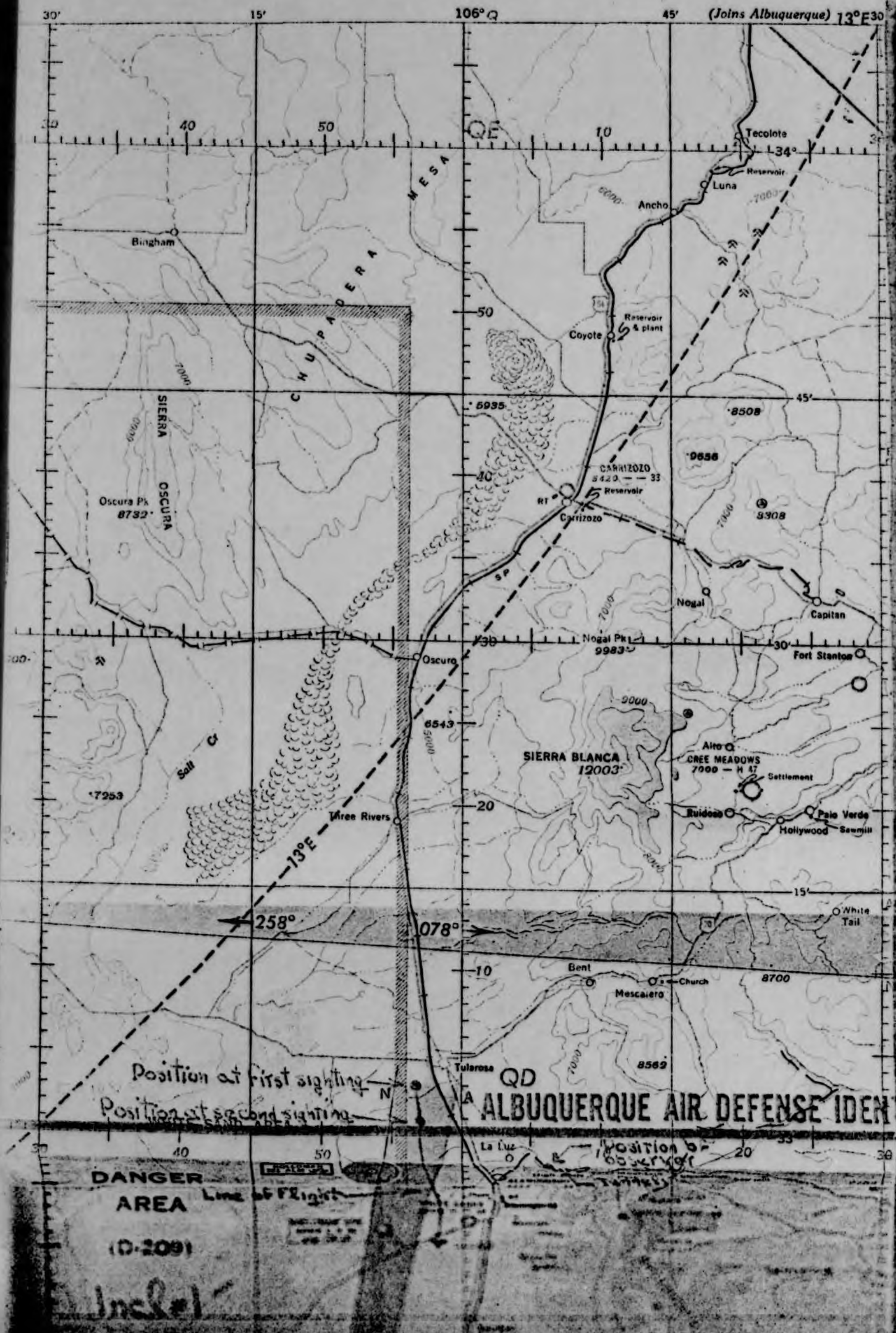
We did not see what happen to the other light that was there when first discovered.


Allen D. McLean

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REF [REDACTED]
ROSWELL (4-4)



**DANGER
AREA
(D-209)**

Incl #1

Line of Flight

HOLLOMAN
221 ALM

HOLLOMAN AFB
4092 L N 94
272 125.18

High. Pkts
ALAMOGORDO
4320 - 73

Plant
WHITE SANDS
4200 - 40

Reservoir
5000

Mule Pk
8097

SACRAMENTO

9700 (APPROX)

7768

Lake Lucero

7216
San Pedro Pk

**DANGER AREA
OVER 4000' ABOVE TERRAIN
(D-210)**

357°

4851

5301

CONDON (ARMY)
3930 - 69
335 125.18

**DANGER AREA
(D-211)**

4940

NEW MEXICO
TEXAS

NEWMAN
317 EWM

EL PASO INTL
3936 L N 70
Alp. Loc. Instr. Ldg. System
278 1183 125.18

BIGGS AFB
3937 L N 95
OCA D-8
398 125.18
137.38 142.74
RACON
9310 mo 2-1-1-1

EL PASO RADIO
242 ELP

ASO RADIO
ELP

EL PASO
5187

(Joins El Paso) 12°30'E 30'

THE DIRECTOR, U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REF (SHOWN IN BLUE) TO MINUTES
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ACTION

SEP 13 07 22 1952

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JPM1 132

RR JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN 333

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FM CG 23TH ADD HAFB CALIF

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

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/R E S T R I C T E D/23TH CID/ 91SS FLYOBRPT.

1. ONE ROUND OBJECT WITH WHITE TRAILING SMOKE. OBJECT REVOLVED LIKE AIRCRAFT BARRELROLLING. MOVING SLOWLY, NO SOUND.
2. 1642 PDT. OBSERVED FOR 3 MINUTES, 30 AUG. 1952.
3. VISUALLY FROM GROUND.
4. OBSERVERS WERE AT GEO. REF. PJ 3535, ^{SACRAMENTO,} (-:4-.3,59, CALIF. OBJECT WAS AT PJ 3535. ALT. REPORTED AS NOT VERY HIGH.
5. OBSERVERS WERE: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~S, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. AND CATHLEEN GOMEZ, 512 22ND. ST., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.
6. CLEAR.
7. ONE F-86 FROM HAMILTON AFB, ON TRAINING FLIGHT.
8. NONE.
9. NONE.
10. NONE REPORTED.

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ACTION

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1952 AUG 1 07:31
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DE JEDKF 01A

R 010530Z ZNJ

FM CG 35TH ADIV DEF Dobbins AFB GA

INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

Mr. Wilson

TO JEPHRA/DIA OF INTEL
JEDUP/AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO

Marietta, Georgia
31 August 52

[REDACTED] SOC MSG NBR 11. ATTN ATIAA-2C. FLYOERPT
MR AND MRS [REDACTED] OF MARIETTA GA CMA PHONE 3-2533 CMA REPORTED AN
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT AT 2200 EST PD REMAINED IN SIGHT FROM 2200 TO
2345 EST PD SHAPE CLN AS A STAR SEMICLN SIZE CLN AS A STAR SEMICLN
SAW 4 OBJECTS DURING PERIOD CMA 1- WHITE CMA 3- AMBER CMA NO
FORMATION CMA NO TRAIL CMA VERY SLOW CMA NO SOUND CMA HOVERED AND
MOVED BACK AND FORTH SLOWLY CMA DROPPED BELOW TREES CMA VISUAL
OBSERVATION CMA OBSERVER 2 MILES WEST OF DOBBINS AFB PD DOBBINS
TOWER COULD SEE NOTHING IN AREA THAT MIGHT BE OBJECTS PD WEATHER
BALLOON RELEASED AT 2200 EST PD SKY CLN CLEAR CMA VIS CLN 15 MILES

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CMA TEMP 73 DEGREES CMA DEW POINT 71 DEGREES CMA SURFACE WIND CLN
CALM CMA ALTIMETER CLN 33.03 PD WINDS TO 23,720 FT CLN 320 DEGREES
AT 20 KNOTS

11/0545Z SEP 3YW

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7-3719-16

(CLASSIFICATION)

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. NAFB-LAT-4	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYCRPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Section 6540th Missile Test Sq, Holloman AFB, N. Mex	
DATE OF REPORT 2 September, 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 31 August, 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) W/Sgt Paul E. Norris		SOURCE Observation reported by Mr. and Mrs.
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.)

1. Shape of both objects appeared to be similar to a large star. At first sighting there appeared to be two stars very close together. Color appeared to be same as a bright star. There were no trails or exhaust nor were there any visible signs of propulsion. When first sighted the objects were stationary at a 45 degree angle of elevation. At this point the observer went through a cut in the road and lost sight of both objects. When observation was again possible only one object was observed. Now object was moving slightly downward and continued so until a point just north of Holloman, AFB had been reached at which point it leveled off and flew in a southerly direction at an altitude of about 6000 feet until it disappeared behind the mountains. (Speed of object appeared to be faster than a jet could fly.) ?

2. The two objects were observed at approximately 2000 mst for a period of approximately three minutes.

3. Observation was visual and without the benefit of any optical or electronic equipment.

4. Position of observer was at 32 degrees 58'N and 105 degrees 54'W approximately one and one half (1 1/2) miles west of the highway tunnel. Position of objects when first sighted was at 33 degrees 03' 30"N and 106 degrees 03' 1" W approximately two and three quarter (2 3/4) miles southwest of Tularosa, New Mexico (33 degrees 04'N and 106 degrees 01' W. At second sighting of single object sighting was at 33 degrees 01' N and 106 degrees 03' W and traveling in a southerly direction at approximately the same altitude as the observer, which according to the map, inclosure number one, is six thousand (6000) feet. Distance of object from observer was unknown.

5. Mr. [REDACTED], chief clerk at aircraft maintainance, has been working at Holloman AFB for one year and seven months.

6.

Weather at 1930 mst 31 August, 1952
Estimated 25000' scattered Visibility 40 miles
Sea level pressure 058 TEMPERATURE 90
Dew point 42 Wind S 34 4 knots
Altimeter 994 Relative Humidity 19%

Weather at 2030 mst 31 August, 1952
INCL.
Estimated 12000' scattered Visibility 30 miles
Sea level pressure 057 Temperature 84
Dew point 42 Wind S 34 4 knots
Altimeter 995 Relative Humidity 23%

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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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7. None

8. None

9. None

10. Local air traffic at time of sighting.

Type of Aircraft	Number of Aircraft	Pilot of Aircraft	Actual Time of Departure	Actual Time of Arrival	Destination	From
L-19	2269	Swarta	1600	1920 ⁷⁰⁰⁰	Holloman AFB	Amarillo, Texas.
B-26	2494	Harris	1613	2123	Holloman AFB	San Angelo, Texas.

32 INCL.

1. Regional Map (Roswell(2-4))
2. Statement of Mr. [REDACTED]
3. Statement of Mrs. Nelson

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>31 Aug '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Tularosa, N.M.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2000</i> Zebra: <i>0300</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		
☒ Yes		☐ No
☒ Naked Eye		
☐ Binoculars		
☐ Telescope		
☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
☐ By One Set		
☐ By Two Sets		
☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
☐ A/C Observed Object		
☐ Interception Attempted		
☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
☐ A/C Scrambled		
☐ Visual Contact Made		
☐ A/I Contact Made		
☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
☐ Normal		
☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		
☐ Blinking		
☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		
☐ 1-15 Seconds		
☒ 1-5 Minutes		
☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		

Little Rock, 6540th Missile Test Wg. Holloman AFB, N.M.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
<i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night		
☐ Day		
☐ Sunrise		
☒ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes	☐ No
	☐ One Aircraft	
	☒ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes	☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?		☒ Yes		☐ No		
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:		<u>01</u> Minutes				
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Alamogordo, Holloman</i>	<i>Navies</i>	<i>Naval S.</i>	☒	☐	<i>white</i>
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:		22. DETAILS OF REPORT:	
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax		☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate	
23. FINAL EVALUATION:			
☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:			
<i>Surface wind in opposite direction ^{from} object track; however, winds aloft not given</i>			

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <u>31 Aug '54</u>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <u>1930 MST</u>		3. STATION OBSERVING <u>Holloman AFB, N.M.</u>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	<u>21</u>	<u>140</u>	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER: <u>3</u> tenths at <u>25,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				8. VISIBILITY WAS <u>4/2</u> MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					