

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 Jan 53 29/0205Z		2. LOCATION Corona, California	
3. SOURCE Airmen		10. CONCLUSION UNKNOWN (UNIDENTIFIED) Unidentified	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Five			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 Min.		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Five round green ball-like objects, each 25' in diameter traveled at an estimated speed of 150 mph at an altitude of approximately 2,000'.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE Northwest			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES		REPORT NO. IR-2-53	(LEAVE BLANK) UNCLASSIFIED
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYOVER			
AREA REPORTED ON Santa Ana Canyon - 5 mi SW Corona, Calif		FROM (Agency) Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force	
DATE OF REPORT 29 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 January 1953	EVALUATION F-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Bertram R. Cowan, Capt., USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED], T/Sgt USAF, March AFB, Calif	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFM 200-5, DTI 29 APRIL 52			

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. T/Sgt [REDACTED], USAF, reported the following observation to the Operational Intelligence Division, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, California, 1500 hours, 29 January 1953:

a. Five unidentified objects were observed, ball-shaped and outlined entirely with a green colored illumination. The objects were observed in loose V formation when first sighted, then changed into an in-line formation when approximately overhead. The two end objects were observed to glow red while the formation was in the process of changing and turned back to the green illumination when the in-line maneuver was completed. The formation was very smooth - not at all ragged. Observer reported no sound at any time during sighting. The objects were estimated to be moving about 150 mph and traveling approximately 2,000 feet above the terrain. Size of each object was estimated to be about 25 feet in diameter.

b. The time of observation was 1805 hours, 28 January 1953, and the sighting continued approximately 12 minutes.

c. T/Sgt [REDACTED] made the observation while driving from March Air Force Base enroute to Redondo Beach, California, (his home) on California State Highway 18, approximately 5 miles SW of Corona, California. The formation of objects was sighted while the observer's automobile was traveling at 45 mph. Observer stopped to watch the objects - getting out of his car at the time the formation passed approximately overhead - moving from SE to NW across the highway.

d. Sgt [REDACTED] stated that he drives on this highway morning and evening and has been doing this for approximately a year. Observer has a background of 2 years aeronautical engineering, aerial gunnery school and flew 32 combat missions with the Eighth Air Force during World War II.

e. The atmosphere at time of sighting was very clear although it was dark. The objects were moving against the slight wind that was blowing at time of observation.

f. No physical evidence is offered.

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