

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jan 53 01/0400Z	LOCATION Albuquerque, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION Photo not received for analysis.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS From a newspaper report. Was relayed from 34th AD Division. Pictures sent to "Life" Magazine.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes Photo not ☐ No received	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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W. Hunsley

Director of Intelligence
34th Air Division (Defense)
Kirtland Air Force Base
New Mexico

3 February 1953

Capt E. J. Ruppelt
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Dear Capt Ruppelt:

I am inclosing a newspaper clipping cut from the 1 February 1953 issue of the Albuquerque Journal.

You will note from the article, some photographs were taken of an aerial phenomenon 31 January 1953, by ~~██████████~~ of Albuquerque, New Mexico. No report was made to this headquarters. As a result of checking with Mr. Hunsley, we learned that the undeveloped negatives were sent to Life Magazine. Mr. Hunsley was quite willing to turn the photographs over to the Air Force but they had been sent to Life before he could be interviewed.

I do not know what these photos may prove to be. I have an incomplete statement from ~~██████████~~. Apparently he saw something. The possibility of a meteor was ruled out by Dr. La Paz.

I realize this information is quite sketchy. I thought it advisable to check with you before further investigation. Without the photos his story is almost impossible to explore. I thought that you, if you think it advisable, could probably obtain the photos from Life.

Please advise if any further action is necessary on our part.

'Saucer' Is Sighted In 'Technicolor'

Max
Local Saw flying saucer, snapped same with the camera—so reported G. M. Hunsley Jr., 4412 Avenida Estrelita NE, Saturday night.

A photographer for George Kew, Hunsley said the saucer object was visible between 9 and 9:15 p.m. due west of the Highland Theater and seemed to hover over the city. He gauged it as between 15 and 20 degrees above the horizon.

Not moving, the saucer was fairly good-sized and appeared larger than a star. He said the object appeared to be white, but changed colors briefly to blue and red when it remained stationary.

Glen D Parrish
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1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

11 February 1953

1/Lt Glen D. Parrish
Director of Intelligence
34th Air Division (Defense)
Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

Dear Glen:

I received your letter of 3 February 1953 and the inclosed clipping. Thanks for letting us know about this as we will probably get in on the act somewhere along the line. We will probably contact Life directly and see what this man has. We have found in the past, however, that anybody that sends photographs directly to a publication, for sale, are usually slightly on the questionable side. It seems that people that really feel that they have something are very willing to cooperate with the Air Force and usually contact them immediately.

When Lt Olsson and I were down at Kirtland, Lt Ray R. Vigneault asked me to find out what had happened to his application for a slot at ATIC. I checked and all I could find out was it was "in the mill". I could not find out when he might expect an answer. At the present time they have quite a few applications they are processing, and his was probably in that batch.

In regard to the meeting we had with the Los Alamos people, we checked and re-checked the dates of their radiation pick-ups and could find no correlation with sightings of unidentified flying objects. We also showed the material they gave us to several scientists who should know what they are talking about and they said it is interesting but they were under the opinion that it was just one of those freaks of nature that occasionally happen. They said that at times their counters had done the same thing, that they had not paid any attention to them. We are scheduled to go on a briefing tour of all ADC Divisions, so will probably be seeing you in the near future.

Best of luck and thanks for all the cooperation you have given us.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD J. RUPPELT
Captain, USAF