

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 August 53 13/0505Z	2. LOCATION Ventura, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT An F-94C a/c was flying in the vicinity of sighting at the time and it is believed that objects were lights of the a/c. The a/c was probably at a far distance, therefore, no sound was heard.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Light moved to North at 30 deg elevation. Stopped and flew South through 90 deg arc. As object flew south a red light seemed to precede the white light slightly above. Red light steady and comparable to white light in brightness. Movement to North took 15 seconds, to South 30 seconds. No sound.
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8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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WITH MAGNITUDE AND SHAPE OF STAR REPORTED OFF VENTURA, CALIF COAST AT

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SECONDS, TWO ONE ONE SEVEN FOR SIX SECONDS, AND TWO ONE TWO SIX FOR

EIGHT SECONDS ON ONE TWO AUG ONE NINE FIVE THREE. COLOR WHITE AND

SOMETIMES RED. TRAIL MR EXHAUST NOT DETECTED, PROPULSION SYSTEM UNKNOWN

PD. SPEED VARIOUS, SOUND NOT EVIDENT. MOVEMENT erratic VARYING FROM SOUTH

TO NORTH, NORTH TO SOUTH, TOWARDS OPEN SEA IN WESTERLY DIRECTION, AND

VERTICAL. DISAPPEARED IN CLOUD BANK ESTIMATED AT ONE ONE ZERO ZERO FSET

WAS TRAVELING WESTERLY IN ONE INSTANCE, OTHER TIMES AFTER

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED LIGHTS OBSERVED
ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 12, 1953

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13 August 1953

The observations were made by a party of four (4) adults fishing off the seaward end of the Ventura public pier. The party consisted of:

[REDACTED], Oxnard

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[REDACTED], Oxnard

[REDACTED], Washington

In addition to the above party, a party of 3 adults and 3 children were also fishing off the end of the pier and made apparently similar observations; however, the names of the members of this party are not known to the undersigned.

At approximately 9:05 pm a light was observed moving in the Western sky. When first observed, the light was a little to the right of a line parallel to the part of the pier on which the party was located, and at an elevation of about 30° . The light was white and of approximately the same magnitude as the stars in its neighborhood. It was not blurred or hazy but appeared as a point source. The light was steady, not blinking.

The light moved to the right at about constant average elevation angle. As it moved, its elevation fluctuated rather rapidly by a small but definitely observable amount. The fluctuations appeared to be random without definite periodicity. The light stopped moving when it reached a point above a pair of stars believed to be the constellation Gemini. It then proceeded to move to the left, again at about 30° elevation. A red light was now observed, very slightly ahead of and above the white light. The red light was steady and of roughly the same brightness as the white light. The pair of lights continued to move to the left with increasing velocity and disappeared after traversing perhaps 90° of azimuth. The increase in velocity just before disappearing was especially apparent. It was afterwards estimated that the 90° of azimuth was traversed in about 30 seconds.

At 9:15 pm the light reappeared at about the same azimuth angle as that at which it had been last seen, but at an elevation of 15 to 20° . Only the white light was seen. The light moved to the right and seemed to head out to sea. It disappeared gradually either into or above a fog bank which appeared to be several miles out to sea. This disappearance was different from the previous one which had been rather sudden. It was the opinion of the group that the light had actually been obscured by the fog.

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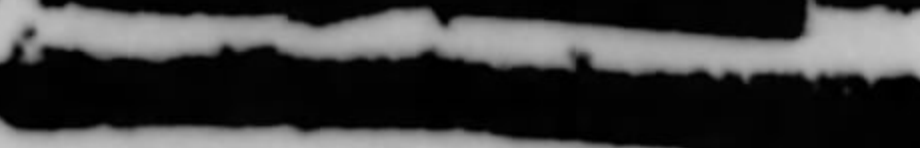

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The light was last seen at 9:17 pm when it appeared off to the left and very rapidly moved down and left and disappeared. This particular appearance was the only one which had any similarity to a meteor flight. The light was moving from right to left on this appearance but no red light was observed.

During all of the above, no sound whatever was heard that might be attributed to the light. The sea was quiet with a very light on-shore breeze. Subsequently, commercial airliners flew over the area, and even though their navigation lights were judged to be no brighter than the unidentified white light, the sound of their engines was clear and distinct. Also, their angular velocity was observed to be much slower than that of the light.

No outline of any object was seen in connection with the light. The moon was a thin crescent. The illumination from the Ventura baseball park, where a night game was in progress, was sufficient to enable observation of seagulls several hundred feet from the end of the pier.

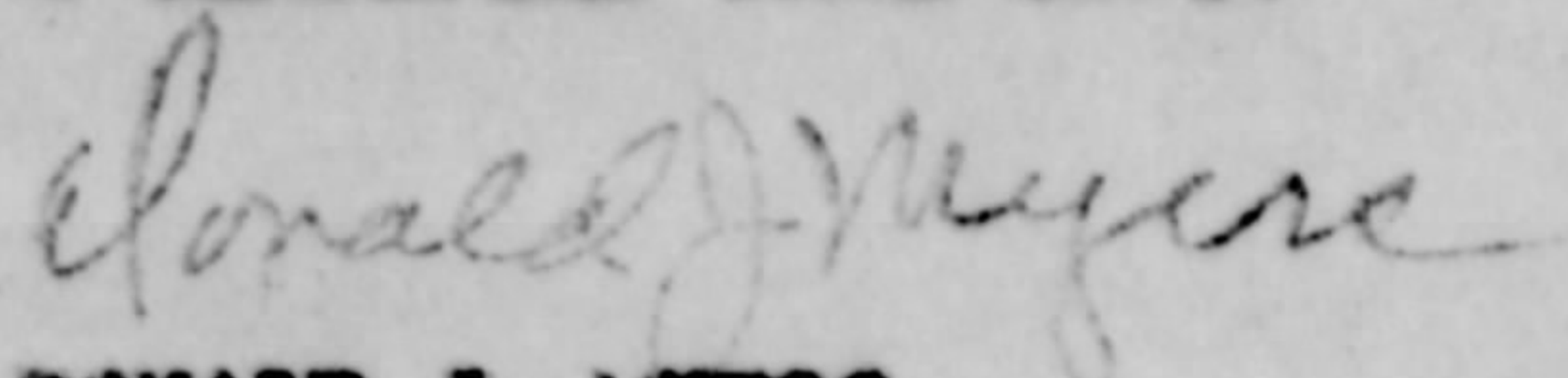
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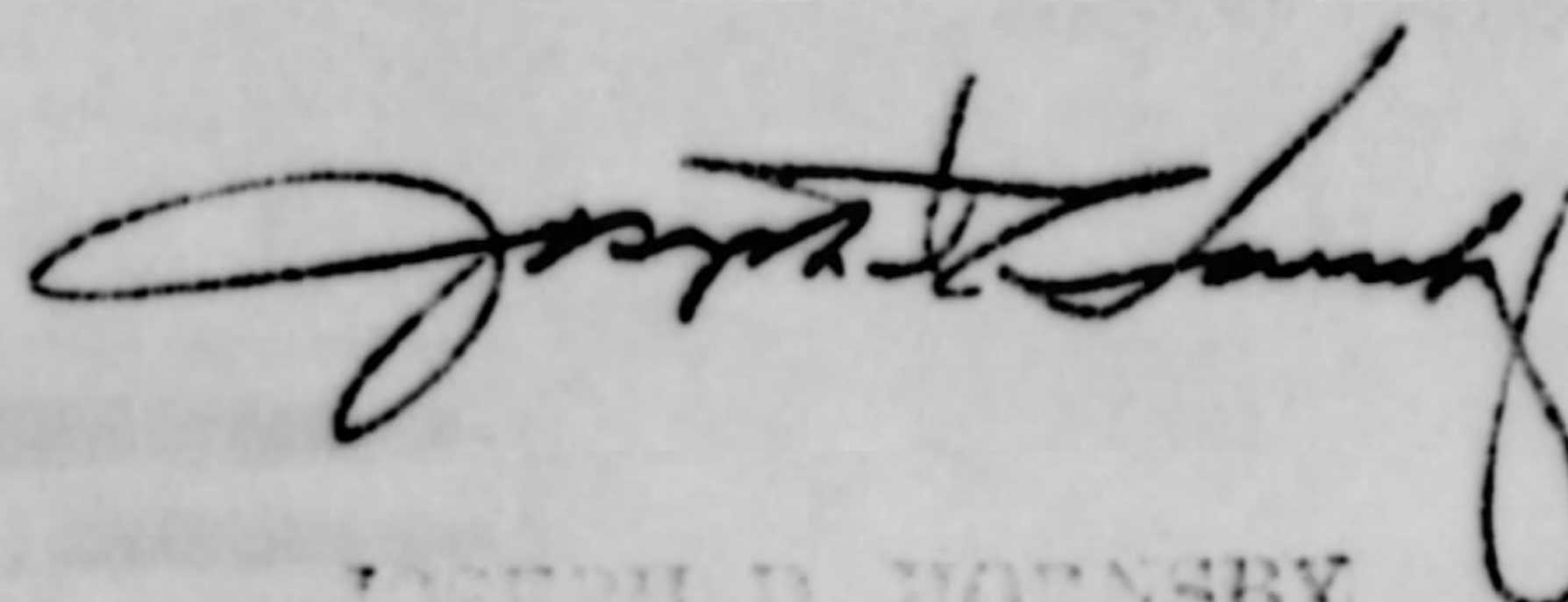
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SUBJECT: (Restricted) FLYOBRPT

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952,
the inclosed report (FLYOBRPT), AF Form 112, is forwarded for
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FOR THE COMMANDER:



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1. Three adults from Oxnard, California, ~~and one resident of Bellingham, Washington,~~ made the following observation on 12 August 1953 while located on the seaward end of the Ventura Public Pier:

a. At approximately 2105 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, a white light with the same magnitude as the stars was seen moving north at an elevation of about 30° , a little to the north of the pier where the observers were located. The light was steady, not blurred, blinking or hazy.

b. The light moved to the north at a constant average elevation angle with small random fluctuations without definite periodicity.

c. When the light moved to what was judged to be the Constellation Gemini, it stopped and moved to the South at the same 30° elevation. A red light was also observed very slightly ahead of and above the white light.

d. The red light was steady and comparable to the white light in brightness. After traversing 90° of azimuth to the south, the lights disappeared suddenly with an apparent increase in velocity.

e. The 90° of azimuth was traversed in 30 seconds; the movement to the north in 15 seconds.

f. At 2115 hours, the white light reappeared for 15 seconds at about the same azimuth angle but at an elevation of about 15 or 20 degrees and after moving to the north, it headed seaward, gradually disappearing into or above a fog bank several miles from shore.

g. The white light was again seen at 2117 hours for about six seconds when it appeared to the south and very rapidly travelled downward, arching southward and disappeared. This was similar to a meteor's flight.

h. No sound was audible though the sea was quiet with a very light on-shore breeze. Subsequently, commercial airliners flew over the area and though their navigation lights were comparable to the lights viewed, the sound of engines was very audible and the airliner's angular velocity was slow in comparison to the light's trajectory.

i. No outline of any object was observed though the area was partially illuminated by reflection of lights from a nearby baseball park in addition to those of the moonlight.

2. Captain ~~M. J. [redacted]~~ at Oxnard Air Force Base made the following observation while standing beside the Mobile Control Tower on the east end of the Runway 26:

a. A yellowish-white light of undetermined origin, maintaining a horizontal flight path, crossed slightly in front of a landing F-94C at 2126 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, and was observed for six to eight seconds.

COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO. 12-2540-3-53 W	(LEAVE BLANK)
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SUBJECT FLYOBREP			
AREA REPORTED ON Ventura, California Coast		FROM (Agency) 354 FIS	
DATE OF REPORT 14 August 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 August 1953	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) DONALD J. MYERS, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE Civilian and Air Force Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) 354 Intel Flash Report No. 561			

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. One unidentified object with magnitude and shape of star reported seen by four civilians and one Air Force officer off Ventura, California coast for an accumulative total of 66 seconds within a time span from 2105 hours to 2126:08 hours on 12 August 1953.
2. Object fluctuated in flight and appeared three different times to four observers located on seaward end of public pier in Ventura, California and once to an Air Force Radar Observer while standing on end of runway at Oxnard Air Force Base, California.
3. Color of object was white in three appearances and red in another. In the latter instance, observers reported two possible objects close together, one red, one white.
4. Altitude of object unknown. Sound, trail or exhaust not detected, propulsion system not determined.
5. Observers considered reliable. Three are engineers at Point Mugu Naval Air Missile Test Center and another a Civil Air Patrol Member. Air Force Officer is the Senior Radar Observer at Oxnard Air Force Base.
6. Jet aircraft were in vicinity of observation area, but neither aircrew members nor GCI sites reported anything unusual.
7. The possibility that object might have been lights of F-94C Starfire was advanced to the observers, but they discounted theory due to total absence of sound on an unusually quiet evening and also the very audible sound of planes in the area soon after the observation.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Evaluation of information is C-3 due to above average intellect of observers and their highly factual report of the object allegedly observed.

Donald J. Myers
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1. Statement of Civilian Observers
2. Statement of Captain [REDACTED]

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b. The light was estimated to be travelling on a heading of 170° , perpendicular to the runway which headed 260° .

c. The speed of the light was estimated to be at least 500 knots at an undetermined altitude and disappeared suddenly.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The factual reports advanced pertinent to the unidentified object are well-documented accounts by highly capable individuals. The fact that the lights were seen cannot be questioned but it is entirely probable that the lights might have been those of an orbiting F-94C aircraft known to be in the vicinity at the time. However, the absence of sound partially discounts this theory along with the erratic flight path of the object.

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1st Lt, USAF
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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 August 1953 13/0519Z	2. LOCATION Ventura, California
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT An F-94C a/c was flying in the vicinity of sighting at the time and it is believed that objects were lights of the a/c. The a/c was probably at a far distance, therefore, no sound was heard.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS White light moving North then turning to the West and disappearing into a cloud bank, several miles off shore.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N then West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 12, 1953

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13 August 1953

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In addition to the above party, a party of 3 adults and 3 children were also fishing off the end of the pier and made apparently similar observations; however, the names of the members of this party are not known to the undersigned.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB ATTN: ATIAA-2C. FLYOBRPT. ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
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During all of the above, no sound whatever was heard that might be attributed to the light. The sea was quiet with a very light on-shore breeze. Subsequently, commercial airliners flew over the area, and even though their navigation lights were judged to be no brighter than the unidentified white light, the sound of their engines was clear and distinct. Also, their angular velocity was observed to be much slower than that of the light.

No outline of any object was seen in connection with the light. The moon was a thin crescent. The illumination from the Ventura baseball park, where a night game was in progress, was sufficient to enable observation of seagulls several hundred feet from the end of the pier.

The undersigned individuals believe that the above is an accurate summary of their observations.

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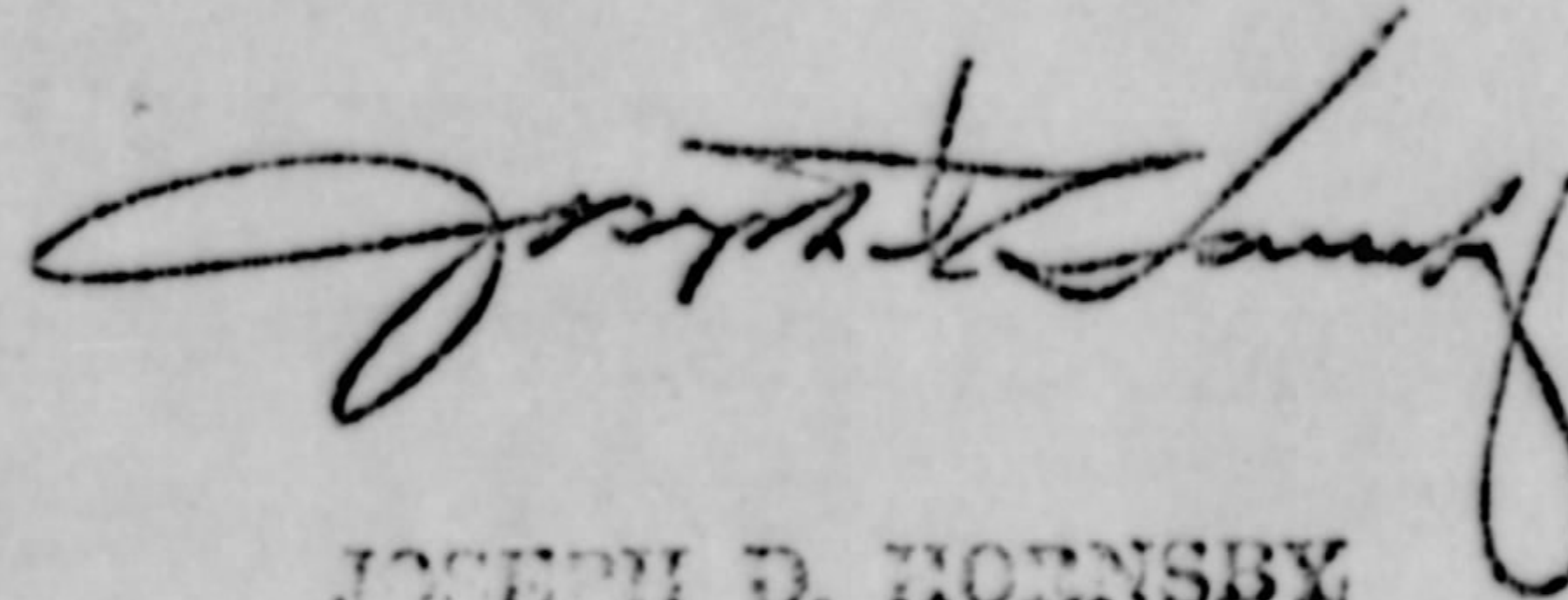
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SUBJECT: (Restricted) FLYOBRPT

TO: Commander
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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SUBJECT FLYOBREX			
AREA REPORTED ON Ventura, California Coast		FROM (Agency) 354 FIS	
DATE OF REPORT 14 August 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 August 1953	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) DONALD J. MYERS, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE Civilian and Air Force Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 354 Intel Flash Report No. 561			

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3. Color of object was white in three appearances and red in another. In the latter instance, observers reported two possible objects close together, one red, one white.
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

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1. Statement of Civilian Observers
 2. Statement of Captain [REDACTED]

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1. Three adults from Oxnard, California, [redacted], [redacted], and one resident of Bollingham, Washington, [redacted], made the following observation on 12 August 1953 while located on the seaward end of the Ventura Public Pier:

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a. At approximately 2105 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, a white light with the same magnitude as the stars was seen moving north at an elevation of about 30° , a little to the north of the pier where the observers were located. The light was steady, not blurred, blinking or hazy.

b. The light moved to the north at a constant average elevation angle with small random fluctuations without definite periodicity.

c. When the light moved to what was judged to be the Constellation Gemini, it stopped and moved to the South at the same 30° elevation. A red light was also observed very slightly ahead of and above the white light.

d. The red light was steady and comparable to the white light in brightness. After traversing 90° of azimuth to the south, the lights disappeared suddenly with an apparent increase in velocity.

e. The 90° of azimuth was traversed in 30 seconds; the movement to the north in 15 seconds.

f. At 2115 hours, the white light reappeared for 15 seconds at about the same azimuth angle but at an elevation of about 15 or 20 degrees and after moving to the north, it headed seaward, gradually disappearing into or above a fog bank several miles from shore.

g. The white light was again seen at 2117 hours for about six seconds when it appeared to the north and very rapidly travelled downward, arching southward and disappeared. This was similar to a meteor's flight.

h. No sound was audible though the sea was quiet with a very light on-shore breeze. Subsequently, commercial airliners flew over the area and though their navigation lights were comparable to the lights viewed, the sound of engines was very audible and the airliner's angular velocity was slow in comparison to the light's trajectory.

i. No outline or any object was observed though the area was partially illuminated by reflection of lights from a nearby baseball park in addition to those of the moonlight.

2. Captain [redacted], Senior Radar Observer at Oxnard Air Force Base made the following observation while standing beside the Mobile Control Tower on the east end of the Runway 26:

a. A yellowish-white light of undetermined origin, maintaining a horizontal flight path, crossed slightly in front of a landing F-94C at 2126 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, and was observed for six to eight seconds.

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b. The light was estimated to be travelling on a heading of 170° , perpendicular to the runway which headed 260° .

c. The speed of the light was estimated to be at least 500 knots at an undetermined altitude and disappeared suddenly.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

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