

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Feb 54		2. LOCATION Van Nuys, California		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 2300 GMT 22/0700Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE Manuvered West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Luminous objects, red in center, came toward observer, circled, est speed 1000 mph.				11. COMMENTS Appeared to be aircraft.	

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-21-133

25 March 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
WINTON S. REYNOLDS - Informant

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

1. Submitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of Spot Intelligence Report, 18th OSI District, Maywood, California, dated 17 March 1954, concerning subject matter.

2. The 18th District Office of Special Investigations has advised that no further action is being taken in this matter.

3. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

1 Incl (in dup)
Spot Intelligence
Rpt, dtd 17 Mar 54

By J. H. [Signature] Maj. USAF
In [Signature] [Signature]
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
AF SPECIALIZED DEPOT, BOX 310, MAYWOOD, CALIF.

AIRMAIL

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17 March 1954

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
[REDACTED] Informant

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: [REDACTED],
Van Nuys, California, reported an instance of having seen a Flying
Saucer.

2. DETAILS: Mr. [REDACTED],
Van Nuys, California, called at this office on 23 February and advised
he wished to report an instance of having seen a flying saucer.

3. Mr. [REDACTED], who said he was an Air Force pilot during the
war, advised that he, his wife, and mother were returning to their
home at approximately 2300 hours on 21 February 1954. He said he was
unlocking his garage door, at which time he observed an object in the
sky which he immediately identified from previous accounts he had read
as a flying saucer. He said he called to his wife and mother who were
still in the car to look at it. His next-door neighbor, [REDACTED],
who was a former Marine Corps pilot, and his wife were in
bed, their bedroom facing the [REDACTED] driveway. [REDACTED] said that
they heard him, got out of bed and came out into the yard.

4. [REDACTED] said the first object he saw was moving erratically
at considerable speed and making changes in direction impossible to
any aircraft with which he was familiar. It disappeared to the west,
traveling at a very high rate of speed. [REDACTED] and his wife came into
the yard in time to see this object traveling toward the west. As it
disappeared, [REDACTED] said his wife exclaimed, "Here comes another one."
All of them then observed a second object approaching from the north.
This object appeared to be coming directly toward the group and then
made three complete circles over the area and disappeared to the east.

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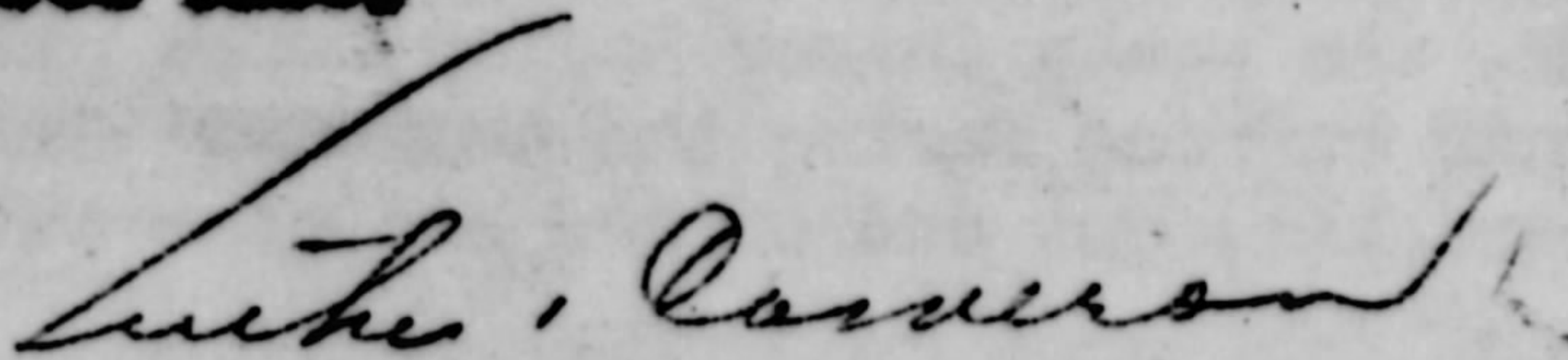
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5. [redacted] said his estimates of altitude, speed, and size were pure guesses as he had nothing but his own sense of depth perception to judge these factors. He said the night was crystal clear, bright moonlight, and there was no cloud cover. He estimated that the second object was at an altitude of approximately 4,000 to 4,500 feet; that while it was circling, it was traveling at approximately 1,000 miles per hour; that it was 30 to 50 feet in diameter; and that as it disappeared toward the east, it was traveling at a much higher rate of speed. [redacted] said the object made no sound at all and that it was within range where he was sure they would have heard any sound it may have emitted. He said the object was luminous, reddish in the center, with what he described as an electric-blue luminosity at the edges which seemed to flash in a bluish halo as it turned. [redacted] also said that he had the impression which he could not define that the object was in some manner transparent. He said he seemed to be looking into rather than at it. He described the object as elliptical in shape but could make no estimate as to its thickness. [redacted] said the second object must have been in full view of the entire group for at least 2 1/2 or 3 minutes and that he and [redacted] discussed its size, height, and speed while they were still observing it. He said that as it disappeared toward the east, they observed a jet aircraft at a lower altitude approaching them from the east.

6. [redacted] said that he and [redacted] had discussed the object at great length and that it was completely beyond anything within their former experience. He said both had been pilots--he, [redacted], having about 2,000 hours--and both had seen many natural aerial phenomena such as Saint Elmo's fire. He said he was reporting the matter because he was certain in his own mind that something had been in the sky which he could not define within his own experience.

7. ACTION: No action will be taken by this District. A copy of this report is being made available to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.


ARTHUR T. CANNON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: TO 75 - Info 1
(Cdr, Wright-Patterson AFB
Attn: ATIAA-2C
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Dayton, Ohio - 2)

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