

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 March 1957		2. LOCATION Oxnard, 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 GMT 04/0350Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual BX ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 or 6 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE in NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object. Two round lights (white) blinking - flew straight and level. Observer used binoculars. WX overcast.				11. COMMENTS Short duration. Two lights on one object. Alternating suggests a/c sighting.	

3 04/0350Z
INFO RJPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELL HQTRSUSAF 25 D C

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UNCLAS 6690PS 010-Y PD UFOB PD 1.A.ROUND. B.BASKETBALL. C.WHITE.

D.ONE. E.N/A. F.TWO LIGHTS ON BOTTOM-ALTERNATING. G.NONE. H.NO

SOUND. I.NO FUSELAGE, WINGS, OR TAIL. 2.A.UNKNOWN. B.45 DEGREES

N.W. AT SIGHTING. C.SAME AS 2B ABOVE. D.STRAIGHT AND LEVEL.

E. GRADUALLYBLACKED OUT. F.FIVE OR SIX

X SECONDS. 3.A.GROUND-VISUAL.

B.BINOCULARS. C.N/A. 4.A.04/0350Z. B.NIGHT. 5.BE3223 SYLMAR. 6.

A. AGE 40, SYLMAR. PTONE

OCCUPATION UNK. B. A/2C, OXNARD AFB. EST OF

RELIABVLITY UNK. 7.A.CLEAR. B.UNK. C.25 OVERCAST. D.20 MILES.

E.TOTAL. F.NONE. 8.NONE. 9.NONE. 10.NONE. 11.SENIOR DIRECTOR,

EDWARD R. MARTIN, 1ST LT.PROBABLY A LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT. 12.NONE.

PD END

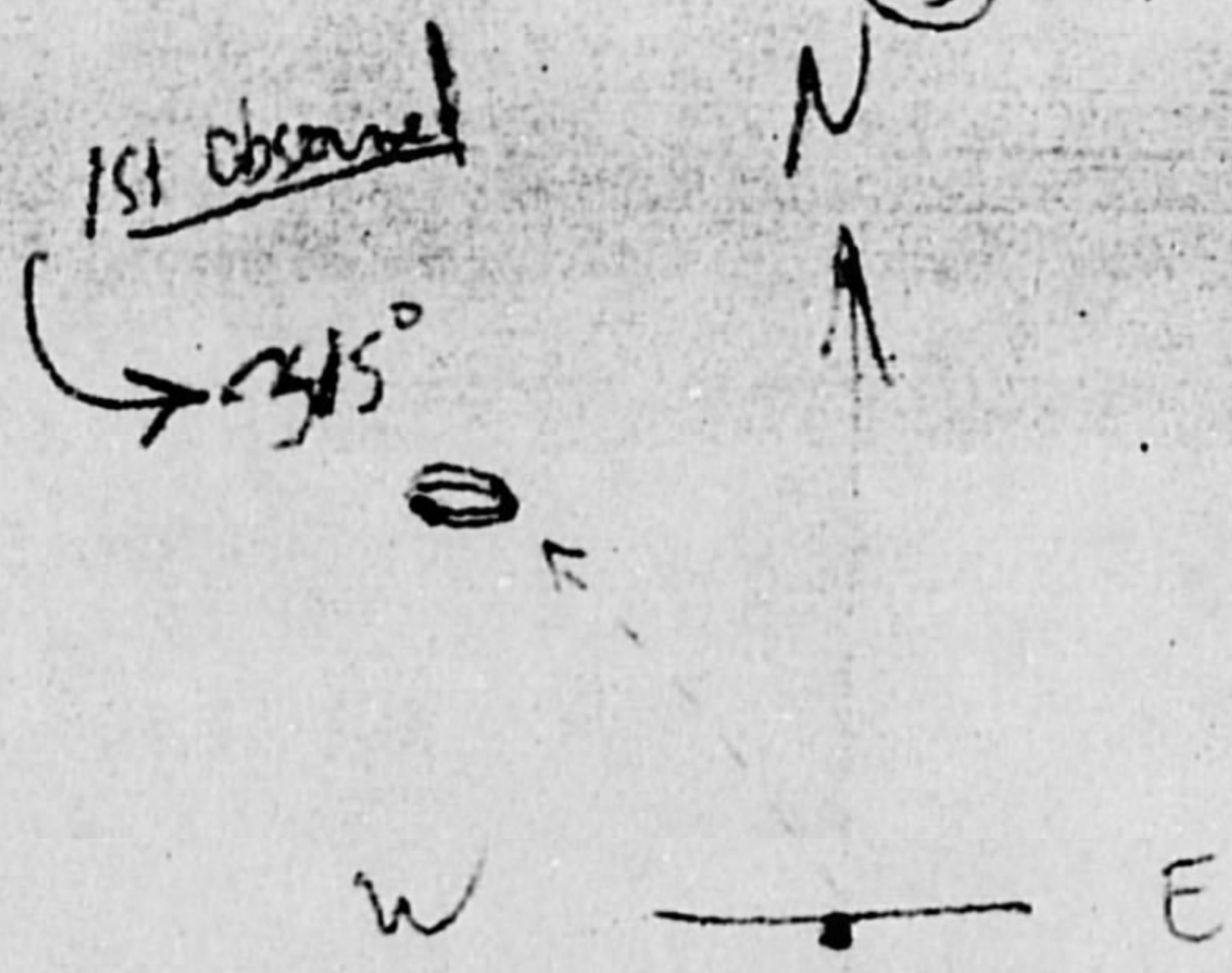
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04/1915Z MAR RJWPJB

See on balloon file.
Number of light balloons have
hanging lights.

Presume, then, object standing
still

- ① Observed through binoculars
- ② Standing still
- ③ Broken cloud cover or overcast?



No Words or
Velocities given.

Limited info.
strongly suggests
balloon.
Possibly Balloon

No copy Dr. H.
made Ev. and
base file.

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ATIC

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FM COMDR 669 ACWRON PORHUE CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

RJWPJB/COMDR 27 ADIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTELL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

phoned
atic 15:00

c. Oxnard, California Case (23 Mar 1957):

This case was somehow brought to the attention of numerous UFO clubs who besieged the Air Force demanding explanations. Keyhoe sent a 6-page telegram to ATIC.

Briefly, a woman living in a rather isolated area outside of Oxnard observed what she termed as "menacing red and green lights" near her home. Hysterical with fear she contacted the Duty Officer at the Oxnard AFB. The Duty Officer contacted the local fighter squadron. Two F-89s searched the area. Two Navy aircraft made a search. Nothing was found. During this period, the local police, state highway patrol and the sheriff's office was contacted. All units converged on the area. A detailed intelligence report made as result of the investigations disclosed that the source was a highly excitable, emotional person, a believer in saucers, and apparently left alone for the first time by her husband, an Air Force Captain, she became frightened at the lights.

An analysis disclosed that the objects were red warning lights installed on a barn nearby, which, when observed through shiny glass insulators, of a telephone pole (in her line-of-sight) from her kitchen window did give the unusual appearance described. The play of automobile headlights on the insulators was emphasized in a telephone report to ATIC. Misidentification of conventional objects.

3. Oxnard, California Case (23 Mar 1957):

This case, while not reported officially, was somehow brought to the attention of UFO clubs who accordingly demanded explanations of the Air Force. Major Keyhoe sent a Space telegram to AFIC.

A woman living in a rather isolated area outside of Oxnard observed what she termed as "identifying red and green lights" near her home. Hysterical with fear she contacted the Duty Officer at the Oxnard AFB. The Duty Officer contacted the local fighter squadron. Two F-39s scrambled and searched the area. Two Navy aircraft also made a search. Nothing was found. During this period, the local police, state highway patrol and the sheriff's office were contacted. All units combed the area. A detailed intelligence report made

of the investigation disclosed that the source was a highly excitable, emotional person, a believer in spirits, and apparently left alone for the first time by her husband. She became frightened at the lights.

An analysis conducted by AFIC on the basis of the information received on a barn nearby, which, when observed through shiny glass insulators of a telephone pole (in her line of sight from her kitchen window and gave her unusual appearance described. The report of the headlights on the insulators were emphasized in a telephone report to AFIC. The conclusion was mis-identification of conventional objects.

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1. DATE 22 March 1957	2. LOCATION Oxnard, California	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1115 PST GMT 23/0718Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☒ Was Astronomical Stars ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical Conventional lights
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	☒ Other on barn ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 hours 45 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 - 1st 6 - 3rd 3 - 2nd	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object. Round 1 1/2 feet in diameter, color green, object seemed to throb and pulsate & change shape occasionally. No sound, object sharply defined alternately, and did not have a tail. A shiny aluminum pole like pole appeared at times atop object. Later two small red objects appeared and still later five red objects appeared.		11. COMMENTS See case file. Objects were stars and lights on barn.

Regarding the Oxnard case, again I raise my perennial question --- didn't any of the many people concerned have binoculars or a camera? This always seems to be the case!

The astronomer you consulted apparently did not have a good stargazer because while it is so that Arcturus was in the eastern sky, Castor and Pollux were certainly nowhere around but far in the western skies! It would be my opinion that the primary contender in this case was the star Vega, which at that time was low, very low, on the northeastern horizon and rose to a fair height by 3:30 a.m. Still it is always difficult for me to understand how so obvious an object like a bright star can possibly cause so much confusion on the part of several people. If it were only one observer, then anything can happen, but I am always amazed that people are so easily confused, in this case seven police officers!

The trajectories or trails of the objects sighted certainly matched the diurnal paths of the star Vega and other stars in its vicinity. This makes it all the harder to understand how some of the observers could ascribe fast motion and "speeding up" to this sighting. Your point is well taken, if these things move rapidly and speeded up, why were they in sight so long!

C.N.A. 4. A. 28022 25 MARCH 1957. E. NIGHT. D. 34 DEG 14 MIN NORTH,

119 DEG 35 MIN WEST. G.A. INITIAL REPORT BY MRS. [REDACTED] LT.

OTT, O.D., OKNARD REPORTS WOMAN HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR. RELIABILITY
POSSIBLE COLORED BY EMOTIONAL STRAIN

. OTHERS ALL MEMBERS OF STATE

POLICE OR COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE. RELIABILITY SHOULD BE SOUND.

MRS. [REDACTED] DRIVE, CANARILLO, CALIF.

[REDACTED], EAST CLARA, VENTURA HIGHWAY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STREET, OKNARD, CALIF. [REDACTED]

A. CLEAR BUT NO MOON. B. SURFACE, W/5KTS,

REPEAT ABOVE LINE

[REDACTED] STREET, OKNARD, CALIF. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIF, [REDACTED] SANTA ROSA, SAN SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. 7.

A. CLEAR BUT NO MOON. B. SURFACE, W/5KTS, 6, 10FT, 350/10KTS,

12, 10FT, 315/35KTS, 13, 10FT, 335/50KTS, WPNPPPTT, LUTXVTKIS,

33, 10FT, 315/70 KTS, 14, 10FT, WUTXVTKIS, IPNPPPTT, UNK. C. NO

Why? object
display an
threat

hostile
actions?

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TO RJEDEN/CONDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO-SPRINGS COLORADO

RJWPJB/CONDR 27 ADIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDWP/CONDR AIR TECH INTELL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLHQTRS USAF 25 D C

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UCLAS 690PS 094-Y PD UFOB PD 1. A.SPECIAL TO OVAL. B.PIN AND PEA.

C.ONE LARGE GREEN AND FOUR SMLE RD. D.FIVE. E.VARYING. F.N/A.

G.NONE. H.NONE. I.RED OBJECTS SEEMED CENTERED AROUND THE GREEN

AT VARYING SPEED AND FORMATION. 2. A.OBSERVER AROSE FROM BED TO

ANSWER PHONE AND SIGHTED UFOB UPON GLANCING FROM BEDROOM WINDOW.

B.10 DEG ABOVE HORIZION, GENERALLY NE. C.VERY HIGH 75 TO 80 DEG,

WEST. D.GREEN OBJECT REMAINED HIGH, BUT RED OBJECTS DESCENDED VERY

LOW. AT THE APPEARANCE OF THE INTERCEPTORS OBJECTS CONVERGED AND

ACCELERATED TO EXTREME ALTITUDE.E.MOVED WEST. SPEED MODERATE,

VERY HIGH. F.ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS. 3. A.GROUND VISUAL. B.N/A.

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			
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INFO ROUTINE							
FROM: COMDR ATIC						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
TO: COMDR, 4602D AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO <i>RJEDEN</i> INFO CY: 4602D AISS, FLT 1-C, OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA <i>RJWPJB</i> (UNCLASSIFIED) FROM AFOIN-4E4 <i>3-398-E</i> REFERENCE TT MESSAGE 69-OPS 090-Y FROM COMDR 669, ACWRON, PORHUE, CALIFORNIA. RE UFO SIGHTING OBSERVED NIGHT, 0800Z, 23 MARCH 1957 BY MRS. ██████ OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE PUBLICITY, NUMEROUS WITNESSES, AND POLICE AND SHERIFF BROUGHT IN ON CASE, REQUEST PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. REQUEST BRIEF SUMMARY OF FINDINGS BY TT MESSAGE. COORDINATION: AFOIN-4E4 <i>Henry A. Miley</i> DATE <i>27/3/57</i> AFOIN-4E <i>Mont</i> DATE <i>3/27</i>							
				DATE 27		TIME 0935	
				MONTH MAR		YEAR 1957	
SYMBOL AFOIN-4E4 TYPED NAME AND TITLE <i>George T. Gregory</i> Captain G.T. Gregory PHONE 69216 PAGE NR. 1 NR. OF PAGES 1 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED				SIGNATURE <i>Robert E. O'Connor</i> TYPED NAME AND TITLE ROBERT E. O'CONNOR Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant			

1. UNLIMITED. 2. ZERO. 3. NONE. 4. NONE. 5. AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED 4
BLOODSTONE ALPHA, FRONT PAGE WHISKEY, BSA SWANNY CONTROL, NEGATIVE
CONTACT ALTHOUGH REPORTED IN MERGE WITH UFOB TWICE. FPW, ART CONTROL
PASS TO TOWER VISUAL, NEGATIVE CONTACT ALTHOUGH ALSO REPORTED IN
MERGE WITH UFOB. 10. MODERATE IN L.A. AREA. 11. BOTH BLOODSTONE
ALPHA FLIGHT AND FRONT PAGE WHISKEY FLIGHT THOROUGHLY SEARCHED
THE AREA IN QUEST ON, BUT WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE UFOB.

NEITHER PILOT SAW THE SIGNAL LIGHTS OF THE POLICE. THE POSSIBILITY

Sgt Hill
This is a mess
Hydromed woman - bedroom
sternations - colored dyed -
highway patrol - and an
downy information (and possibly)
excitable 12nd St - de
play. Better ask
for an investigation
to unravel the
mess.
b7D

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OF ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFIED RADIO BEACON CANNOT BE ENTIRELY DISCO-
UNTED DESPITE THE REPORTED MOBILITY OF THE OBJECTS IN QUESTION.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, GROUND OBSERVERS REPORT VISUAL SIGHTINGS

ON BOTH THE INTERCEPTORS AND THE UFOB. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT ON

ONE OCCASION, MRS. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT A PALE GREEN BEAM OF

LIGHT HAD EMITTED EARTHWARD FROM THE LARGER SPHERE WHICH SHE

ALTERNATELY DESCRIBED AS RESEMBLING "THE CANOPY OF A HELICOPTER"

AND "A PLANET". NO RADAR PICKUP OF THE UFOB WAS EVER ESTABLISHED

MRS. [REDACTED] AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, MADE THE INITIAL SIGHTING

AND CALLED LT. [REDACTED] AT OXNARD, WHO, IN TURN, ALARMED AT HER

EMOTIONAL CONDITION, ALERTED THE HIGHWAY PATROL. POLICE OFFICERS

ARRIVING AT MRS. [REDACTED] HOME ALSO SIGHTED THE UFOB AND

COORDINATED WITH ART CONTROL TO AID IN THE ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION.

KENNETH R CLARK, 1ST LT USAF, DUTY DIRECTOR. 12. NONE PD

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Should
have contacted
the local
AIS unit
and
intercept
Spaulding
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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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PARAPHRASE NOT PERMITTED. TO
CATEGORIZE, RECLASSIFY, OR REMOVE
ALL INTERNAL REFERENCES TO GROUP
PRIOR TO DECLASSIFICATION. UNCLASSIFIED
REFERENCE IF THE DATE-TIME GROUP IS QUOTED

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FROM:

COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: COMDR, AXXK 4602D AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

INFO CY: 4602D AISS, FLT 1-C, OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA

FROM: AFOIN-4E4

JC40354

PART I - REFERENCE OUR MESSAGE AFOIN-4E4, 3-398-E DATED 27 MARCH 57 REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF OXNARD CALIFORNIA INCIDENT OF 23 MARCH, AS REPORTED ON TT-MSG 69-OPS-Y FROM COMDR, 669 ACWRON. NO DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CASE RECEIVED AS YET; ONLY COMMENT IN YOUR UFO SUMMARY WITH STATEMENT WAS ASTRONOMICAL. THIS INCIDENT RECOGNIZED BY THIS CENTER AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ON THAT IT COULD GIVE AIR FORCE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY, IF EXPLOITED BY FANATIC OR DIE-HARD "FLYING SAUCER" PROPONENTS. THIS NOW ^{DEFINITE} ~~DEFINITE~~ POSSIBILITY, WITH RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM ~~REDACTED~~, NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON UFOS, DEMANDING FULL DETAILS AND ANSWERS TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OXNARD INCIDENT NOT SUPPORTED BY INFORMATION IN FILE.

OFFICIALLY, THIS INCIDENT DOES NOT WARRANT ACTION REQUIRED, BUT ~~REDACTED~~ ABILITY TO SLANT MATERIAL AND CREATE UNWARRANTED TROUBLE FOR AIR FORCE, HIS STOCK IN TRADE FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS,

DATE	TIME
13	1600
MONTH	YEAR
MAY	57

SYMBOL AFOIN-4E4	SIGNATURE <i>Wallace W. Elwood</i>
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature if required) Capt G. T. Gregory	TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE WALLACE W. ELWOOD Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant
PHONE 69216	
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION REDACTED	

JOINT MESSAGEFORM - CONTINUATION SHEET

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

FROM:

COMDR ATIC

UNCLASSIFIED

REQUIRE NO COMMENT. PRESUME DETAILS, FINDINGS OR AF112, IN SUPPORT OF UFO SUMMARY CONCLUSION, IN PREPARATION. HOWEVER, NOW REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION OF DETAILS AND PERTINENT FACTS SURROUNDING THIS CASE AS REQUESTED IN TT-3-398-E, SO THAT THEY MAY BE FORWARDED TO HQS USAF, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIAL REPLY TO [REDACTED] COMMITTEE.

PART II - IN ADDITION, TO ANSWER THIS COMMITTEE'S CHARGES, COMMENTS TO FOLLOWING DESIRED SPECIFICALLY:

- a. OUR UFO REPORT, 69-OPS-Y, REFERENCED ABOVE, STATES FOUR AIRCRAFT ~~SCRAMBLED~~, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] CLAIMS FOUR UFOS CONTACTED.
- b. DO NOT KNOW SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, BUT [REDACTED] ALLEGES DETAILED REPORT PREPARED BY OXNARD PILOT DESCRIBING ONE UFO, ALSO ITS SPEED ESTIMATED AT 3600 MPH.
- c. WERE THERE ANY CLASSIFIED PILOT'S AND RADAR REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT AS CLAIMED? IF SO, AND NORMALLY AF REPORTS OF SUCH NATURE MIGHT BE, THROUGH WHAT MEANS OR SOURCE DID [REDACTED] RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION, INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE BREACH OF SECURITY?
- d. NOT CLEAR, AND SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, REPORT ON OBSERVER: RISES FROM BED, GLANCES OUT OF WINDOW, SEES OBJECT HIGH IN SKY, OBSERVED FOR 1½, REPEAT 1½ HOURS, THEN GETS HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR.
- e. WAS LT. OTT, APPARENTLY OFFICER ON DUTY, WHICH OBSERVER CONTACTED, FOLLOWING LOCAL PROCEDURES IN ALERTING HIGHWAY PATROL AND AF INTERCEPTORS WITHOUT TAKING ACTION TO CHECK THE INCIDENT.

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AFOIN [REDACTED]

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COMDR ATIC

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FURTHER, IN VIEW OF HIS ADMITTED KNOWLEDGE OF HER EMOTIONAL
CONDITION? THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME SUBJECTIVITY ON THE PART OF
THIS OFFICER.

HQS USAF CANNOT BE SUPPLIED WITH DETAILS AND ANSWERS TO ABOVE
WITHOUT FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 14/5/57
Dr. Henry A. Miley
AFOIN-4E HK Gilbert DATE 14/5/57
Col H. K. Gilbert
AFOIN-4X1 Mr. A. F. Arcier DATE 15/5/57
Mr. A. F. Arcier

12 MAY 58 10 28 AM
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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 475 PD REFERENCE YOUR AFOIN 4E4 IC40354 PD

FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED CLN SOURCE [REDACTED] CMM

RELIABILITY QTE POSSIBLY RELIABLE UN QTE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING

CLN QTE SOURCE AROSE FROM BED TO ANSWER TELEPHONE PD WHILE ON PHONE

SOURCE OBSERVED UNUSUAL GREEN OBJECT IN NORTHEAST SKY AT ABOUT TEN

DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON PD OBJECT SEEMED TO THROB AND PULSATE PD

NO SOUND PD OBJECT ALTERATELY AHAD AND DID NOT HAVE A TAIL PD SHINY

ALUMINUM LIKE PLE APPEARED AT TIMES ON TOP OF OBJECT PD OBJECT

WAS SEEN TO MOVE AT GREAT SPEEDS AND ALSO TO REMAIN STATIC PF

OBJECT SEEN FOR FIVE HOIR FORTY FIVE MINUTES PD UNQTE BADED ON THIS

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INFORMATION EVALUATION WAS ASTRONOMICAL

INFORMATION EVALUATION OF "WAS ASTRONOMICAL" WAS IVEN THIS SIGHTING

PD FOLLOWING INFORMAITON IS QUOTED FROM SUPPLEMENTARY ENVESTIGATIVE

REPORTS ON AF FORM 112 CLN THE 669TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING

SQUADRON LOCATED ON SANTA ROSA ISLAND WAS CONTACTED AND THE CONTROLLER

ON DUTY ON THE NIGHT OF 22/23 MAR FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION PD STATION OPERATIVE DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF SIGHTING

PD ONLY ONE PAINT WAS NOTED THAT NIGHT CMM FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE

SIGHTING WAS REPORTED PD CHECK WITH BASE OPERATIONS OXNARD AFB

DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING CLN TWO F-89 AIRCRAFT CMM OXNARD BASED CMM

WERE RETURNING FROM A FLIGHT IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA WHEN INFORMEN

BY THE CONTROLLER OF THE 669TH ACWRON OF OBJECTS IN AREA PD AIR

RAFT WERE THEN VECTORED TO THE AREA OF SIGHTING PD A SEARCH FROM

ONE THOUSAND FEET ON UP WAS CONDUCTED PD AIRCRAFT REPORTED NEITHER VISUAL OR RADAR SIGHTING PD AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BASE AND NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN PD MR [REDACTED] CMM ASTRONOMER AT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLN ARTURUS WAS PRESENT IN THE NORTHEASTERN SKY SLIGHTLY BELOW A FORTY FIVE DEGREE ELEVATION DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING PD MR BEATTY INDICATED THAT ARTURUS WAS VERY BRIGHT PD LT OTT CMM DUTY OFFICER STATED THAT HE

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CALLED SANTA ROSA ISLAND AND THEY SAID THEY HAS A PAINT IN APPROXIMATE AREA OF SIGHTING PD HOWEVER LATER CONTACT WITH RADAR SITE DID NOT SUPPORT THIS PAINT PD QUOTATION FROM STATEMENT OF LT OTT QTE ALTHOUGH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE GROUND OBSERVER REPORTED THE AIRCRAFT CLOSE TO THE OBJECTS CMM NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY THE AIR CREWS PD END QUOTE FROM REPORT THIS SIGHTING WAS DEKINATELY CAUSED BY STAR CMM PROBABLY STAR ARTURUS PD ALTHOUGH LT OTT SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT 669TH ACWRON WAS CARRYING STATIONARY PAING IN CAMARILLO AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CMM LT MARTIN CMM DUTY CONTROLLER ON NIGHT OF 22/23 MAR 57 CMM DENIED CARRYING A PLOT AT THIS TIME PD A LACK OF GROUND RADAR CONTACT CMM PLUS THE FACT THAT NEITHER AIRBORN RADAR NOR CREWMEMBERS OF F-89 INTERCEPTORS SAW ANY THING WOULD RULE OUT ANY UNUSUAL OBJECT PD THIS HEADQUARTERS REGRETS THAT YOUR CENTER DOES NOT HAVE AF FORM 112 ON SIGHTING PD SUBJECT REPORT WAS SENT FORM ADC HEADQUARTERS ON 26 APR 57 PD IN FUTURE THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL MAIL YOUR COPY OF REPORT PD SUBJECT REPORT WILL FOLLOW BY AIRMAIL PD

RECEIVED THE REPORT DE RETURNED WHEN YOUR CENTER RECEIVES A COPY

FROM HEADQUARTERS US AF PD END

BT

17/2312Z MAY RJEDEN

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(CLASSIFICATION)

23 March 57
Camarillo, CA

COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO 1C-UFOB-1-57 AISS-UFOB-64-57	(L.R. 11-1-57)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Camarillo, California	DATE OF INFORMATION 22, 23 March 1957	FROM (Agency) Flight 1-C, 4602d AISS
DATE OF REPORT 5 April 1957	EVALUATION 4Bla.	W/O INCL 5 Busted
PREPARED BY (Officer) FRANK H. MARECKI, Major, USAF	SOURCE Mrs. [REDACTED]	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

669th OPS 090-Y TT MSGT: Sqdn Guide 200-2, AFR 200-2.

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.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of Sighting and subsequent events by
Mrs. [REDACTED], Camarillo, California

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying objects were observed visually from a point (EJBE 0615) northeast of CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA (EJAE 5513) for a period of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes on the evening of 22, 23 March 1957. The information in this report was obtained from the person seeing these objects and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of this sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: S/Sgt JOHN T FICKEN, AF 16371953

Frank H. Marecki

FRANK H. MARECKI
Major USAF
OIC, Flt 1-C, 4602d AISS

APPROVED:

John W. Meador

JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

Five incs (See Individual Parts)

*Important points
underlined*

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PART ONE

I. SOURCE: Name Mrs. [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Drive, Camarillo, California
Age 36
Occupation Housewife
Education High School plus 2½ years of accounting
Qualifications None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE, wife of a UNITED STATES AIR FORCE captain who was a Staff Judge Advocate, was very cooperative although seemingly concerned about being ridiculed because of reporting the sighting. SOURCE seemed above average in intelligence. SOURCE answered all questions quickly and without hesitation. Sometimes answers given were very general and not at all specific. SOURCE reached conclusions quickly without a great deal of reasoning or judgement. SOURCE tended to underestimate by a large percentage. SOURCE was positive she had seen something unusual but under cross-questioning many contradictions, especially times at which certain events had taken place during the sighting, were noted. SOURCE had made a sketch of the object during the sighting but had misplaced it so that it was not available during the interview. SOURCE seemed excitable and possibly a little "jumpy." On night of sighting her young daughter had been slightly ill, and SOURCE was possibly a little upset as her husband was away on TDY. SOURCE balked at using colors when sketching the object for the interviewer. SOURCE was alert and had good powers of concentration. In view of the foregoing the information given below may be considered possibly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING AND EVENTS:

0718-4 = 2318

1. At approximately 23/0718Z MAR 57 SOURCE arose from bed to answer the telephone. While on the phone SOURCE observed an unusual green object in the northeast sky at about ten (10) degrees above the horizon. The green object glowed fluorescently and was brighter than the surrounding stars.

2. SOURCE described the object as being round, but changing shape occasionally (See Incl #2) to that resembling a helicopter. Object was estimated to be about two and one half (2½) feet in diameter. SOURCE stated that at one time it appeared to be about the size of a quarter held at arm's length and at another time stated, it appeared about the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length. Object seemed to throb and pulsate. There was no sound. Object was sharply defined. Object alternately had and did not have a tail. A shiny aluminum-like pole appeared at times on top of the object. Object was seen to move at great speeds and also to remain static. Sometimes it jumped around. The object gave off no smoke and did not appear to change brightness.

3. SOURCE described the glow from the object as projecting downward only. SOURCE stated that the light definitely did not shine upward and compared the suppression of the glow to that created by blackout paint.

4. At approximately 23/0725Z MAR 57 SOURCE telephoned the Officer of the Day, a personal friend, at OXNARD AFB and reported the sighting.

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5. At about 23/0830Z MAR 57 SOURCE observed two smaller red objects to the north of the green object and below the horizon formed by the LOS PASOS hills to the northeast of the observation point. The red objects were aligned horizontally and seemed to be jumping around. One object was continuously behind some trees about five hundred (500) yards away from the observation post and in front of the LOS PASOS hills which were about one and a half miles away. At this time both the green object and the two (2) red objects seemed to jump around. Upon arrival of interceptors from OXNARD AFB the red objects joined the green object and sped away in a direction up and to the east. 6. SOURCE made these observations from the kitchen of her home and also from the back porch. No optical instruments were used during the sighting. See Incl #1. 7. See Incl #3 for Statement by SOURCE. 3 Incls 1. Flight of Objects 2. Green Object 3. Statement of SOURCE		

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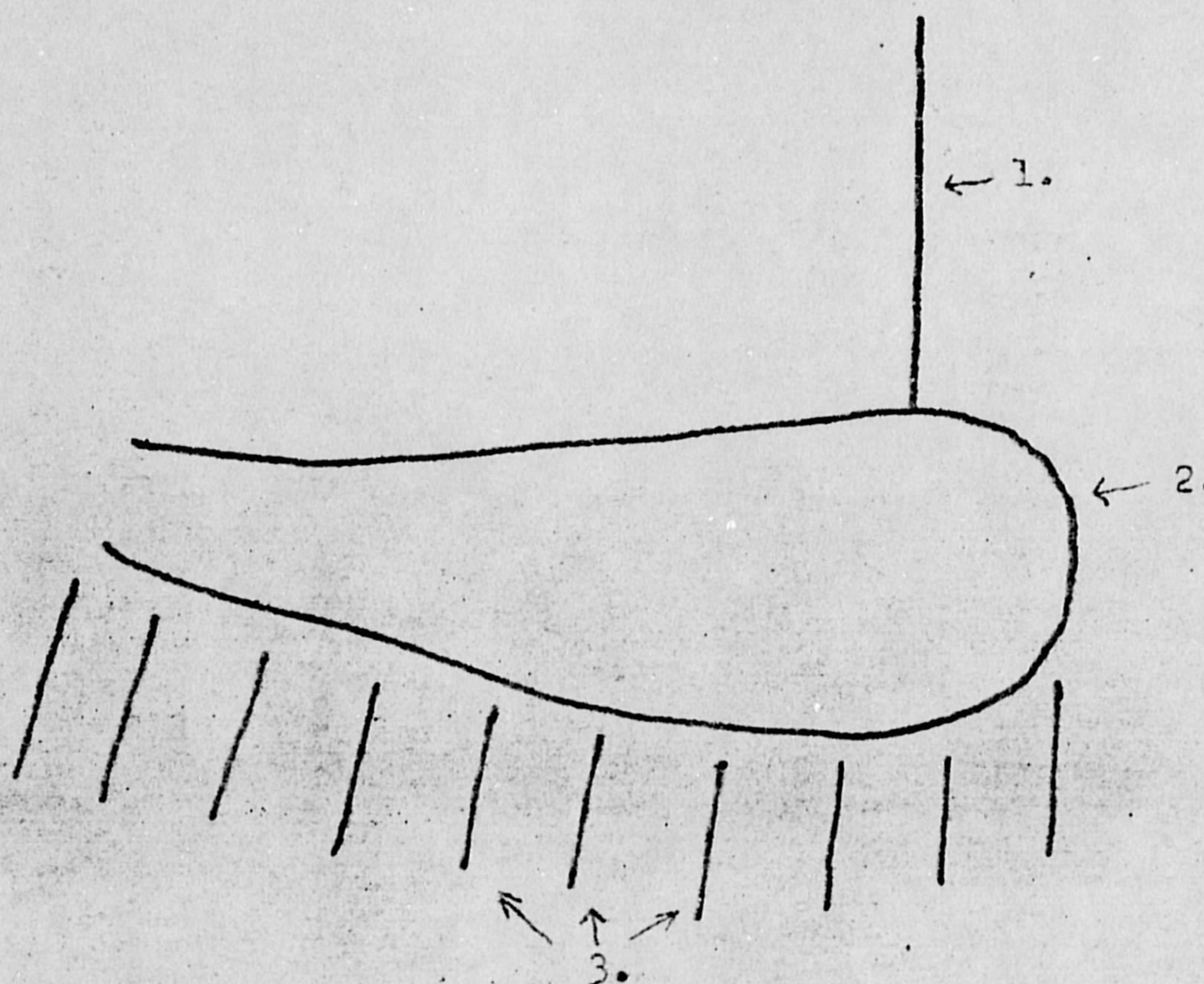
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Green Object (SOURCE's Memory Sketch, retouched)

- Pt. ##1. "Shiny" pole, not continually visible
Pt. #2. Body of object
Pt. #3. Light rays shining down



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Statement by SOURCE

STATEMENT

At about 11:15 P.M. 22 Mar. '57 Capt Linsley telephoned my home - I had just gone to bed. Answered my phone which is so located in our kitchen that in using it I look out the kitchen window facing East. I told Capt. Linsley "I'm sure I'm seeing my first flying saucer. Really [REDACTED] here, I'll call her" - We hung up and I called Oxnard Air Base at Capt. Linsley's suggestion. Carol & I watched the original 'green' light and subsequently (sic) 2 red objects (lights) from 2 East windows until the [REDACTED] (sic) found our house and arrived at 1:30 AM. I talked on the phone much of the 2 hr. interval to the O. D. at the Base - describing all the antics the green light performed and later the arrival of the 2 red "lights!" The [REDACTED] (sic) arrived, talked on the phone - we all watched & looked until 3:30 AM, Mar 23, 1957.

[REDACTED]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

1. 1st Lt Leonard E. Ott, Officer of the Day on the night of 22, 23 March 1957 at OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and a statement from him received. See Incl #2,

2. The 669th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron located on SANTA ROSA ISLAND, mailing address PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and the controller on duty on the night of 22, 23 MAR 57 furnished the following information. 1st Lt Edward R. Martin, two (2) years experience at the station, said that the station was operative during the entire time of sighting. Only one paint was noted that night, at 0245Z, or five (5) hours before the sighting was reported. The paint was noted only once, held for five (5) minutes, then dropped. No other paints were recorded during the night although Lt Martin stated that this AC & W site does not normally pay much attention to overland activity being primarily interested in over-water, inbound traffic. Vectored aircraft had reported no contact with the object.

3. A check with Base Operations, OXNARD AFB, disclosed the following: Two (2) F-89 type aircraft, OXNARD based, were returning from a flight in the LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, area at about 23/0930Z MAR 57 when informed by the controller of the 669th AC & W Squadron of the objects in the CAMARILLO area. Aircraft were then vectored to the area of the sighting. A search from one thousand (1000) feet on up was conducted. Aircraft reported neither a visual nor a radar sighting. Aircraft returned to base and no further action was taken.

4. A check with Detachment 9, 4th Weather Squadron at OXNARD AFB revealed the following:

Winds:	Surface	variable	5 kts
	6000 ft	050 degrees	10 kts
	10000 ft	315 degrees	50 kts
	16000 ft	335 degrees	50 kts
	20000 ft	325 degrees	65 kts
	30000 ft	315 degrees	70 kts
	50000 ft	275 degrees	60 kts
	80000 ft	Unk	Unk

Temperature at 23/0900Z MAR 57 at the weather station was 43 degrees. Moonrise was at 23/0914Z MAR 57. There was no cloud cover and visibility was unlimited. There was a shallow surface base temperature inversion extending to one thousand (1000) feet.

5. Detachment 2, 4771st Ground Observer Corps, Pasadena Filter Center at PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and the following information received: The filter center received a telephone call from an Airman Delaney, an Airpoliceman on duty at the main gate at OXNARD AFB, reporting the object in the CAMARILLO area. Airman Delaney did not see the object and was simply making the call at the request of the Officer of the Day, Lt Ott. The filter center received no unusual sighting reports from the CAMARILLO area on the night of the sighting.

6. The observatories at MT WILSON and MT PALOMAR, CALIFORNIA, were contacted and a report of no unusual activity received.

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7. Traffic Officer Robert E. Reed of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, gave the following information: At approximately 23/0818Z MAR 57 he received a report from OXNARD AFB on the unusual sighting. Traffic Officer Reed along with Traffic Officer Danilo Chalif proceeded to the CAMARILLO area but missed the turn-off on Barbara Drive. They continued into SIMI, CALIFORNIA, and turned west beyond the LOS PASOS hills where they saw what they described as two red lights apparently sitting in a field on the LAWTON Ranch. The traffic officers found no one at home at the LAWTON Ranch and proceeded out to the field where they found a barn with one red light on each of four (4) corners. They reported this by radio to the station at VENTURA and then back-tracked until they found the SOURCE's home on Barbara Drive. Upon arrival of the F-89 interceptors in the area traffic officers Reed and Chalif with other officers (See below) attempted to vector the F-89's to the immediate area of the observation point by flashing their spot lights into the air. This was unsuccessful. During the entire time that Traffic Officers Reed and Chalif were in the area they saw nothing unusual. The objects in question as pointed out to the traffic officers by the SOURCE were identified by the traffic officers simply as stars with only the normal movement of their rise in the eastern sky. Traffic Officers Reed and Chalif left the area at approximately 23/1000Z MAR 57.

8. Traffic Officer Robert H. Winter and Traffic Officer James F. Willson of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, also received orders to investigate the sighting and also found the barn with the red lights on it. They arrived at the LAWTON Ranch at about 23/0820Z MAR 57. They then proceeded to Barbara Drive arriving at 23/0915Z MAR 57. Traffic Officers Winter and Willson also participated in the unsuccessful attempt to vector the F-89 interceptors to the area by spot lights. They reported seeing nothing unusual. There was no unusual sound or movement. The night was extremely clear and cool. Traffic Officers Winter and Willson were positive that there were only stars present and a little later the moon. They left the area at approximately 23/1000Z MAR 57.

9. Sgt Earl Watson of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, was not available for interview but his superior, Captain Howard Marsh, of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, had received the report on the sighting from Sgt Watson. Captain Marsh said that Sgt Watson's report corroborated the contents of the reports submitted by Traffic Officers Reed, Chalif, Willson, and Winter.

10. Deputy Sheriff Nickol Rouse of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was contacted and he submitted the following information: At 23/0757Z MAR 57 he arrived at SOURCE'S residence. Deputy Rouse observed from the same spot as SOURCE but saw nothing unusual. He identified the objects reported by the SOURCE as nothing but stars rising in the eastern sky at their normal rate. He described the weather as extremely clear, chilly, cloudless with the moonrise at about 23/0930Z MAR 57. There was a glow in the eastern sky from the North American Rocketdyne Plant at SIMI, CALIFORNIA, EJB 1316, but Deputy Rouse said that it was not bright enough to affect the visibility to the northeast

11. Mr. Beatty, astronomer at San Bernardino Valley College, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, supplied the following information: A bright star, ARTURUS, was present in the northeastern sky slightly below a forty five (45) degree elevation during the time of the sighting. Two (2) lesser stars, POLLUX and CASTOR, possibly giving a reddish appearance, were also present in the northeastern sky just above the horizon at the time of the sighting. This information was taken from his files and the stars were not actually observed visually from the observatory during the night of the sighting.

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12. The North American Rocketdyne Plant at SIMI, CALIFORNIA, reported no unusual activity at the plant during the night of 22, 23 March 1957.

13. Deputy Sheriff Segura of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was also contacted but he stated that he had not taken an active part during the sighting. He was on duty as the switchboard operator at the Sheriff's Office in VENTURA, CALIFORNIA.

14. No physical evidence was found.

15. See Incl #1 for sketch of area of sighting and location of LAWTON Ranch.

determining that he was contacted by H. OLE

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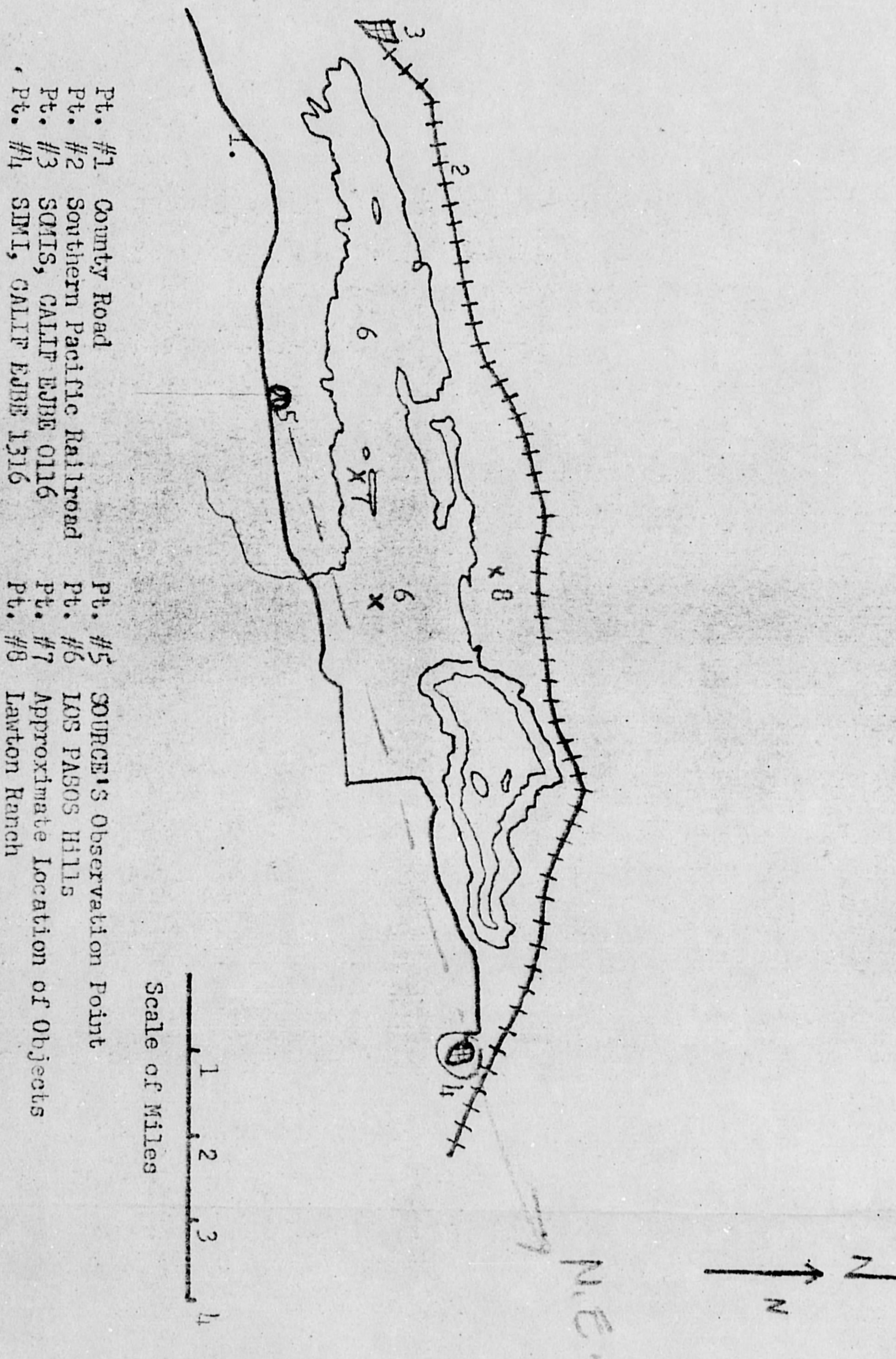
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Sketch of Area of Sighting by Investigator

Overlay of Geological Survey Map, California, Camulos Quadrangle, Scale: 1:125000



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Statement by OD

STATEMENT

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

22/23 March 1957

I received a report from Mrs. [REDACTED] (Captain [REDACTED]'s wife) at approximately 2320 hours 23 March 1957 that she had sighted an unidentified object in the sky due Northeast of her home on Barbara Drive in Camarillo.

I had no reason to question her veracity; however, I did joke with her for a few minutes as to what she had been drinking. She became most indignant, stating that a large green iridescent object approximately the size of a plastic cabin on a helicopter was orbiting and yoyoing Northeast of her home. She further stated that it seemed to be hovering over the North American plant at Simi.

I explained to her how temperature inversions can cause reflections and weird optical effects, and the conversation was terminated. Five minutes later, at approximately 2330 hours, I received another call from Mrs. [REDACTED]. This time she stated that two red lights had joined the green light and were zooming past it horizontally at tremendous velocities.

I then called ART and asked if they were painting anything in that particular area. Lt Martin (Director at ART) reported affirmatively that they had a stationary object in approximately the area designated by Mrs. Beaudoin. He stated that it was not a normal stationary object.

I then called Mr. [REDACTED] and asked if she still saw the object. She stated that the green object was hovering high (she estimated 45 degrees off the horizontal due Northeast). At this time, she became very frightened, stating that the two red objects were on the deck and approaching very slowly. She asked that I call the local authorities and obtain help. *What for? Any hostile action? Threat?*

I was unable to contact the Highway patrol due to some operator in the Oxnard exchange, so contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's office instead. They had a car in the area, and contacted it by radio. The Deputy in the car reported that he had also sighted the object and contacted another unit in Camarillo. This unit also reported the same object.

In the meantime, the Sheriff's office contacted the Highway Patrol, who dispatched a vehicle to the area. I arranged a conference call between Mrs. [REDACTED], the Sheriff, the Highway Patrol, and myself. All police units reported the sighting and converged on Mrs. [REDACTED]'s residence. The Highway Patrol reported a red object or light was sitting in a field on the Lawton Ranch and requested two more cars to help him investigate. This turned out to be a barn with red clearance lights on the roof.

The Sheriff's department, meantime, had a car at Mrs. [REDACTED]. Deputy Sheriffs Segura and Rausch (sic) confirmed Mrs. [REDACTED]'s report in every detail. The objects had by then multiplied to one green and five red objects. All were in motion in an arc of (sic) the horizon of about 20 degrees, and constantly changing altitude. The red objects were extremely low, and the green object extremely high. ART called and

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stated that they had a scramble underway and would ask the aircraft to check the area upon their return.

ART vectored the aircraft into the area and an attempt was made to orient them from the group of police at Mrs. [REDACTED], on the ground. This was unsuccessful and the aircraft had to return to base due to lack of fuel. ISLAND then called and wanted a complete report, which I furnished them. They evidently had a report from the GOC. Two Navy aircraft were scrambled and ART turned control of them over to BLOODSTONE GROUND here at the alert center. These aircraft were vectored into the area, and then controlled by sight and sound by the group at Mrs. [REDACTED], relayed over the radio at the alert center.

Although on several occasions (sic) the ground observers (sic) reported the aircraft close to the objects, no contact was made by the air crews. It developed at one time, though, that the objects accelerated vertically at tremendous velocities when the aircraft approached them. The entire operation was broken off at approximately 0300 PST with no sightings from the air. Mrs. [REDACTED] then called ART and gave a description of the incident and objects so a formal report might be made.

The following police officers were in the area and reported the objects:

Robert H. Winter
6232 East Clara
Ventura, Calif.

Earl Watson
1950 Victoria St.
Ventura, Calif.

James F. Willson
345 Poplar
Oxnard, Calif.

Robert E. Reed
528 South Emma
Oxnard, Calif.

Don Chalif
1520 Santa Rosa
Santa Barbara

Also included were Deputy Sheriffs Segura and Rausch (sic) of the Ventura County Sheriffs Office.

LEONARD E. OTT
1ST LT USAF
Officer of the Day

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PART THREE

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

1. The opinion of the Preparing Officer is that this sighting was caused by stars and probable optical phenomena for the following reasons:

a. The presense of a temperature inversion during the time of sighting could possibly have reflected the red lights of the barn over the LOS PASOS hills to the point of observation during the earlier portion of the sighting, which could explain the location of the objects below the horizon. It is probable that later on stars were confused for the original red light sightings.

b. Although SOURCE observed objects to be in movement, six (6) other people saw nothing to indicate that the objects were anything other than stars.

c. Although Lt Ott said in his statement that the 669th AC & W Squadron was carrying a stationary paint in the CAMARILLO area at the time of the sighting, Lt Martin, the duty controller on the night of 22, 23 March 57, denied carrying a plot at this time.

d. A lack of ground radar contact, plus the fact that neither airborne radar nor the crewmembers of the F-89 interceptors saw anything, would probably rule out any known object being in the area.

e. The presense of three (3) bright stars in the northeastern sky at the time of the sighting was confirmed by an astronomer.

f. The contradiction of the number of objects originally reported by the SOURCE to the Officer of the Day at OXNARD AFB and the number reported to the investigator during the interview lends credence to the fact that the SOURCE was probably upset and confused during the sighting.

Frank H. Marecki
FRANK H. MARECKI
Major USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with Reporting Officer that this sighting was caused by stars. It is felt that the radar paint, in no way, is connected to the visual sighting. Therefore, the evaluation of the Approving Officer is "Was Astronomical."

Concur
John W. Meador
JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Information for Mr. Edward J. Ruppelt

SARIS-3, ATTN: Major Tacker

25 May 1959

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1. The objects sighted over Arkansas City, Kansas on the night of 18 July 1956 were reported to have been investigated by a B-47. The crew reported the objects were waste gas torches in a nearby oil field.

2. The objects sighted over Camarillo, California, Oxnard AFB area, on the night of 22 and early morning 23 March 1957, were thoroughly investigated. Source pointed out the lights to several investigators from the state highway patrol, and was informed by them that the lights were stars with their normal movement and rise in the eastern sky. There was also a barn with four red lights on it northeast of observers location. This sighting was attributed to the stars, the four red lights, and light reflecting off of green insulators on a nearby telephone pole.

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Report on Oxnard UFO Case - 22 March 1957

AFOIN-X1

22 May 1957

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1. Reference is made to telephone discussions 20 May 1957, between your office and Capt Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verably during these discussions.

2. This case, which has been given some attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force some adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of Oxnard AFB and the 4602d AISS, Headquarters ADC respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigations and radar search. The allegations are not supported by the facts.

3. In compliance with your instructions for providing Headquarters USAF with all case material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher levels, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF under AF 112, IR-1C-UFOB-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrols, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered thorough.

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4. Also attached is a suggested reply to the director of the committee mentioned above, which may be used in whole or in part. The director, Mr. ~~██████████~~ needs no introduction. His known ability for placing the Air Force in an unfavorable light is well known.

5. The report of the Air Force's investigation (IR reference above) which Mr. ~~██████████~~ demands is unclassified, and supports our conclusions submitted to your office. However, the decision whether it should be released to this committee must come from Headquarters USAF. Accordingly, it is the opinion of this Center that any replies or statements regarding this case should be over the signature of higher levels, preferably the Office of Information Services.

6. In conclusion, it is the opinion of this Center that this case was improperly handled at its inception, and the unfortunate train of events which followed to give it this unwarranted attention, could have been avoided. The officer initially receiving the report should have contacted the nearby AISS unit, which was responsible for UFO investigations, instead of the local police and other civil authorities.

If inclosure 2 is withdrawn (or not attached), the classification of this correspondence will be downgraded to Secret in accordance with AFR205-1.

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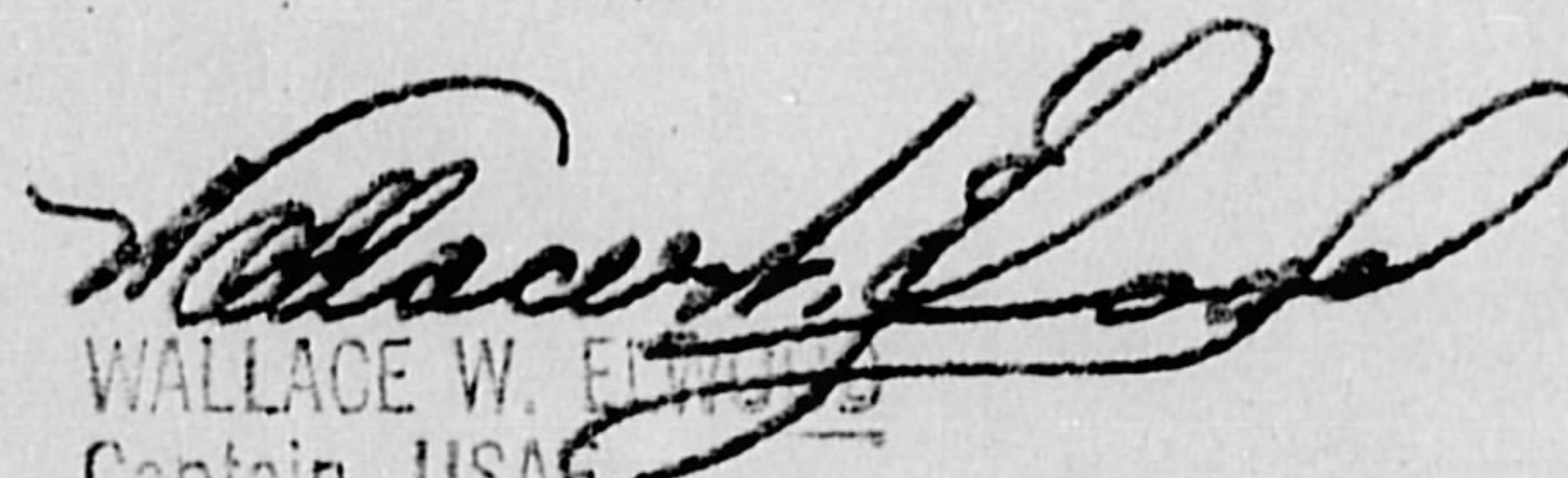
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From the times and details given, it is not certain that all visual reports concerned the same UFO. It appears possible that witnesses may have seen two or more of the four UFO's tracked by the CAA control tower operators. If two or more objects were seen separately this could account for the varied reports of hovering, accelerations, and swift maneuvers. However, all these visual reports may possibly concern a single object which maneuvered at varying speeds near Oxnard AFB and the surrounding area.

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Following Air Force Regulation 200-2, on the reporting of UFO's, the Pasadena Filter Center after the first verified UFO report, immediately notified Air Defense Command HQ at Colorado Springs, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the Directorate of Intelligence at the Pentagon and the nearest Air Defense base — Norton AFB, in San Bernardino. A team of Intelligence investigators from the 4602d Squadron unit at Norton was at once sent to Oxnard AFB.

Though this is standard procedure, and is well known to the HQ staff at all Air Force bases, no mention of the 4602d was made when Russ Leadabrand called the base at Norton. Major Thomas Bowers, Information Services Officer of the 27th Air Divi-

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tion, admitted they had received a number of civilian reports on the UFO.

"They came from Los Angeles, Pasadena, and eventually the Oxnard area," he told Leadsbrand.

"Were you able to identify the object?" the columnist asked Major Bowers.

"Negative," Bowers answered. "We were not able to pick up the object on radar. No Air Force personnel saw the object. (This contradicts the report by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow)."

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Pending AF action on NICAP's request for this report, under the policy stated by General Kelly, anyone in the United States with authentic information or personal knowledge of the facts is requested to send a report to NICAP. Such a report would be an actual violation of military security.

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Colonel E. F. Carey, Commanding Officer.
Oxnard Air Force Base
Camarillo, California

Dear Colonel Carey:

As the Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, I am writing you in regard to a UFO sighting near Oxnard Air Force Base on March 23. We have been reliably informed that four UFOs were tracked by radar in this area, shortly after midnight on March 23. The indicated speeds were as high as 3600 mph.

We also have been informed that an Air Force jet fighter pilot under your command was vectored to intercept the UFO and that he later gave the Base operations and intelligence officers a detailed description of at least one of the UFOs.

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena is a non-profit organization which is established to collect, evaluate and publish authentic information on the subject of unidentified flying objects and we believe the March 23rd report to be in the public domain.

If the reports have been classified then I request following the recent published suggestion by Representative John Moss - that we be furnished the following information:

1. What is the classification of the reports?
2. By whom were they classified?
3. By what authority were they classified?

A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. The Committee will greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Major USMC (Ret.)
DIRECTOR OF NICAP

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Referred to ATIC for reply

Ltr. to [redacted] attached.

Keyhole - [redacted] Chairman

Letter to C.O. [redacted]

10 May 1957

Director
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
120 Connecticut Ave, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of 3 May 1957.

Current Air Force policy is that the issuance of such information as you request can be made only by Headquarters, United States Air Force. Therefore, your letter to the Commander, 41st Fighter Group was forwarded, through channels, to Headquarters, USAF.

Your letter of 3 May 1957 will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. TAYLOR, JR.
Major, USAF
Adjutant

Ltr From ~~MAIL~~ (NICAP)
re this case

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May 8, 1957

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYMOE
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

Commander 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

We have received a letter from the 414th Fighter Group, Oxnard Air Force Base, stating that our letter of April 25th had been forwarded to your office for action, since your Squadron investigated the UFO's involved.

In our letter to Commanding Officer at Oxnard Air Force Base we asked for copies of the pilot's report and the radar operator's report on the unidentified flying object sighted over the air base early on March 23rd. In addition, I should like to request at this time a copy of the investigation by the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron, if this report is complete.

In the event the report is not completed, will you please advise me when it will be available? We should like to have a copy of the interrogation of the various witnesses involved and any other information connected with this case.

As stated in our letter of April 25th to the C O at Oxnard AFB, we have documentary evidence of radar confirmation of the visual sighting reports.

I am making this request as a member of the press. I am editor of the NICAP magazine, published monthly at Washington, D.C., for the membership of this non-profit organization. In order that we may know when to schedule our story on this incident, will you please wire me collect at the above address, giving the date when you expect to mail this information?

The National Investigations Committee was organized to collect, evaluate and publish authentic evidence on UFO's and we shall greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Air Defense Command and your Intelligence Squadron in particular in informing the public regarding these sightings. In return we shall be glad to cooperate in every way possible. Our policy, which was once the policy of the Air Force, is to make public all the information we secure except the names of witnesses who request that they not be identified.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

DEK:RHC

 Major USMC (Ret.) Director of NICAP

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actual information in letter
sent out.*

*Ray
This was before
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this incident
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signature*

National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
1946 Connecticut, N. H.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letters of 25 April 1957 addressed to the Commander of Oxnard Air Force Base, and 8 May 1957 to the 4602nd AISS, Air Defense Command, regarding a UFO recently reported near Oxnard, California has been referred to this Headquarters.

It is the policy of the Air Force to answer all letters on the subject, regardless of the intent, motives or objectives of the writer. We shall attempt to answer your questions and answers categorically, beginning with your letter of 25 April:

a. Radar units were operative during the entire period of the sighting. Any indications of unusual or unknown objects would have been immediately reported. Radar reports for the period in question indicated no unusual unknown phenomena.

b. Two Air Force F-89's which were in the air at that time, were ordered to make a search-intercept over the area. Two Navy aircraft also made a search. Nothing was found, radar or visually.

c. There are no classified reports regarding the pilot's findings.

With respect to your letter of 8 May 1957 please be advised of the following:

a. As you point out in your letter, the names of sources, witnesses and principals cannot be disclosed, nor can their statements be revealed without their permission.

b. Investigations were made not only by the Air Force, but by local police, highway patrol, and sheriff's units. These independently converged on the area reported, and also investigated the source's immediate grounds.

c. Nothing unusual was found by these units. The following were disclosed, however:

- (1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red clearance lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.

Oxnard Base

- (2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point and the "unusual" green object, was a "shiny" telegraph pole with three cross bars. The green object, and two of the red lights on the barn, were viewed through the cross-bars. It is possible that there may have been some interplay of light on the cross-bar insulators from random sources, such as auto headlights.
- (3) Directly in the line-of-sight, as pointed out by source, and beyond the lights on the barn, was a very bright star, Arcturus, in the sky. This was corroborated by a professional astronomer in a local educational institute.
- (4) The sighting was observed through a window. The appearance of the red lights on the barn, with a bright-green star in the background, as observed through telegraph wires and insulators could conceivably produce unusual light effects.
- (5) It is interesting to note that the objects reported were observed for over two hours, with apparently very little movement. Yet, no report of any unusual phenomenon was received from other than the source reporting the UFO.

This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being identified as a conventional object or a known phenomenon. We, of course, cannot comment on an important factor in any investigation: the sources, their reliability, beliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

On the basis of the above, any attempt to attribute anything unusual in connection with this incident is, in our opinion, totally unwarranted and not supported by the facts. This case does serve to indicate the thoroughness with which any UFO sighting is investigated, if promptly reported, a fact not often known to the general public.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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	OTHERS

Re on Closed UFO Cases - 22 March 1957

22 May 1957

1. Reference is made to telephone discussions 20 May 1957, between your office and Capt Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verbally during these discussions.

2. This case, which has been given some attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force some adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of General AFB and the 460th AHS, Headquarters 4th AF respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigations and radar search. The allegations are not supported by the facts.

3. In compliance with your instructions for providing Headquarters USAF with all case material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher levels, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF AFMAGAF 112, IN-1C-UFOS-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrol, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered thorough.

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AFON-4 22 May 57, AFON-11, Subj: Report on Oxford UFO Case 22 March 1957

Also attached is a suggested reply to the director of the committee above, which may be used in whole or in part. The director, Mr. Donald AFON-4X2-6, needs no introduction. His known ability for placing the Air Force in an admirable light is well known.

The report of the Air Force's investigation (IR reference above) which AFON-4X2-6 demands is unclassified, and supports our conclusions submitted to AFON-4X2-6. However, the decision whether it should be released to this AFON-4X2-6 must come from Headquarters USAF. Accordingly, it is the opinion of AFON-4X2-6 that any replies or statements regarding this case should be over the AFON-4X2-6 of higher levels, preferably the Office of Information Services.

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*Sgt Hall,
Check in a few days if the summary
of the Oxford Case (under 47) was released
to Keyhole*

*In query to Maj. Cymer re our
case data and findings to be
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Re: Charges by NICAP Re AF Findings on Board & Other Matters

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In opinion of this Center the document merits close study and consideration for no other purpose than that of being forewarned and for taking steps with regard to any issue that may arise as result of subject

Investigator

Proposed reply

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INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE REQUESTED IN TELEGRAM TO GEN KELLY 21 MAY 1957 BY [REDACTED]

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USA (RET.)

POOLESVILLE, MARYLAND

Colonel E. F. Carey, Commanding Officer
Camarillo Air Force Base
Camarillo, California

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