

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 March 1957		2. LOCATION Reseda, 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 2235 GMT 29/0635Z		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 to 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object cigar shaped approximately size of DC 6 at 1000 to 1500 ft alt surrounded by an elliptical light w/ length radius of $1\frac{1}{2}$ times and a width radius $\frac{1}{2}$ times as long. Color bright golden core of object : yellow flickering color 5 times brighter than outer light.				11. COMMENTS Star Capella (mag 0.2) in position of sighting. No accounting for the disappearance. Atmospheric conditions could account for the brightness. However associated data lacking and case considered as insufficient data.	

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NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Ernest Simon, 19641 Victory Blvd Ranada, California	EVALUATION	SRI NO.	CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
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The Inspector General USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Cheli AF Station, Box 310, Maywood, Calif.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)

TO: Commander
Maywood Air Force Depot
Cheli Air Force Station
Maywood, California

1. Reference AFR 200-2, Subject: INTELLIGENCE: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

2. On 5 April 1957 [REDACTED] Reseda, California; office address [REDACTED] Malrose, Los Angeles 46, California, telephonically reported to Special Agent DALLAS G. WEDDLE that he had observed an unusual phenomena and was writing a letter to Headquarters USAF explaining his observation. On 8 April 1957 Special Agent GLENN T. COX interviewed SIMON at his office.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed in accordance with paragraph 7d of AFR 200-2 and reported the following information:

(1) Description of the object:

A cigar shaped core, approximately the size of a DC-6 at 1000 to 1500 feet, surrounded by an elliptical light with length radius $1\frac{1}{2}$ times and a width radius $\frac{1}{2}$ times as long as the cigar shaped core. The elliptical glow was bright golden in color; while the cigar shaped core was approximately five times brighter than the outer light and was a yellow flickering color. The one object he sighted had no discernible details, no tail or exhaust stream, and issued no sound.

(2) Description of course of object:

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that his attention was directed to this object by its brilliant glow. He first observed it in a west by northwest direction at an angle of approximately 60 degrees above the horizon. The object made very little movement and

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what movement was made was towards the observer. The entire phenomena disappeared like the turning off of an electric light, in that there was an immediate blackout and no gradual fading of this light. He estimated that he observed this object for approximately three to five minutes.

(3) Manner of observation:

This observation was made on the ground without the aid of any mechanical equipment.

(4) Time and date of sighting:

The above described sighting was made at [redacted]'s home on 28 March 1957 at 2235 hours. [redacted] reported that the night was extremely dark. Insofar as he could remember there was no moon.

(5) Location of observer.

[redacted] indicated that insofar as he knew he was the only one to observe this incident and at the time of his observation he was standing in front of his home which faces in a southerly direction.

(6) Identifying information of the observer.

Mr. [redacted] was born on 22 September 1917 in Frankfurt, Germany. During WW II he was associated with SHAPE as a Special Interrogator at Amerham, England. He advised that at this time he was in the U. S. Army and was attached to the British Army in that area. His rank was S/Sgt and Serial No. was 39168270. He served in this capacity as a Special Interrogator from December 1944 to February 1945, at which time he was transferred to the 106th Infantry Division as an interpreter of prisoners of war. His association with the 106th Infantry Division, which at that time was stationed in Belgium, continued from February 1945 to March or April 1945. In March or April of 1945 he was transferred to the 20th Armor Division where he was once again an interrogator of prisoners of war. In June of 1945 he was assigned to 3rd Army Headquarters, Bad Tolz, Germany. His specific assignment within this Headquarters was with G-2 in Mobile Intelligence. [redacted] alleged that he was discharged as a M/Sgt at Fort Mac Arthur, San Pedro, California.

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(7) Weather and winds aloft condition at time and place of sighting:

██████ related that there were high clouds completely covering the sky located at approximately an altitude of 10,000 feet. It was a clear evening and no smog was visible. He further described the night as one in which no stars were visible. At this time he commented that the object he sighted appeared to be at approximately the same altitude as the above described clouds, namely, 9,000 to 11,000 feet. He advised that there were no thunder storms.

The U. S. Weather Bureau Office at Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, California, advised that at 2228 hours on 28 March 1957 the following weather conditions existed: A 15,000 feet unbroken overcast with a three-mile visibility and the presence of some smog and haze. Surface winds blowing in an easterly direction at two knots per hour. This office further advised that high altitude readings on wind conditions at Santa Monica, California, revealed that as of 1900 hours on 28 March 1957 the winds at 7,000 feet were blowing in a direction of 330 degrees at 13 knots per hour while the winds at 10,000 feet were blowing at 250 degrees and 15 knots per hour. No other pertinent weather information is available.

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting:

██████ related that there were no unusual occurrences observed by him at the time of his observation.

(9) Interception or Identification Action Taken:

██████ explained that during the period of his observation he made no note of any aircraft activity within the immediate area; however, a short time after the object disappeared he thought he heard two jet aircraft flying in the area in which the object was first seen. He stated that approximately ten minutes after making the observation, he telephoned the Van Nuys Police Department and inquired as to any other possible reports that they had received that evening on unusual phenomenon. Upon receiving a negative reply from the Van Nuys Police Department, he terminated the call without giving them any identifying data as to either the object observed or the observer.

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(10) Position title and comments of the preparing official,
including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the
sighting:

This report was prepared by Glenn T. Cox, Special Agent,
18th District Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF. It
is the opinion of this agent that Mr. [REDACTED] is an individual
that is apparently emotionally stable and based upon his alleged
background in interrogation work, he should be an individual who
could give an accurate accounting of any incident he observed.
His description of the incident was made in a clear and concise
manner with no noted discrepancies. The writer has no analysis
as to the probable cause of this incident. According to Mr.
[REDACTED] the sighting was made in an area that does not normally
reflect lights from the city of Los Angeles. Also the object
had no physical connection with any searchlight or etc. that
could have been located on the ground.

(11) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and
photographs:

[REDACTED] advised that he took no photographs of the object and
made no drawings or graphs of the same.

Charles M. Dewey
Lt Colonel, USAF
For and in the absence of
PAUL H. CHASE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI