

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>10 July 1957                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2. LOCATION<br>Los Angeles, California                                                                                                                                                                |                                            | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 10/1300Z                                                                                                                                                                            | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                          | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>30 minutes                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           | 9. COURSE                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One object round, size of $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar, color as a bright star. With binoculars looked like a soap bubble. Object slowly moved away, grew smaller in distance. WX balloons in area. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br>Probably balloon sighting. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



7. A. CLOUDY AND CLEAR.  
 B. SURFACE CALM. 6,000 - 290/05      30,000 - 240/24  
                                          10,000 - 190/06      50,000 - 220/22  
                                          16,000 - 140/15      80,000 - 090/29  
                                          20,000 - 230/08

C. NONE. D. 7 MILES. E. SCATTERED. F. NON

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BALLONS WERE RELEASED FROM

HOURS PACIFIC TIME.

9. NONE

10. UNKNOWN

11. CONTROLLER 27TH ADCC BELIEVES IT WAS MOON OR PROBABLY A WEATHER  
 BALLON. THE OBSERVERS BELIEVE IT WAS NEITHER.

12. UNKNOWN.

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1. NONE. 2. NONE  
 3. AREA DISCOVERED. LOOKED LIKE COAL BRIDGE. C. NONE.  
 4. V. SCORCH. B. WAVE DOG. C. BRIGHT STAR. D. CND. E. NONE.  
 5. INTERESTING INFO C-250? ALSO SD  
 6.  
 7. DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE TO STATE AGENCIES SD  
 8. DISSEMINATION VIA TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER AIRTEL BULLETIN WLB ONIC  
 9. DISSEMINATION VIA DEFENSE COMMAND EML WLB COFO  
 10. DISSEM BALANCE VIA DIA SEE MONITOR WLB ONIC  
 11. FBI-731  
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/UNCLAS/270I TAC G-0231 UFOB PD

1. A. ROUND. B. HALF DOLLAR. C. BRIGHT STAR. D. ONE. E. NONE.

F. WITH BINOCULARS, LOOKED LIKE SOAP BUBBLE. G. NONE.

H. NONE. I. NONE

2. A. HUSBAND NOTED OBJECT WHEN STARTED TO WORK AT (20 CENTURY FOX). B. APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES TOWARD MALIBU BEACH. C. APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES TOWARD MALIBU BEACH. D. SLOWLY MOVED AWAY. E. GREW SMALLER IN DISTANCE. F. 30 MINUTES.

3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. BINOCULARS 7 X 35. C. NONE.

4. A. 1300Z 10 JUL 57. B. DAWN TO DAYLIGHT.

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5. [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES 66, CALIFORNIA.

6. A. MR AND [REDACTED] AND SON. CIVILIAN.

7. A. CALM AND CLEAR



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| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local<br>GMT 22/0017Z                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>generally 10 mins                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>three<br>at different times                                                                                                                                                   |  | 9. COURSE<br>variable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Three objects seen at different times described as round orange-tinted objs, approximately 10-15 feet in diameter. Objects were seen exploding. Objects were seen generally for ten minutes. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>A follow-up investigation conducted by Detachment 4, 1006th AISS, disclosed that this sighting was probably caused by balloons.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |



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COMDR ATIC WPAFB Ohio

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

COMDR, 1006th AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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INFO CY: DET. 4, 1006TH AISS, NORTON AFB, CALIFORNIA

RJW PNT

UNCLAS AFCIN-4E4-1138-E

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 4b, AFR 200-2, REQUEST STATUS OF FINDINGS OF UFO SIGHTING, NIGHT 22 JULY, OBSERVED BY CAA PERSONNEL AND TOWER OPERATORS, EAST OF LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND REPORTED BY 15-20 OTHER WITNESSES. REFERENCE TT MSG, UFO REPORT 2701 TAC G-0513, DTD 22 JULY 57 FROM COMDR, 27TH AIR DIVISION, NORTON AFB, CALIFORNIA, COPY YOUR ORGANIZATION. ASSUME AISS DETACHMENT 4, NORTON AFB MAKING PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION.

COORDINATION:

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Henry A. Miley  
Dr. Henry A. Miley

DATE 7/8/57

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H. K. Gilbert  
Col H. K. Gilbert

DATE

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Capt G. T. Gregory

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WALLACE V. ELWOOD  
Captain, USAF  
Assistant Adjutant

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| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>                                                                 |                                            |                                             |               |
| SUBJECT<br>Unidentified Flying Objects                                                                     |                                            |                                             |               |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA                                                                |                                            | FROM (Agency)<br>Detachment 4, 1006th AISS  |               |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>16 August 1957                                                                           | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>21 and 22 July 1957 | EVALUATION                                  |               |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>Louis C. Sauter, 1st Lt. USAF                                                     |                                            | SOURCE<br>Mr. [REDACTED] and others         |               |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br>TT 2701 TAC G-0513 UFOB PD |                                            |                                             |               |

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 sightings by Mr. [REDACTED] and others, Inglewood, California.
- PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative efforts.
- PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying objects were observed visually in the vicinity of the Los Angeles International Airport at 2030 hours PDT, 2050 hours PDT, and 2130 PDT on the evening of 21 July 1957 and at 2130 hours PDT, on the evening of 22 July 1957. The information contained in this report was obtained from the persons observing these objects and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sightings.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Inglewood, California

Age: 40

Occupation: General Building Contractor

Education: High School

Qualifications: During World War II, SOURCE was a GM/3C in the Navy for three (3) years.

II. RELIABILITY: When interviewed SOURCE was very cooperative and showed a marked interest in determining the cause of his sightings. He was observant, talked freely and seemed to be of average intelligence. The information given by SOURCE is considered to be reliable.

### III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS AND EVENTS:

1. On the evening of 21 July 1957, SOURCE and his family were dining in their backyard patio. At approximately 2030 PDT, SOURCE noticed an object in the sky just East of his home at an estimated altitude of one thousand (1,000) feet. SOURCE described the object as a small sphere about the size of a small pea held at arm's length at the time of the first sighting. The object then moved Northward, then to the Northeast until it faded from sight at approximately 2040 PDT. Motion of the object was described as very slow and very much like a "small balloon caught in the wind currents". At 2050 PDT, another object, identical to this one was sighted by SOURCE, his family and a group of neighbors. This object was first sighted in the West, and it gradually moved Eastward to the vicinity of SOURCE's home. At this time, SOURCE telephoned the Los Angeles International Airport Control Tower and asked if they were releasing balloons with lights on them or if not, did they see this object. Ref Fig 2 Pt 1 (Los Angeles International Airport) and Pt 3 (SOURCE's home). Mr. [REDACTED] tower supervisor at Los Angeles International Airport answered the phone, stated that they were not releasing balloons and searched the sky with negative results. At 2107 PDT, this object apparently exploded and disappeared. The "explosion" was described as resembling a "miniature atom bomb explosion", white and orange in color. No noise was heard. Following the apparent explosion, the object disappeared completely. No falling debris was seen. At 2130 PDT, a third, identical object travelling the same course as the second, was sighted. It also exploded in the same approximate area as the second. Immediately upon sighting this one, SOURCE again called Los Angeles International Airport Tower and advised Mr. Morton that this object was to the North of the airfield. He meant Hawthorne Airport. (Fig 2) However, Mr. [REDACTED] assumed that he meant International Airport and searched accordingly, to no avail. Mr. Morton then began searching to the East, maintaining telephone contact with SOURCE. He sighted an object just as it appeared to explode and disappear. At that time SOURCE stated: "There, did you see it explode?" (NOTE: SOURCE was utilizing a back-yard extension to his telephone) SOURCE was looking to the Northeast at that time and Mr. Morton to the East. See Fig 2 for geographic fix.

2. On the following evening (22 July 1957) at 2230 PDT, SOURCE again sighted a similar object to the West of his home. He estimated the object to be almost over International Airport. He again called the Airport Tower and reported it to Mr. Morton. By this time the object had faded from

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sight to the West, and was not observed by Mr [REDACTED].

3. Weather at the time of all four (4) sightings was clear. For detailed weather information refer to PART TWO: "SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS". On both evenings many stars were visible and the moon was shining brightly.

4. SOURCE observed all the objects with the naked eye and 10x50 binoculars. At their closest proximity, (SOURCE estimated one thousand (1,000) yards), they appeared to be approximately the size of a silver dollar held at arms length without binoculars and with binoculars, approximately the size of a baseball held at arms length.

5. SOURCE stated that all the objects appeared to be balloons with a blinking flame attached to the bottom. They appeared white in color, however, the two (2) explosions were bright orange.

6. Movement varied from hovering to slow movement as if in a strong breeze.

7. No noise was noticed, even at the time of the explosions.

8. At no time did any of the objects move behind or in front of any other object.

9. At all times, the objects flickered at approximately one (1) second intervals.

10. For movements of objects refer to Fig 1.

### 2 Figures:

1. Overlay of SAC Los Angeles (R-2)
2. Sketch showing approximate location of objects sighted by SOURCE and Control Tower.

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Date objects sighted, July 21, 1957. Time first object sighted was approximately 8:30 PM. Time second object was sighted approximately 8:50 PM and it exploded at 9:07 PM. Time third object sighted 9:30 PM and exploded at 9:45 PM. Appearance of object thru 10x50 power binoculars was round in shape approximately 5 ft to 8 ft in diameter, with flaming torch or wick or some nature, glowing off and on constantly until explosion occurred. No noise was noticeable on any of these explosions. Explosion resembled small mushroom, white and orange in color. Absolutely no falling object after explosion. July 22, 1957 9:30 PM approximately, (next night) sighted similar object over Los Angeles International Airport and reported same to Airport Tower.

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At approximately 2100 PDT, 21 July 1957 I received a phone call in Los Angeles International Apt Tower from a very excited individual who stated that an unidentified flying object was over his home and that it was just North of Int'l Apt. I searched the area North of Int'l Apt and observed nothing.

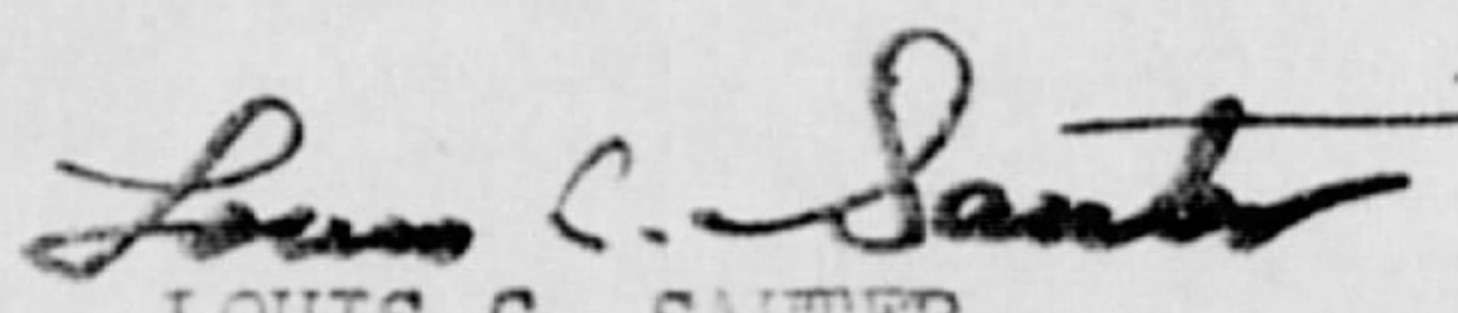
At approximately 2130 PDT, the same individual called again and gave the same information. We maintained telephone contact and I started searching to the East. Suddenly I noticed a very bright flash of light. Immediately the party on the telephone stated: "There, did you see it explode?" The object then disappeared.

The object was approximately 20 degrees above the horizon on a heading of approximately 85 degrees from L. A. Tower.

On the following evening, 22 July, I received another call from the same individual stating that another identical object had just passed over L.A. International Airport heading Westward. I searched the entire area with negative results.

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Well, we were out about 8:30 Sunday night, July 21, when all of a sudden I noticed a strange looking orange-red ball coming up in the East horizon. I told everyone about it, and we watched it for about 35 minutes or until about 9:07 at which time they all saw (I did not see this) a big red explosion. At 9:45 P.M. the second flaming ball came into view over the West approximately over International Airport. It swooped down and exploded toward the East. On the first ball I saw, there was a strange irregular flashing light.

There was no sound from the second explosion (I didn't see the 1st).

~~REDACTED~~  
18 yrs old  
12 yrs of Schooling

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On Sunday July 21 we were outside playing ping-pong and up in the sky I noticed a light that look sort of like a balloon. It drifted around in a circle and then it came over our neighbors house and exploded. It looked like the bombs they show on television after they gone off.

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14 yrs old  
9 yrs schooling

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July 21 about 9:00 PM there was a light floating in the sky and it was going off and on. It was coming from the West going East. About 20 minutes later there was another one and it burned up fast.

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15 yrs old  
9 yrs schooling

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On July 21st (Sunday) we were in the patio at our home and saw a flying object around 9:10.

I saw another one that looked like a large mushroom that was bright orange. (SIC) that exploded not far above our house. About ten minutes later I saw another one higher that exploded while we were on the phone talking to the man on the tower at United Air Lines. He also saw the explosion.

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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## S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I was outside looking at the sky when I saw a round orange ball of fire. It blew up and had a white ring or maybe smoke around it and then it disappeared - this was at 9:07 P.M.

While talking to my neighbor I saw another in the same direction of the first one.

L.A. Airport (SIC) it traveled for a period of 2-3 minutes and did the same as the first object. This was at 9:45 P.M.

~~S - [REDACTED]~~  
33 yrs old  
12 yrs schooling  
Boilermaker

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### S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I had opened the back door to see when my husband was going to come in, when in the direction of the L.A. Airport, I saw a circular object the size of the moon.

It was orange in color, all of a once sudden it blew up (as in spontaneous combustion) and disappeared. This all took place at about seven minutes after nine.

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
30 yrs old  
15 yrs schooling

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### S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

On Sunday the 21st of July, 1957 I observed a flying object at approximately 9:15 that appeared to be floating across the air traveling on the wind. The second object I saw came out of the West and burned with a big burst.

Both objects appeared to be traveling on wind currents. Both objects seemed to have the lights of fires suspended from another object and the lights swayed back and forth.

~~REDACTED~~  
18 yrs old  
13 yrs schooling

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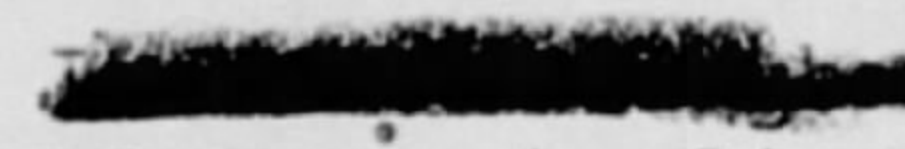
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### S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

On July 21, 1957 at approx. 8:30 P.M. to 9:07 P.M., I observed an object in the sky at a distance I would say, of 25,000 or 30,000 feet up. This object at first, appeared to be moving very slowly, then fast, then it stopped all together just suspended in air for at least 10 or 15 minutes. This object was a yellowish orange in color. I watched it through binoculars until it disappeared out of sight.

The other object I saw was just a ball of fire that lasted about 3 seconds. This object was about 800 to 1,000 feet high. There was no explosion and no fall-out.

I the undersigned swear that the above statement is true as much as I can remember.

  
12 yrs schooling  
Toolmaker N.A.A.

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### S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

On July 21, 1957 I saw an object in the sky coming from the East which had a light that would go on and off at different intervals. It moved very slowly going higher or farther. It seemed to be going in the direction of Northeast. Soon after there was an explosion in the shape of a ball or like a small atomic bomb, but it made no sound. This object was in the direction East of the International Airport.

Mrs. ~~REDACTED~~  
23 yrs old

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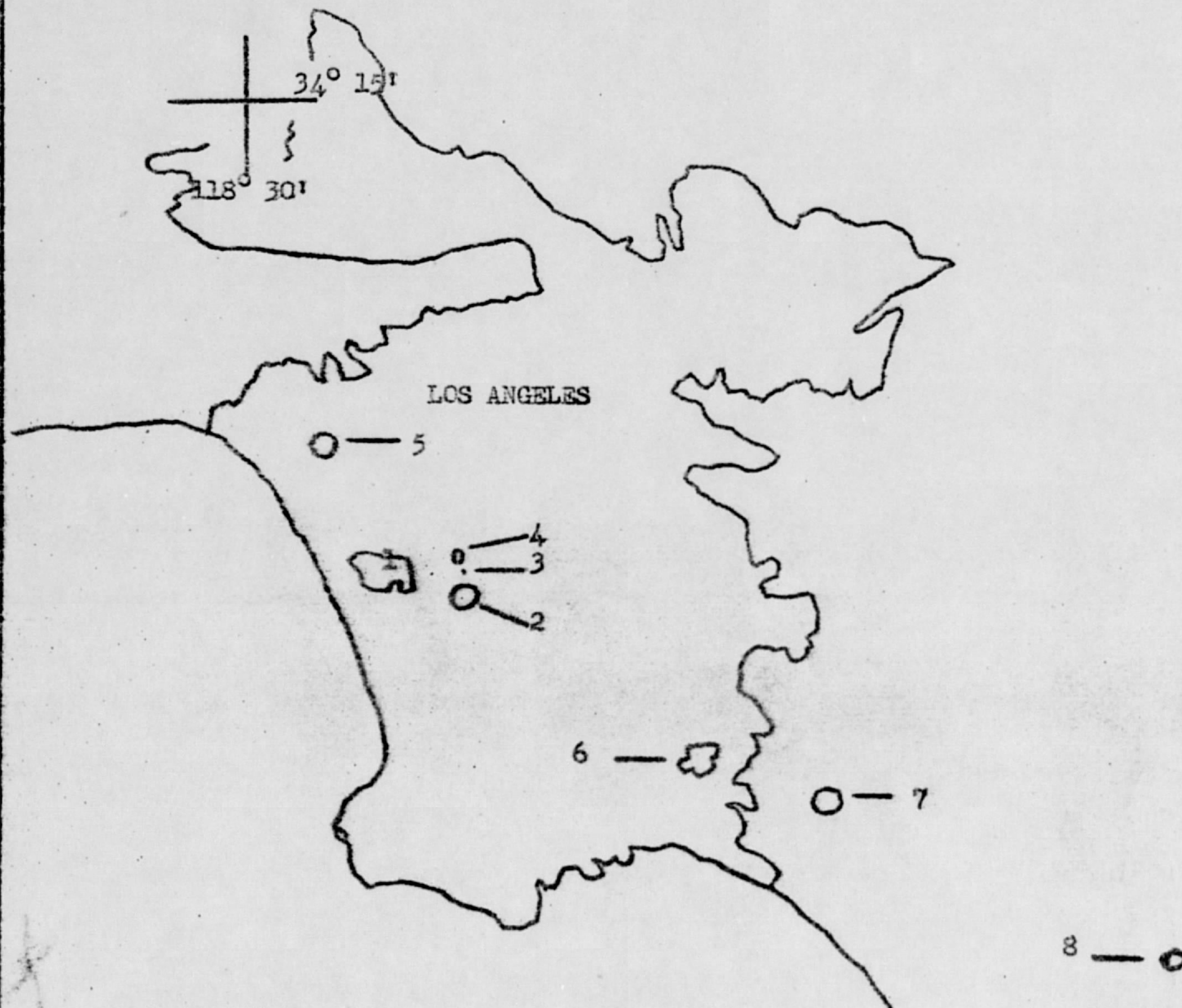
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Figure 1

Overlay of SAC Los Angeles (R-2)  
showing point locations mentioned in this report.



1. Los Angeles International Airport
2. Hawthorne Airport
3. SOURCE's home
4. Hollywood Park
5. Santa Monica
6. Long Beach Airport
7. NAS Los Alamitos
8. MCAS El Toro

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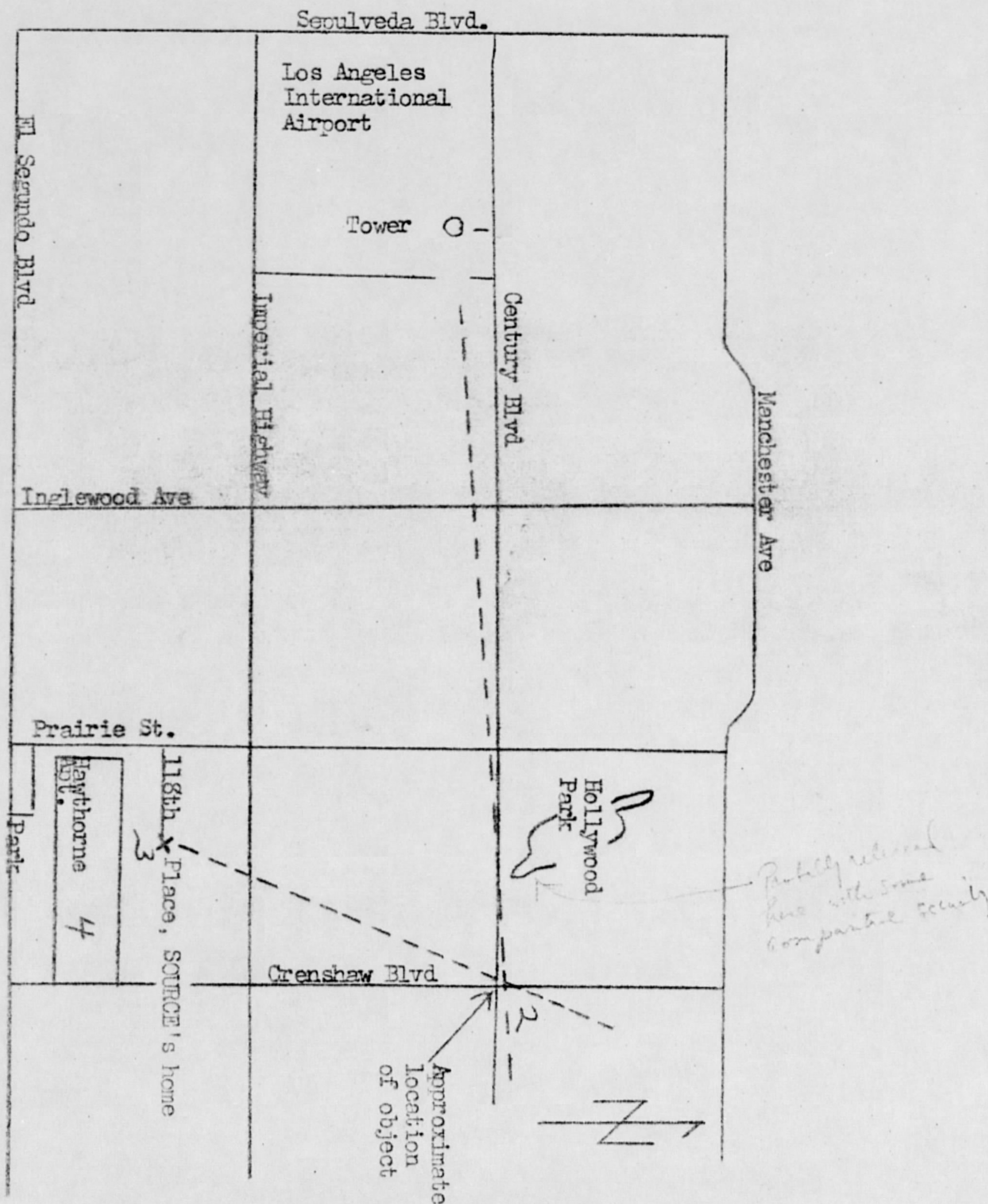
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Figure 2

Sketch showing approximate location of objects sighted by SOURCE and the Los Angeles International Airport control tower operators.



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### SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

1. Los Angeles International Airport Control Tower was contacted. Mr. Morton, Supervisor of the Control Tower advised that he initiated the report of this unidentified flying object through Air Defense channels. He was not aware of the objects until called on the telephone by SOURCE. At approximately 2030 PDT, 21 July 1957, SOURCE called him and stated that he had a UFCB in sight, just North of the Airport. Mr. Morton took his binoculars and began searching that area to no avail. He then searched East of the Airport and saw a flash of light approximately twenty (20) degrees above the horizon. Heading was approximately eighty-seven (87) degrees from the Airport. Total duration of the sighting was less than one (1) second. Immediately after this, SOURCE stated "There, did you it explode?" (SOURCE maintained contact by telephone during the duration of the search by the Tower Supervisor.) Two (2) other tower operators observed this flash of light, although without the aid of binoculars. Mr. Morton gave the following description of the object: at the time of the flash, it was white in color; did not appear to have any sharply defined edges, did not make any sound, and was approximately the size of a pea held at arms length, without binoculars. The object disappeared from view immediately after an apparent explosion. No other observations were made. Reference page 5, PART ONE.

2. 27th Air Division (Defense), Norton AFB, (3404N-11716E) California was contacted and the following information was received:

a. AC&W sites in the Los Angeles Area observed no unusual radar contact at the time of this sighting. Commanders of both sites pointed out that it is nearly impossible to monitor all traffic in the Los Angeles vicinity due to the abundance of air traffic.

b. D/I, 27th Air Division (Defense) advised that he had received an information copy of a CAA notice that a series of balloon launchings (rawinsonde) would take place in the Yuma, Arizona area during the month of July 1957.

c. Vincent AFB, Yuma, Arizona (3242N-11437E) Weather Station was contacted and they advised that they were not conducting any balloon operations; however, an Army Weather unit was conducting such operations.

d. Yuma Test Station-US Army Signal Corps, Meteorological Section was contacted and they advised that on 21 July 1957, four (4) balloons (rawinsonde) were released, however, none drifted more than fifteen (15) miles from Yuma, Arizona.

3. Mr. Mielke, US Weather Bureau, Santa Monica, California was contacted and gave following information: four (4) balloons (rawinsonde) were released on 21 July 1957 from Santa Monica. The first three (3) balloons were released and burst during daylight hours. The fourth balloon was released at 2130 PDT and burst at 2240 PDT at an altitude of ninety-nine thousand (99,000) feet. From the surface to fifty-five thousand (55,000) feet the balloon was exposed to winds from one hundred eighty (180) degrees to two hundred ten (210) degrees of undetermined velocity. From 56,000 feet to 99,000 feet winds were from

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one hundred (100) to one hundred thirty (130) degrees at one hundred thirty five (135) knots. Mr. Mielke stated that tracking information was not available and that there was no light attached to the balloon. The balloons were neoprene filled with helium. Mr. Mielke further stated that such a balloon, particularly without a light attached, would not be visible at this time of the evening, unless it was picking up sun's rays at an extremely high altitude early in the evening.

4. CAA Los Angeles International Airport was contacted and they advised that no unusual radar returns were noted at the time of this sighting. No-Lighter-Than-Air aircraft were known to be in the area.

5. GOC Filter Center, Pasadena, California was contacted and they advised that they had received one report of an unidentified flying object at 2047 PDT from a GOC post in the area of the Los Angeles International Airport. Description was as follows: a round red object (size not listed) was observed moving forward and backward Northwest of the Hawthorne area. (See Fig 1) Observer was a Miss Patricia Snyder, age 17, address 4424 159th Street, Lawndale, California. An attempt was made to contact Miss Snyder with negative results. The GOC post involved was closed and operating personnel were on vacation.

6. Long Beach Airport Operations was contacted and they advised that tower personnel had made no unusual observations on the evening of 21 July 1957. A balloon belonging to Goodyear Rubber Company was based at Long Beach Airport. The telephone number of the operating personnel was obtained and a call made to determine if the balloon was airborne at the time of the sightings. Captain Smith, Officer-in-Charge of Operations, advised that the balloon had been airborne during the daylight hours but had landed at 1800 PDT and did not fly again.

7. El Toro MCAS was contacted and queried as to balloon activity or unusual activity on the evening of 21 July 1957 with negative results.

8. Los Alamitos NAS (3347N-11804E) was contacted and queried on any balloon activity or unusual activity on the evening of 21 July 1957 with negative results.

9. Edwards AFB (3453N-11752E) was contacted and queried as to balloon activity, unusual activity or experimental aircraft with negative results.

10. Flight Service, Hamilton AFB was contacted and queried as to unusual activity and balloon activity with negative results.

11. Mt Wilson, Palomar, and Griffith Observatories were contacted. No unusual observations were made on 21 July 1957.

12. Pt Mugu NAS (3407N-11907E) was contacted and queried as to balloon activity, unusual activity, or missile flights with negative results.

13. Pt Hueneme NAS (3407N-11907E) was contacted and queried as to balloon activity and releases from the weather ship Norton Sound with negative results.

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14. FBI Los Angeles was contacted and queried as to unusual observations in the Hawthorne area with negative results. They were alerted of this incident.

15. University of California at Los Angeles Meteorological Department was contacted and they advised that a series of rawinsonde balloon launchings took place during July, however none were released on 21 or 22 July 1957.

16. Los Angeles Air Pollution Committee was contacted and they advised that small tethered balloons were released by the pollution bureau during July, however none were released after sunset and none were released on 21 or 22 July 1957.

17. Naval Liaison Officer, 27th Air Division (Defense) was contacted and he further contacted the 11th Navy operating off the Southern California coast. Negative balloon releases.

18. Weather as taken from TT 2701 TAC G-0513 UFCB PD  
Clear Sky - visibility ten (10) miles  
270/5K  
6,000' 160/10K  
10,000' 230/16K  
16,000' 220/25K  
20,000' 230/32K  
30,000' 230/49K  
50,000' 230/43K  
80,000' 090/24K  
Official sunset on 21 July 1957 was 1958 hours PDT.

19. The United Geophysical Corporation in Pasadena, California was contacted and queried as to balloon activity. No balloons had been released during July.

20. The Aero Physics Corporation of Santa Barbara (3426N-11950E), California (a private civilian weather concern) was contacted. No balloon releases on 21 or 22 July, 1957.

21. Reference Fig 2, PART ONE. The simultaneous observation by the Tower Supervisor at L. A. Int'l Apt and SOURCE provided an approximate fix on the third object sighted. The tower operator observed the object on a heading of approximately eighty-five (85) degrees at an elevation of twenty (20) degrees, while SOURCE observed it at approximately twenty (20) degrees azimuth and forty (40) degrees elevation. This would place the object just Southeast of Hollywood Park, at an altitude of approximately 2500 feet.

22. Los Angeles Sheriff's Office had no reports of unusual activity in this vicinity at the time of the sighting. The deputies assigned to the Hawthorne area reported no unusual activity at the time of the sighting.

23. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Aero Detail was contacted. No unusual reports or activity in the Los Angeles area at the time of this sighting.

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24. The Hawthorne Fire Department was contacted: no reports of unusual activity or sightings. No unexplained fires occurred on 21 or 22 July, 1957. The Fire Chief did recall that approximately one (1) year ago in July or August of 1956, a series of sightings similar to those in this report occurred in the same area. It was concluded but not proven that the objects were small, gas filled balloons with railroad or highway flares attached, released by pranksters.

25. The Hawthorne Airport (Fig 1. Pt 4) Control Tower was contacted; no reports of unusual activity or sightings on 21 or 22 July 1957.

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### COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

1. The preparing officer was unable to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the cause of these sightings. However, the following possibilities are offered for consideration:

a. Pranksters: Since the Hawthorne Fire Chief stated that similar objects had been reported in the past in this same area, and that this conclusion was reached, it seems possible that this sighting also could be attributed to pranksters. A small, gas filled balloon with some type of lighting device and a flare would give the appearances described in this report.

b. Night Photography: Possibly an individual or a concern could have been releasing small balloons with photographic equipment and flares for night, aerial photography. However, it would seem reasonable that any company conducting such a test or operation would notify CAA if they intended to release balloons in the vicinity of any airfields.

2. An evaluation of "Probable balloons" is given to this series of sightings.

*Frank H. Marecki*  
FRANK H. MARECKI  
Major, USAF  
Commander Det 4

### COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER

Concur with the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by balloons.

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

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The following article taken from the "LOS ANGELES TIMES"  
Thursday Morning, July 22, 1957

## Silver Sphere Deflated as Sky Mystery

It was almost like with the flying disks all over again . . .

The queries started yesterday afternoon among Big Bear Valley residents.

"What is that pear-shaped thing following the sun?" they wanted to know.

Then lowlanders took up the curiosity cudgels, belaboring police, Sheriff's and newspaper switchboards by the hundreds.

As afternoon wore into evening, the silver sphere was tracked by thousands of neck-craning Southlanders while it moved slowly in a northwesterly direction.

### Astral Visitor Identified

At Mt. Wilson, Dr. Robert S. Richardson, solar observer, reported that he had scanned the object as it passed nearly overhead on its leisurely course seaward. George Abell, Griffith Observatory attache, also reported following the sphere by telescope.

Their consensus, borne out by the Weather Bureau forecast center at Los Angeles Airport:

A meteorological balloon.

The balloons are supposed to burst at high elevations after automatically broadcasting weather information during their ascent. This one apparently developed a slow leak and sank back toward earth, weathermen said.

A general warning of the balloon's hovering over Los Angeles, describing it as a hazard to navigation, was issued shortly before dark by the Civil Aeronautics Administration air route traffic control center here.



Ad. H. H. H. H. H.

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BALLOON