

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

incident #1

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ATIS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INFO July 47

AF NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION Murphree, Calif.

FORM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE AF Officers and

NAME OF WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE INFO ATIS \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF REPORTING 0930-1000 hrs

COLOR silver

SHAPE disc

SPED 3000-4000

HTG \_\_\_\_\_

ALTITUDE 000'

COURSE 315°

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED \_\_\_\_\_

NO. IN GROUP 1 to

TYPE OF OBSERVATION visual from ground

WORDS \_\_\_\_\_

MANEUVERS \_\_\_\_\_

Observed by four sources. One of the sources was a pilot officer who called in other sources saw the objects plus other details. First group traveled in a circular path.

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The following is a statement given by 7/Sgt. Joseph Ruvolo, 4144th AAFSC, Airroc Army Air Field, Murco, California, statement given on 14 July 1947, to 1st Lt J. C. McHenry, Billeting Officer.

This is my own written statement of what I saw on July 8, 1947.

I am MCC in charge of the Billeting Office, this Field, and First Lieutenant Joseph C. McHenry, is Billeting Officer in Charge.

About 0945 he was returning from the Post Exchange when he called to me to come outside and asked me to look up to where he was pointing and to my surprise I saw two (2) flying objects which appeared to me like two (2) flying disc or saucer shaped silver colored objects, flying in a northwestern direction at speed approximately 350 or 400 miles per hour and at an altitude of about 7500 or 8000 feet. I could not hear a motor roar like one of our planes and it could not have been a balloon.

I am of good health and sound mind and this was no hallucination.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

s/ Joseph Ruvolo  
3/Sgt JOSEPH RUVOLO

WITNESSES:

s/ Thomas A. McMillan  
THOMAS A. McMILLAN

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 July 47 Incident # \_\_\_\_\_ Lt
2. Time 0945
3. Location Murco AAFld, Murco, Calif 34° 54' N 117° 53' W
4. Name of observer S/Sgt Joseph Rivolo
5. Occupation of observer NCO Charge Billeting Office
6. Address of observer Murco Air Fld., Murco, Calif
7. Place of observation Ground - Murco
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Between 7500 or 8000 ft
12. Speed 350 - 400 MPH
13. Direction of flight Northwestern
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color Silver
18. Shape Saucer or Disc shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S - Apparently metallic
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness, NCO in charge of Billeting Office, Murco AF Base,  
(over)

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About 0945 Lt McHenry, Billing Officer in Charge, upon returning from the Post Exchange contacted the witness, Sgt Rivol and asked him to look up in the sky. Witness observed two (2) flying objects which appeared like two flying discs or saucer-shaped silver-colored objects flying in a northwestern direction at approximately 350 to 400 MPH at an altitude of about 7500 or 8000 ft. He could hear no motor roar and was positive that it was not a balloon.

He states: "I am of good health and sound mind and this was no hallucination"

Evaluation: Confirmed by other sources.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

COUNTY OF KERN )

The following is a statement given by 1st Lt. Joseph C. McHenry, Billing Officer, Wroc Army Air Field, Wroc, California, statement given on 11 July 1947, to Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIO S/A., this Station.

The following statement concerning the actual observance of what has been termed as a "flying Disc" or a "flying Saucer" is true and correct and it will be noted that the above mentioned observance was made by me personally while enjoying complete health in mind and body.

On Tuesday 8 July 1947, at approximately nine-thirty A.M. (09:30) I was in conversation with personnel in the Post Exchange Office. My part of this conversation was as follows:

"Someone will have to show me one of these Disc before I will believe it."

Upon leaving the Post Exchange, I went directly to my Office and before entering heard one of our local aircraft in the traffic pattern. Looking up, as I always do I observed the aircraft, and looked slightly to the left, whereupon I observed two (2) silver objects of either a spherical or Disc-like shape, moving about three hundred (300) miles an hour, or perhaps less, at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, heading at about three hundred twenty degrees (320°) due north.

When I first observed these objects I called S/Sgt Gerald E. Nauman, T/Sgt Joseph Ruvolo and Miss Jannette Marie Scotte who immediately came to where I was standing. I pointed in the direction of the objects and asked them the question "Tell me what you see up there." Whereupon, all the three (3) with sundry comments stated, "They are flying Disc". To further verify my observance I asked them to tell me in what direction the objects were traveling, without indicating their direction myself, and again, all three (3) in a consistent nature stated that the objects were moving toward Mojave, California.

I had time to look away several times and renew my vision of the objects to make sure that there were not any results of eye strain, or in any nature an optical illusion. The objects in question were not repeat, were not aircraft, the objects could not have been weather balloons released from this station, since they were traveling against the prevailing wind, and since the speed at which they were traveling and the horizontal direction in which they were traveling, disqualified the fact that they were weather balloons.

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After the observance of these phenomenon and hoping that I might have time to enlist further witnesses, I immediately ran into the dispensary to get personnel who are Medical Officers to verify, for my own curiosity, the actual observance of these objects, but by the time I reached the back porch of the dispensary, Mrs. A. C. Naum, who is a registered nurse, and about seven (7) other personnel were with me, the objects, had by that time, disappeared, due to the speed with which they were traveling. Upon further investigation, two (2) of us at the same time sighted another object of a silver spherical or disc-like nature at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, traveling in circles over the North-end. I called the objects to the attention of Mrs. Naum and pointed it out to the other personnel standing near by. All of us saw the object, with the exception of two (2) out of seven (7) personnel. All of us looked away from the object several times to make sure there was no eye strain or from permitting the object to become an optical illusion.

From my actual observance the object circled in too tight a circle and too severe a plane to be any aircraft that I know of. It could not have been any type of bird because of the reflection that was created when the object reached certain altitudes. The object could not have been a local weather balloon for it is very impossible that a weather balloon would stay at the same altitude as long and circle in such a consistent nature as did the above mentioned object.

I am familiar with the results of too constant vision of the sun or any bright object and am aware that optical illusions are possible and probable. I wish to make this statement that the above mentioned observance was that of actual subject matter.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of two (2) pages, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

s/s Joseph C. McHenry  
1ST LT JOSEPH C. MC HENRY AC

WITNESS:

s/s Thomas A. McMillan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 July 1947 Incident # 1
2. Time 0930
3. Location Muroc Air Field, Muroc, Calif
4. Name of observer 1st Lt Joseph C. McHenry
5. Occupation of observer Billing Officer in Charge, Muroc AAFld
6. Address of observer Muroc, AAFld
7. Place of observation ground - Muroc, AAFld
8. Number of objects 2 at first - 1 sometime later
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Approx 8000 ft
12. Speed 300 MPH
13. Direction of flight 320° due north heading
14. Tactics Performed a tight circle
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Silver
18. Shape disc-like or spherical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S - Apparently metallic
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance in distance
26. Remarks: At approximately 09:30 Lt McHenry left Post Exchange  
(over)

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enroute to his office and before entering heard one of the local aircraft on the traffic pattern. Looking up he observed the aircraft and slightly to the left he saw 2 silver objects of either spherical or disc-like shape moving about 300 MPH at approximately 8000 ft heading about 320° due north. He immediately called S/Sgt Gerald E. Nauman, T/Sgt Joseph Ruvolo and Miss Jannette Marie Scotte. Witnesses all verified the sighting and the direction of the objects - all three stated that the objects were moving toward Mojave, Calif.

Witness was sure it was not an optical illusion or that the objects were not weather balloons since they traveled against prevailing wind and since the speed at which they traveled and the horizontal direction taken indicated that they were not weather balloons. Furthermore they could not remain at the same altitude so consistently if they were weather balloons. Witness then attempted to get personnel (medical officers) to further verify the sighting but by the time the additional personnel had arrived at the base the original objects had disappeared due to the speed at which they were traveling. However, two of them sighted a third object of a silver spherical or disc-like nature at approximately 8000 ft traveling in circles over the north end of the airfield. Five out of the seven personnel saw this object. All looked away from the object several times to make sure there was no eye strain. He stated that this object performed too tight a circle to be any type of known aircraft.

Evaluation: Confirmed by other sources.

Witnesses: S/Sgt Gerald E. Nauman  
T/Sgt Joseph Ruvolo  
Miss Jannette Marie Scotte

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

COUNTY OF KERN )

The following is a statement given on 14 July 1947, by Jennette Marie Scott, Secretary to 1st Lt J. C. McHenry, Billeting Officer, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.

I am fully aware of my Civil and Constitutional Rights, and understand prior to making this statement.

On Tuesday morning 8 July 1947, at approximately 10:00, while typing some cards, and taking care of my routine work, Lieutenant McHenry called me, along with I/Sgt. Joseph Kuvolo and S/Sgt. Gerald L. Leuman, to the front of 9.O.3. "A" Hdg. Pointing up in a direction directly above me he asked us to explain what we saw. There were two, silver colored disc like objects flying toward Mojave, California, one directly back of the other, at a speed of about 300 to 400 miles per hour, having an altitude of approximately 9000 feet. I listened carefully for a few minutes, and heard no drone, such as should be heard from any aircraft. I also cast my eyes to another direction and looking back to the same spot, I was able to distinguish the same objects again. Having assured myself that there was no eye-strain, I was convinced these objects were not weather balloons due to the horizontal position in which they were flying. Nor could they have been birds of any nature, due to the definite reflection from the sun rays.

I have been at this base, considering an absence of six months, approximately eighteen months, and am familiar with all type aircraft.

About three or four minutes, after these flying objects had nearly disappeared, I glanced around and sighted another flying object, similar to the above mentioned objects. This flying object was silver colored and was in the shape of a disc. Unlike the first two this object was flying in a tight circle, neither losing nor gaining altitude, at approximately eight thousand feet, therefore I was convinced it could not have been a weather balloon, and because of the tight circle it could not have been any type aircraft.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without threats or promises under duress. My statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

I am of sound mind and body, and swear that this statement is true and correct.

s/ Jennette Marie Scott  
JANNETTE MARIE SCOTT

WITNESSES:

s/ Thomas A. McMillan  
THOMAS A. McMILLAN

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 1e

1. Date 8 July 47
2. Time 10:00
3. Location Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, Calif
4. Name of observer Jennette Marie Scott
5. Occupation of observer Secretary to 1st Lt J. C. McHenry, Billeting Officer
6. Address of observer Muroc AAFld, Muroc, Calif.
7. Place of observation Ground - Muroc
8. Number of objects 3 - two the first time - 1 later
9. Distance of object from observer E/S
10. Time in sight E/S
11. Altitude Approx 8,000 ft
12. Speed 300 to 400 MPH
13. Direction of flight Northwest - toward Mojave, Calif.
14. Tactics First 2 maintained straight horizontal course; the last performed a tight circle
15. Sound none - Witness heard no drone such as would come from any aircraft
16. Size E/S
17. Color Silver
18. Shape Disc
19. Odor detected E/S
20. Apparent construction E/S Apparently metallic
21. Exhaust trails E/S
22. Weather conditions Sunlight
23. Effect on clouds E/S
24. Sketches or photographs E/S
25. Manner of disappearance E/S - apparently in the distance
26. Remarks: Witness was called by Lt McHenry together with T/Sgt (over)

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 3 July 47 Incident # 1e
2. Time 10:00 AF
3. Location Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, Calif
4. Name of observer Jennette Marie Scott
5. Occupation of observer Secretary to 1st Lt J. C. McHenry, Billeting Officer
6. Address of observer Muroc AAFld, Muroc, Calif.
7. Place of observation Ground - Muroc
8. Number of objects 3 - two the first time - 1 later
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
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17. Color Silver
18. Shape Disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S <sup>A</sup> Apparently metallic
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Sunlight
23. Direct on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S - apparently in the distance
26. Remarks: Witness was called by Lt McHenry together with T/Sgt  
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Joseph Rivolo and S/Sgt. Gerald M. Neuman to the front of the B.O.C. "A" Bldg. Pointing up in a direction directly above the group he asked them to explain what they saw. Witness states that she saw 2 silver-colored disc-like objects flying toward Mojave, Calif, one directly back of the other, at a speed of about 300 to 400 MPH at an altitude of approximately 2,000 ft. She listened carefully for a few minutes but could hear no drone such as occasioned by any aircraft. Casting her eyes for a moment in another direction and then looking back to the same spot she was able to distinguish the same objects again. Assured that it was not eye-strain, she was convinced the objects were not weather balloons due to the horizontal position in which they traveled. Nor could they have been birds since they reflected the sun's rays.

Some three or four minutes after the objects had nearly disappeared she saw another flying object similar to the above-mentioned objects. It was silver colored and disc-like in shape. Unlike the first two, it flew in a tight circle, neither losing nor gaining altitude, at approximately 3,000 ft. She thought it performed too tight a circle to have been any type aircraft with which she was familiar.

Evaluation: Confirmed by other sources

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

COUNTY OF KERN )

The following is a statement given by S/Sgt Gerald E. Kauman, 4144th AAFH, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given on 14 July 1947, to 1st Lt. J. C. McHenry, Billeting Officer.

On the night of July 1947 at ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning I observed personally two (2) flying disc, flying in a north west direction at an estimated altitude of seven or eight thousand feet, traveling at approximately three or four hundred miles per hour.

Just a few minutes before this I was in the Billeting Office and First Lieutenant Joseph C. McHenry, called me and two (2) others outside. He then asked us what we saw. I saw two (2) objects with my own eyes, and I am now and was then in perfect physical condition. I have 20-20 vision and I am positive these two (2) objects could not have been Aircraft, weather balloons or birds. Due to the altitude in which they were flying, they gave off a definite reflection from the rays of the sun.

In addition to these two (2) disc I saw another object a few minutes later at the same altitude doing certain maneuvers such as flying in a tight circle. The two disc had already disappeared. This object to my knowledge of aircraft could not have been an airplane because of the very tight maneuver it was undergoing. I have been flying in and have been around all types of aircraft since 1943 and never in my life have I seen anything such as this. If necessary I can and will swear to this statement.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

s/s t. c. robinson  
PFC T. C. ROBINSON

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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flying disc traveling in a northwest direction at an estimated altitude of 7,000 or 7,500 feet at about 300 to 400 MPH.

Witness states he was in the Billeting Office when 1st Lt McHenry called him and 2 other witnesses outside. As we then asked what he saw. Sgt Kauman states he saw 2 objects and that he was positive that they could not have been aircraft, weather balloons or birds. Due to the altitude at which they flew they gave off a definite reflection from the rays of the sun. A few minutes later after the original two discs had disappeared he saw another object at the same altitude doing certain maneuvers such as flying in a tight circle. Its very tight maneuver precluded its being any known type of aircraft.

Witness states: "I have 20-20 vision"... "I have been flying in and have been around all types of aircraft since 1943 and never in my life have I seen anything such as this."

Evaluation: Confirmed by other sources

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The following is a statement given by Major Richard R. Shoop, Office of Chief of Tech. Engineering Division, Kuroc Army Air Field, Kuroc, California, statement given on 11 July 1947.

At approximately noon on 8 July 1947, my attention was called to an object in the air by Colonel Wilkey. I observed between five (5) and eight (8) miles to the North what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was flying caused the sun to reflect like an apparently aluminum colored surface. The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again. It climbed to a fairly high altitude and moved off slowly into the distance. The object appeared to be the size of a pursuit airplane but did not have the shape of a conventional plane. The time that the object was in view was approximately eight (8) minutes. This same object was seen by my wife at the same time.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

s/ Richard R. Shoop  
MAJOR, RICHARD R. SHOOP, AC

WITNESSES

s/ Thomas A. McMillan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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Incident #2

DATE OF INFO 8 July 47

LOCATION ROGERS DRY LAKE  
Muroc AFB, Calif.

SOURCE AF Major and Col.

DATE IN TO ATIC

COLOR Aluminum

SPEED slow

ALTITUDE "fairly high"

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED

TYPE OF OBSERVATION visual ground

MANEUVERS descended and climbed  
Object moved to the ground in an oscillating motion then climbed. It climbed to a fairly high altitude then moved off slowly into the distance

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 2
1. Date 8 July 1947
  2. Time Approximately noon
  3. Location Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.
  4. Name of observer Major Richard R. Shoop
  5. Occupation of observer Employed in Office of Chief of Tech. Engineering D  
Major -
  6. Address of observer Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.
  7. Place of observation Ground
  8. Number of objects One (1)
  9. Distance of object from observer Five (5) to eight (8) miles.
  10. Time in sight Eight (8) minutes
  11. Altitude fairly high altitude
  12. Speed slowly
  13. Direction of flight North
  14. Tactics The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again.
  15. Sound not stated
  16. Size pursuit airplane
  17. Color aluminum colored surface
  18. Shape unconventional shape
  19. Odor detected not stated
  20. Apparent construction apparently metallic
  21. Exhaust trails not stated
  22. Weather conditions not stated
  23. Effect on clouds not stated
  24. Sketches or photographs none
  25. Manner of disappearance moved off slowly in the distance

26. Remarks: At approximately noon on 8 Jul 1947, Major Shoops, at the attention of Col. Gilley observed five (5) to eight (8) miles to the north what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was observed.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 2a

1. Date 8 July 1947
2. Time Approximately noon
3. Location Marco Army Air Field, Marco, California.
4. Name of observer Col Gilkey to Capt Black
5. Occupation of observer Commanding Officer, Marco Army Air Field, Calif.
6. Address of observer Marco AAF, Marco, California.
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects one (1)
9. Distance of object from observer not stated
10. Time in sight not stated
11. Altitude not stated
12. Speed not stated
13. Direction of flight not stated
14. Tactics The object Col Gilkey saw he stated he believed at the time to be paper and of no significance or the object not important enough to be reported.
15. SOUND not stated
16. Size not stated
17. Color not stated
18. Shape not stated
19. Odor detected not stated
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails not stated
22. Weather conditions not stated
23. Effect on clouds not stated
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance not stated
26. Remarks: The following is a statement given orally by Colonel Gilkey, to Captain Harry D. Black, Intelligence Officer on 11 August 1947. Colonel Gilkey, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the time to be paper and of no significance or the object not important enough to be reported there was nothing clearly enough seen by the Colonel to make any further

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given orally by Colonel Gilkey, Commanding Officer, Marco Army Air Field, Marco, California, given to Captain Harry D. Black, Intelligence Officer, on 11 August 1947.

Colonel Gilkey, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the time to be paper and of no significance or the objects not important enough to be reported. There was nothing clearly enough seen by the Colonel to make any further reports justifiable.

This oral statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

s/ Harry D. Black  
CAPT. HARRY D. BLACK, MAC

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Incident #4

ATTC NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INFO 8 July 57

AF NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION Mid e AFB

REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE Eligible

DATE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

ATTN IN TO ATTC \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF SIGHTING 11:50 Pst

COLOR White

SHAPE Parachute canopy to oval shape

PEED Slower than F-50

SIZE est 50' diameter

ALTITUDE less than 2,000

COURSE WNW

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 20 sec

NO. IN GROUP one

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual

GROUND \_\_\_\_\_

MAN OVERBOARD descended

MARKER \_\_\_\_\_ SKETCHES \_\_\_\_\_

Observed about 90 seconds before but did not see the plane. Seemed to be descending.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 4

1. Date **8 July 1947**
2. Time **11:50**
3. Location **Area # 3, Rogers Dry Lake, California.**
4. Name of observer **Captain John Paul Strapp**
5. Occupation of observer **Flight Test**
6. Address of observer **Marine Army Air Field, Maricopa, California.**
7. Place of observation **Observation Track, Area #3, Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.**
8. Number of objects **One (1)**
9. Distance of object from observer **20,000 feet**
10. Time in sight **90 seconds**
11. Altitude **Lower than 20,000**
12. Speed **Slower than the maximum velocity 50-60 aircraft**
13. Direction of flight **Slightly north of due west against prevailing wind**
14. Tactics **rotation or oscillation of slow type (suggested by 2 fins or nobs on the upper surface which crossed each other at intervals)**
15. Sound **not stated**
16. Size **About 50'**
17. Color **silvery**
18. Shape **resembled a parachute canopy at first then assumed ovalar shape**
19. Odor detected **not stated**
20. Apparent construction **It presented a distinct ovalar outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have been thick fins or nobs. These crossed each other at intervals, suggesting either rotation or oscillation of slow type.**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **not stated**
23. Effect on clouds **not stated**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **Dropped to a level such that comes into line of vision of the mountain tops.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On the 6 July 1947 at 11:50 the undersigned was sitting in an observation truck located in Area #3, Rogers Dry Lake, was gazing upward toward a formation of two (2) P-52's and an A-26 aircraft flying at 20,000 feet, preparing the carry out of a seat ejection experiment, when I observed a rounded object, white aluminum in color, which at first resembled a parachute canopy. The first impression was that a premature ejection of the seat and dummy had occurred. This body was ejected at a determined height lower than 20,000 feet, and was falling at three (3) times the rate observed for the parachute which ejected thirty minutes later. As it fell it drifted slightly north of due west against the prevailing wind, toward Mount Wilson. The speed, horizontal motion could not be determined, but appeared slower than the maximum velocity P-50 aircraft.

As this object descended through a low enough level to permit observation of its lateral silhouette, it presented a distinct ovalar outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have been thick fins or ribs. These crossed each other at intervals, suggesting either rotation or oscillation of slow type.

No smoke flames, propellar arcs, engine noise, or other elaguable or visible means of propulsion were noted. The color was silvery, resembling aluminum painted fabric, and did not appear as dense as a parachute canopy.

When the object dropped to a level such that comes into line of vision of the mountain tops, it was lost to the vision of the observer.

It is estimated that the object was in line of vision about 90 seconds. Of the five (5) people sitting in the observation truck, four (4) observed this object and made remarks about it. These people include:

Mr. Lens - Civilian, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.  
**Lens?** (Other names not given)

The following is my own personal opinions about this object:

1. I think it was a manmade object, as evidenced distaintly by the outline and functional appearance.
2. It's size was not far from 25 feet with a parachute canopy.
3. The path followed by this object appeared as though it might have been dropped from a great height.

Seeing this was not a hallucination or other fancies of a sense.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 3

1. Date 7 July 1947
2. Time 16:10
3. Location Murco Army Air Field, Murco, California.
4. Name of observer Major J. G. Wise,
5. Occupation of observer Test Pilot
6. Address of observer Murco AAF, Murco, California.
7. Place of observation Ground - Murco AAF, Murco, California.
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude.
10. Time in sight not stated
11. Altitude 10,000 to 12,000 feet
12. Speed 200 to 225 MPH
13. Direction of flight heading from west to east
14. Tactics Oscillating in a forward whirling movement without losing altitude.
15. Sound not stated
16. Size Five (5) to (10) feet in diameter
17. Color yellowish white
18. Shape sphere
19. Color detected not stated
20. Apparent construction assumed at first to be a weather balloon.
21. Exhaust trails not stated
22. Weather conditions not stated
23. Effect on clouds not stated
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance not stated
26. Remarks:  
Over

REMARKS:

Statement given by Major J. C. Wise, Test Pilot, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.

On 7 July 1947, at approximately 10:10, while running up the XP-54 on the ground I noticed everyone was looking up into the air. Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude, was an object that I assumed at first to be a weather balloon, but after looking at it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a forward whirling movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 200 to 225 MPH, and heading from west to east.

The object was yellowish white in color and I would estimate that it was a sphere about 5 to 10 feet in diameter.

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June #4

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

COUNTY OF KERN )

The following is a statement given by Captain John Paul Strapp, Flight Test, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given to Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, this Station, on 12 August 1947.

At 11:50 hours, 8 July 1947, while the undersigned was sitting in an observation truck located in Area # 3, Rogers Dry Lake, for the purpose of observing a P-32 ejection seat experiment, the following unfamiliarity was observed.

The undersigned was gazing upward toward a formation of two (2) P-32's and an A-26 aircraft flying at 20,000 feet, preparing to carry out a seat ejection experiment, when I observed a rounded object, white aluminum in color, which at first resembled a parachute canopy. The first impression was that a premature ejection of the seat and dummy had occurred. This body was ejected at a determined height lower than 20,000 feet, and was falling at three (3) times the rate observed for the parachute which was ejected thirty minutes later. As it fell it drifted slightly north of due west against the prevailing wind, toward Mount Wilson. The speed, horizontal motion could not be determined, but appeared slower than the maximum velocity 50-80 aircraft.

As this object descended through a low enough level to permit observation of its lateral silhouette, it presented a distinct ovular outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have been thick fins or nobs. These crossed each other at intervals, suggesting either rotation or oscillation of slow type.

No smoke flames, propellar arks, engine noise, or other clasuable (?) or visible means of propulsion were noted. The color was silvery, resembling aluminum painted fabric, and did not appear as dense as a parachute canopy.

When the object dropped to a level such that comes into line of vision of the mountain tops, it was lost to the vision of the observer.

It is estimated that the object was in line of vision about 90 seconds. Of the five (5) people sitting in the observation truck, four (4) observed this object and made remarks about it. These people include:

Mr. Lenz - Civilian, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio  
(Other names not given)

The following is my own personal opinions about this object:

1. I think it was a man-made object, as evidenced distaintly by the outline and functional appearance.

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2. It's size was not far from 25 feet with a parachute canopy.

3. The path followed by this object appeared as though it might have been dropped from a great height.

Seeing this was not a hallucination or other fancies of a sense.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of two (2) pages, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

s/s john Paul strapp  
CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL STRAPP, AC

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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Path of aircraft (reported)

Path of balloon

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George AFB

35° 00'

Muroc

118° 30'

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117° 00' 34° 00'

March AFB

Prevailing Wind at 40,000'

Scale (nautical miles)

Flight 2-B

Long Beach A.P.

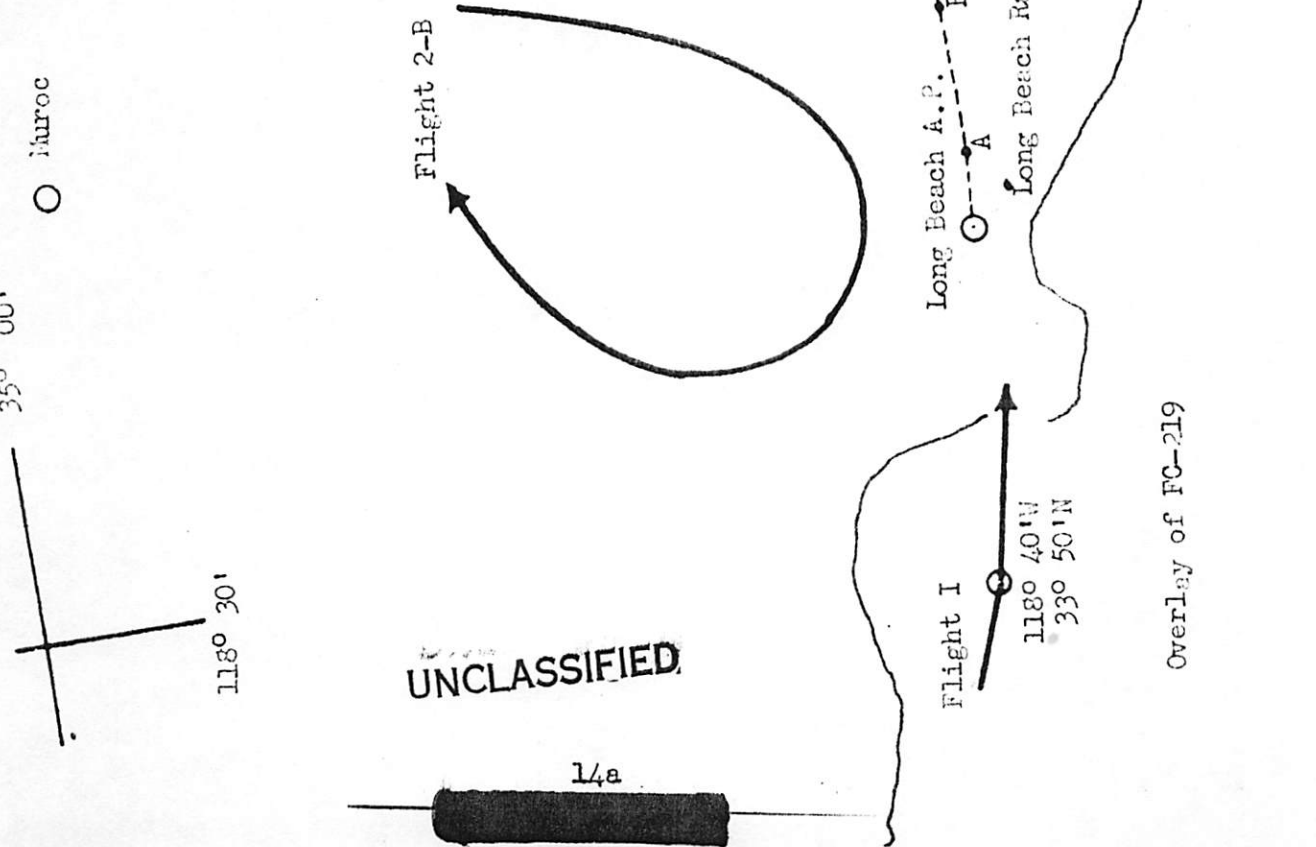
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Flight I

118° 40'W 33° 50'N

Overlay of FC-219

117° 30'W 33° 20'N Flight 2-A



JULY 8, 1947

July 8, 1947, Muroc AFB

Mr. Oliver Earl Cooper (goes by name of "Earl")

Thinks time was somewhat before noon, Tuesday

Interviewed 8/5/67. Now living in Lancaster, California.  
Telephone: Area Code 805, 942-1522.

In 1947, Earl Cooper was in the Test Aircraft Branch, working as Maintenance Superintendent. He had about 200 people under him at that time.

As he recalled the incident, he was with a group of four or five people down on Rogers Dry Lake, on the west side of the lake, near Area No. 1. They were at the east end of a 10,000-ft runway, looking to the East, with the runway to their backs. He thinks they were running an engine test on the XP-84. Couldn't recall if it was a fuel test. He thinks there was a pilot there, but no takeoff was involved. All of the group were asked to make statements on it later.

It was a clear day, hot. The object was first seen at about 20-25 degrees elevation off to the East. It was moving in a general southerly direction, probably Eastsoutheast, he recalled. He stated that everybody looked up, but no one would say anything about it until a few began to notice that others were also looking. Then all began to watch it carefully. It moved to the South and then stopped and then moved again and disappeared. It never moved up, just horizontally. He recalled no irregularity of motion, and it wasn't moving terribly fast. Perhaps 10 mph. He did have a vague recollection of it moving a bit from side to side at times, but not fluttering, just veering somewhat sinuously, I gathered. He thought they might have seen it for four to five minutes. The shape of the object was elliptical, not a flat disc, somewhat rounded. He thought the altitude might have been something like ten thousand feet. Near the end of the sighting, it moved much faster, accelerating rather rapidly before it disappeared. I have a feeling that Cooper's recollections of this are somewhat vague on the finer details after twenty years.

Cooper did not recall any other sightings on that same day. He stated that they were definitely not watching a seat-ejection test. He stated that they were not in a truck. This seems to rule out his participation in the other two sightings and makes it sound as if he were at the location where Major J. C. Wise was present. Near the end of my interview with him, I mentioned Major Wise's name, and he immediately recognized it. Said he knew him well, had a lot to do with him at Muroc. Cooper said that Wise is now a Colonel and located in or near Kansas City. I don't believe that his knowledge of Wise's name can be taken

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as positive proof that he was at that site, because he did work with and know Wise well, and he might easily have been led into making that association by my questions. Nevertheless, it is a very real possibility that he was with Wise.

He said that later the object was explained to them as possibly a weather balloon. They were told that it changed apparent size because of "atmospheric conditions".

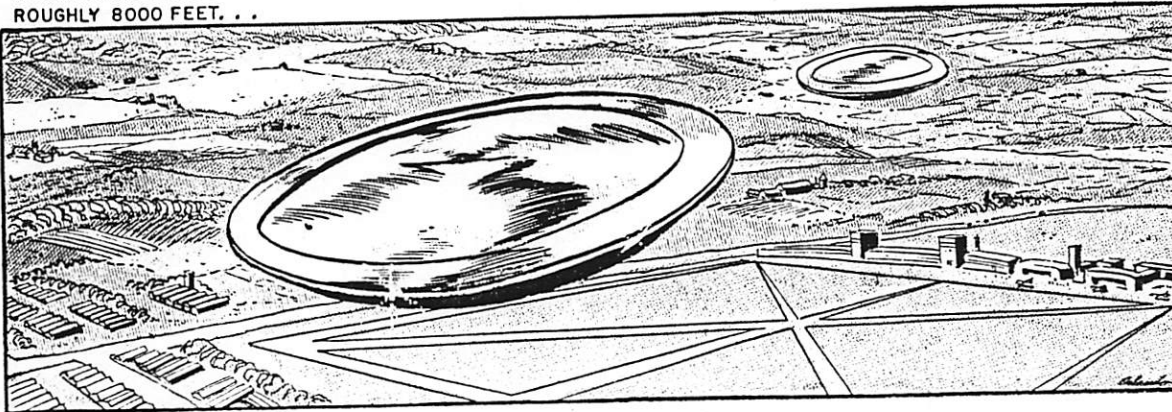
The color of the object that he saw was an off-white. He recalls no glint from the sun. Not like polished chromium, he said.

Obtained Earl Cooper's name from Frank Baker at the May 27, 1967, Las Vegas session of the Civil Air Patrol. Baker is at Edwards Air Force Base now.

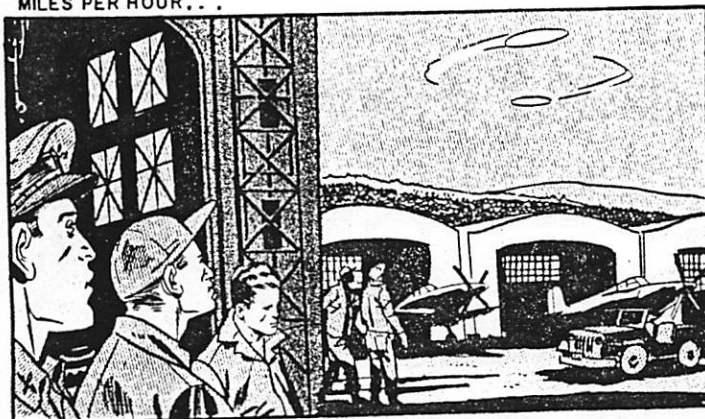
# The MURROC AIR FORCE BASE CASE

## PROJECT SAUCER CASE NUMBER 1

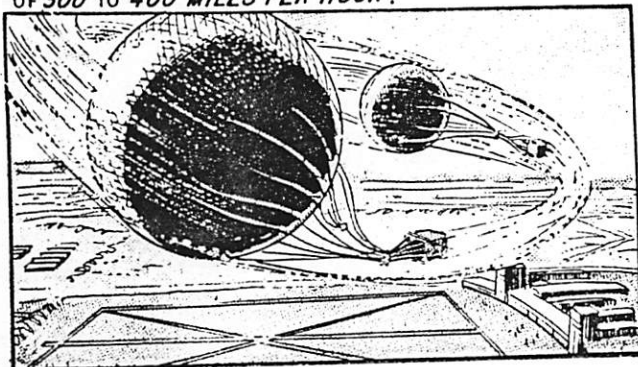
THE 'PROJECT SAUCER' REPORT OF APRIL, '49, MERELY DESCRIBED THE HAPPENINGS OVER MURROC AIR FORCE BASE ON JULY 8, 1947. IT MADE NO ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THEM AWAY OR TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS. ON THAT DAY, A GROUP OF AIR FORCE PILOTS AND GROUND OFFICERS WATCHED TWO SILVER-COLORED DISCS MANUEVERING OVERHEAD AT ROUGHLY 8000 FEET. . .



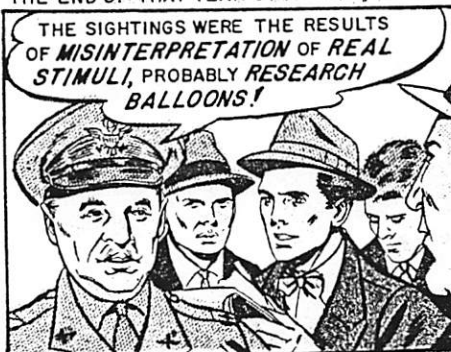
CIRCLING TIGHTLY, THEY REACHED SPEEDS ESTIMATED BY THESE TRAINED AND COMPETANT OBSERVERS AT BETWEEN 300 AND 400 MILES PER HOUR. . .



THIS IS THE MOST INCREDIBLE EXPLANATION OF THEM ALL! ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT RESEARCH BALLOONS, UNMANNED AND UNPOWERED, COULD HAVE CIRCELD AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 300 TO 400 MILES PER HOUR?



WHEN PROJECT SAUCER INVESTIGATORS FAILED TO ANALYZE AND EXPLAIN THIS SIGHTING IN THEIR APRIL '49 REPORT, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND AT WRIGHT FIELD AT THE END OF THAT YEAR STATED:



THE SIGHTINGS WERE THE RESULTS OF MISINTERPRETATION OF REAL STIMULI, PROBABLY RESEARCH BALLOONS!

THAT WOULD HAVE MEANT A 300 M.P.H. WIND WOULD HAVE BEEN BLOWING...ENOUGH OF A WIND TO HAVE SUCKED MURROC AND ITS MEN RIGHT OFF THE MAP!...



THIS TIME PROJECT SAUCER HAD REVERSED ITSELF INTO ABSURDITY!