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DATE OF INFO

12 Oct 1947

AF NO. _____

LOCATION

Mexico

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE

Mexican War Dept.

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATTC _____

TIME OF OBSERVATION 0930

COLOR Blue or silver

SHAPE _____

SPECIES Falling star

DISTANCE X

SIZE _____

ALTITUDE _____

COURSE E to W

LENGTH OF TRAIL OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION _____

TODAY _____

IMPROVEMENT _____

DATE _____

SKETCHES _____

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Prot Meteor

Extract from CURRENT NEWS Comment, prepared by the Analysis Div.,
Office of Public Relations, Ho. Army Air Forces

ROCKET EXPLOSION REPORT 'FAISE'

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 16 (AP). -- Gen. Enrique Diaz Gonzales, who commands the Juarez military garrison just across the border from El Paso, today blamed a "false report" for the Mexican War Department's announcement that an American rocket landed south of here last Sunday.

His statement was made as search was resumed for a mysterious object which blazed through the sky, crashed and apparently exploded in the mountains near the village of Caseta, Mexico, across the Rio Grande from Fabens, Tex.

The War Department in Mexico City asserted two days ago that investigation indicated the object was a V-2 rocket launched from a U. S. Army experimental station in Texas.

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The approximate impact area was estimated to be less than 10 miles from the point where a V-2 rocket, off its track, crashed south of Juarez May 28.

The public relations officer at the White Sands proving grounds, where the V-2 rockets have been launched, said none of the missiles had been fired since Oct. 9.

Major Gen. John L. Homer, Fort Bliss commander and military official at air fields and other installations in the southwest, said that no guided missiles had been fired today and no rocket planes were missing from the fields in the area.

At least four persons saw the fiery object darting through the skies "with the speed of a falling star" at approximately 9:30 a. m.

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INCOMING CLEAR MESSAGE

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From: CG Fourth Army Ft San Houston, Texas from Hodes sgd
Coulter Deputy Army Comdr

TO: Dept of Army attn Directors F and G and Intelligence
Wash DC

DTG: 130137Z 13 October 1947

The following message received from Gen Homer commanding Ft Bliss Texas via telephone 2400Z hours is quoted: "This is a report of a minor and unusual incident not of national interest. It is alleged that as of 1530Z an aerial object landed in Mexico near the towns of Cassetta-Reforma - Guadeloupe all opposite Fabens Texas. Object approximately one meter long traveling east to west, blue or silver in color with flames in the rear. No smoke, object alleged to have detonated with explosion beyond horizon in Mexico. I, Gen Homer have made recon of area and have interviewed available witnesses. American consul has transmitted the foregoing to American Embassy in Mexico. There are no military activities at Biggs Field, White Sands Proving Grounds, or Ft Bliss that could have caused this incident on this date. Army Ground Forces will be notified by me. The press and radio locally and New York Times representative from Los Angeles now checking the incident. No action required by higher headquarters. Available information at this time is not adequate to estimate cause of the incident. End." Additional information when and if available will be forwarded.

NOTE: See CI IN 2336 (13 Oct) ID and
ACTION: ID
INFO: AF, AGF (Ln Gr), FO, SGS, IIO, RD
MC IN 55082 (13 Oct 47) DTG 130137Z

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ROUTINE	
MULTIPLE ADDRESS	

TELETYPE MESSAGE

TSNAD2B/ACL/amc 2-1204

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

FROM: AMC

DATE: 14 October 1947

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence (T-2)

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TO: Commanding Officer
Alamogordo Army Air Field
Alamogordo, New Mexico
CLASS:ATTN: Col Paul F. Helmick

*for Col Clingerman is designated as this
air flight is under AFAC jurisdiction*

TSNAD-10-1 REQUEST ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED
FLAMING OBJECT REPORTED TO HAVE CRASHED INTO THE SAMALAYUCA MOUNTAINS OF MEXICO
AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM ON 12 OCTOBER 1947 PD THE ORIGIN OF NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF
THIS INCIDENT APPARENTLY ARE FROM EL PASO TEXAS PD SIGNED ANALYSIS DIVISION T-2

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FROM HELMICK CO AAFLD ALAMOGORDO NMEX 151725Z

TO CG AMC WRIGHT FLD DAYTON OHIO ATTN TSNAD ANALYSIS DIV T-2

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RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY PD LAST MISSILE LAUNCHED BY WHITE SANDS PROVING
GROUND WAS 9 OCT AND RECOVERED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY PD THE MEXICAN GOVERN-
MENT FROM MEXICO CITY CMA MEXICO RELEASED A WNHIS MORNING
THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED FLAMING OBJECT THAT LANDED ABOUT 35 MILES FROM
JUAREZ MEX WAS DEFINITELY A ROCKET AND WAS ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED
FROM SOME TEXAS BASE

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AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

FROM: AMC

DATE 14 October 1947

H. M. McCoy

Colonel, Air Corps

Deputy Commanding General

Intelligence (T-2)

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

CLASS: ATTN: AC/AS-2
Maj Samuel Tolbert

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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AFBIR-CO-2

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24 OCT 1947

SUBJECT: Crash of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Attention: TSNLI

1. Reference is made to your messages TSNAD-10-2, 14 October 1947, and TSNAD-10-3, 17 October 1947, and letter, this headquarters, dated 20 October 1947, subject as above.

2. Forwarded herewith is copy of message from the Commanding General, Fourth Army, containing additional information on the subject.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

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Cy of Cable

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt Colonel, ~~USAF~~ USAF
Executive, ~~USAF~~ ~~USAF~~ Division
Office of Asst Chief of Air Staff-2

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INCOMING CLEAR MESSAGE

From: COMGENARMYFOUR Fort Sam Houston Texas from AC of S G-2
To: Chief of Staff US Army Washington DC
Info: CG AGF Fort Monroe Va for Director of Intelligence
Nr: AKADB 10-1313 15 October 1947

Reference previous unverified report of aerial object landing in Mexico opposite town of Fabens Tex, reports received this date from CG AAA and GNC and Branch Intelligence Officer Ft Bliss Tex to the effect Mexican Garrison of Juarez still searching suspected area of impact. No results reported. No verification of report. Investigation continuing.

End

ACTION: ID

INFO: AF, AGF Ln Gp, PO, PD, PID

MC IN 56575

(16 Oct 47)

DTG 151614Z

AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER 1947 SIGHTINGS

<u>INCIDENT NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
<u>AUGUST</u>				
	Aug	Niles, Italy (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
	12 Aug	Donforth, Illinois	Panner (PHYSICAL S.)	Other (Moon)
88	3 Aug	Hackensack, New Jersey	Casella	Insufficient Data
	4	Boston, Massachusetts	Powell, White	Astro (Sun Dog)
58	4	Bethel, Alaska	Johnston, Showalter	A/C
69, 70	6	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
66	10	Silver Springs, Ohio	Walker	Astro (Meteor)
76	13	Salmon Dam, Idaho	Hendins, Brown	A/C
79	13	Twin Falls, Idaho	Urie	Other (Atmospheric Light)
87	14	S. Placerville, California	Switzer	Astro (Meteor)
135	15-20	Waver, South Dakota	AF Officer	UNIDENTIFIED
64	19	Twin Falls, Idaho	Hedstrom	Other (Birds)
NONE	Late Aug	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Markley (RADAR)	Other (False Targets)
	11 Aug	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	WALLACE	NONE
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				
51	3	Oswego, Oregon	Dupai	UNIDENTIFIED
61, 62	8	Logan, Utah	Anderson, Hall	Other (Birds)
59	12	Pacific Ocean (Mecker I.)	Military Air	Astro (Meteor)
72	17	Pt. Richardson, Alaska	Army Officer	Astro (Meteor)
18	20	Toronto, Canada	Not Stated	Other (Moon)
<u>OCTOBER</u>				
179	Oct	San Francisco, California	Not Stated	Insufficient Data
	Oct	Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
-71	8 or 9	Las Vegas, Nevada	Zoore	Other (Comets) A/C
	12	Mexico	Multi	Astro (Meteor)
34	13	Dauphin, Minnesota	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
37	14	Phoenix, Arizona	Clark	UNIDENTIFIED
19	20	Dayton, Ohio	Britton	A/C
20	20	Xenia, Ohio	Atkinson	A/C
<u>NOVEMBER</u>				
36	Nov	Boise, Idaho	CAA Observer	Insufficient Data
98	2	Houston, Texas	Brisberry	Astro (Meteor)
35	12	Cape Blanco, Oregon	Williamson	Astro (Meteor)
289	12	La Junta & Pueblo, Colorado	(CASE MISSING)	Insufficient Data
225	Late 1947	Vaughn, New Mexico	Mayus	Other (Flares)
<u>DECEMBER</u>				
132	12	Calo, Norway	Thomson	Astro (Meteor)
51	13	Northern Arizona	Wood	Other (Comets)
95, 96, 97	30	Oregon, Nevada, California	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)

CAN'T BE V-2, ARMY SAYS

'Flaming Object' Lands in Mexico

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The approximate impact area was estimated to be less than 10 miles from the point where a V-2 rocket, off its track, crashed south of Juarez May 29.

The public relations officer at the White Sands Proving Grounds, where the V-2 rockets have been launched, said none of the missiles had been fired since Oct. 9.

Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, Fort Bliss commander and military officials at air fields and other installations in the Southwest, said that no guided missiles had been fired Sunday and no rocket planes were missing from fields in that area.

At least four persons saw the fiery object darting through the skies "with the speed of a falling star" at approximately 9:30 a. m. Mexican time (8:30 a. m. MST) and many people in the Fabens, Tex., area, 28 miles east of El Paso on the Mexican border, heard the explosion of the body when it struck.

Two persons on the highway between El Paso and Fabens reported seeing an unaccounted-for billow of smoke in the Samalayuca mountains about the time that the explosion was heard.

Sabas Aranda, a reserve captain in the Mexican army, was the first to report the incident. Captain Aranda, unable to reach the Juarez military garrison by telephone, went to the U. S. Customs House, four miles southeast of Fabens, and

reported the incident to J. C. Bunnell, U. S. Customs Inspector.

J. W. Hooten, editor of the El Paso Times, said Bunnell telephoned Sheriff Alan Falby here that the mayor and other officials of Guadalupe, Mexico, across the border from Fabens, had informed him that they saw the object, about five feet long and three feet in diameter, come over the town traveling about 30 meters above the ground and explode with a terrific noise and that smoke was still thick in the impact vicinity three hours later.

Hooten said that the Guadalupe officials declared the bomb came from the direction of the United States.

UN Assembly To Decide Korea Future

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall will tell Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov that the United States has placed the Korean question before the United Nations Assembly and will make suggestions on troop withdrawals there, an American delegation spokesman said Sunday.

This in effect would be a rejection of Molotov's proposal that the U. S. and Russia agree jointly on simultaneous withdrawal of American and Soviet forces.

The spokesman said Marshall

Mexico Reports Fragment Of 'Bomb' Believed Found

Mystery of the "flaming object" seen over Mexico Sunday morning deepened today.

Mexico City officials said that investigation revealed the "missile" was a V-2 rocket "launched from a Texas experiment station."

Juarez officials said a large metal cone was found in the Samalyuca mountains, about 40 miles south of Juarez, and that it resembled a fragment of the V-2 bomb which fell near Juarez several months ago.

They said, however, they had not completed the investigation.

General Not Advised

Brig. Gen. Phillip B. Blackmore, commenting on the Mexico City report, said White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico is the only V-2 firing ground, and that it was closed Sunday.

He said there is no chance that the Sunday missile was a V-2 rocket. He is White Sands Proving Grounds commander.

Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, commanding officer of Ft. Bliss, said he had received no communication from Mexico on fragments of a bomb being found.

The flaming object was seen by Sabas Aranda, farmer, Sunday, near Cazeta, five miles southeast of Fabens. He said he figured the "flaming object" landed about 10 or 15 miles south of the border.

Will Resume Search

Biggs Field planes today were to resume a search for a trace of the missile. The search was interrupted yesterday.

Neither was the mysterious object a "Gapa" rocket, or a defensive missile launched by Boeing Aircraft engineers and the Army at the Alamogordo Army Air Base.

An Army official at Alamogordo said the last Gapa was fired Wed-

nesday, and was recovered a few hours after it was launched.

The "Gapa" is smaller than the V-2. "Gapa" is the code word for ground-to-air pilotless aircraft.

Another Flaming Object Seen Over El Paso

Another flaming object was reported seen in El Paso skies yesterday about 8:30 p. m., by an El Paso school teacher.

The object appeared to be about eight inches in diameter and had a tail of smoke and flame about two feet long. It seemed to have fallen into the Franklin Mountains, she said.

The woman told The Herald-Post that she was driving on Scenic Drive when the object appeared very close to the top of the mountain.

She said she does not want her name published because of "having too much fame" among the pupils of her school.

Aftermath

By United Press

HOUSTON, Oct. 15.—A crowded bus stopped to pick up a young man and his woman companion. The man struggled to get aboard, supporting himself on a cane, while the woman looked on anxiously.

A man in the rear of the bus rose from his seat. "Here you are, son," he called. "I'm tired of sitting."

The youth murmured his thanks and sat down.

The woman turned to the man who had relinquished his seat. "He has an artificial leg," she whispered. "He's not used to it yet."

"I know how it is," said the man. "I'm doing fine with mine now."