

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 61 Jan 51	2. LOCATION Artesia, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT Not Given	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE NE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dull gray in color. Objects larger than balloon. Both objects were moving equal distance apart & appeared to make an abrupt turn & disappeared at a very fast rate of speed. Day was clear. Objects would fly around & above the balloon & then fly off in NE direction. No way to estimate the speed of the objects. Shape like round disc. See case 22 Jan 51, Hollman AFB)		11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation. Do not know exact relationship to the balloon on such items as positional data and also no time concept.	

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APPENDIX I

Artesia, New Mexico - 16 January 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 16 January 1952, two members of a balloon project from the General Mills Aeronautical Research Laboratory and four other civilians observed two unidentified aerial objects in the vicinity of the balloon they were observing. The balloon was at an altitude of 113,000 ft. and was 110 ft. in diameter at the time of the observation.

The objects were observed twice, once from Artesia, New Mexico, and once from the Artesia Airport. In the first instance, one round object appeared to remain motionless in the vicinity, but apparently higher, than the balloon. The balloon appeared to be 1 1/2 inches in diameter and the object 2 1/2 inches in diameter (ratio 3:5) and the color was a dull white. This observation was made by the two General Mills observers.

A short time later the same two observers and four civilian pilots were observing the balloon from the Artesia Airport. Two objects at apparently extremely high altitude were noticed coming toward the balloon from the northwest. They circled the balloon, or apparently so, and flew off to the northeast. The time of observation was about 40 seconds. The two objects were the same color and size as the first object. They were flying side-by-side. When the objects appeared to circle the balloon, they disappeared and the observers assumed they were disc-shaped and had turned on edge to bank.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Unfortunately this report was not made until 5 April and did not reach ATE until 16 April. Due to this time lapse, no further investigation is contemplated. The observers are known to be very reliable and experienced.

III. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
27th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

15 April 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Unusual Objects
over Artesia, New Mexico on
16 January 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent LINDELL W. POLITTE, 17th OSI District, file 24-8-30, dated 5 April 1952, subject as above.
2. Investigation predicated upon information contained in letter from District Office No. 24, wherein they reported results of an interview with DUGAN.
3. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, N. M., substantiated DUGAN's statement. Two other civilians advised they had seen two unusual objects in addition to the balloon. All interviewees stated that it was a clear day, and they were certain that what they saw was not a reflection or a conventional type aircraft.
4. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.
5. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, dtd 14 Mar 49, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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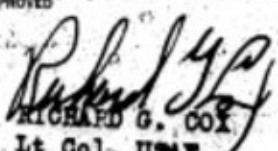
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO.	24-8-30	DATE	5 April 1952
	REPORT MADE BY	S/A LINDELL W. POLITE blh		
	REPORT MADE AT	17th DO, Kirtland AFB, N Mex		
	PERIOD	21 March 1952		
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	17th DO, Kirtland AFB, N Mex		
TITLE	Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952			
CHARACTER	SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE	Ltr. DO #24, file 24-0, dt 11 Mar 52			
SYNOPSIS	<p>Investigation predicated upon information obtained during interview with DUGAN, who stated that while making an observation of a balloon over Artesia, New Mexico, two (2) unusual objects had been noted on 16 January 1952. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, New Mexico, interviewed and substantiated DUGAN's statement. Two (2) other civilians interviewed and both advised that they had seen two (2) unusual objects in addition to the balloon. All persons interviewed stated that the objects were larger than the balloon and were of a dull gray color. That both objects were moving an equal distance apart and appeared to make an abrupt turn and disappeared at a very fast rate of speed. All interviewees stated that it was a clear day and were certain that what they saw was not a reflection or a conventional type aircraft. Investigation continues.</p>			

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FACTS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon information contained in a letter from District Office No. 24, wherein they reported results of an interview with Mr. RAYMOND PUGAS, Aeronautical Research Division, General Mills, Inc., 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. PUGAS reported that while making observations of a balloon they had previously released over Artesia, New Mexico, they noted two (2) unusual objects flying in the vicinity of their test balloon on 16 January 1952.

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2. On 21 March 1952, Mr. ALVIN W. HAZEL, Box 205, Artesia, New Mexico, manager of Municipal Airport was interviewed regarding the unconventional aircraft sighted on or about 16 January 1952. HAZEL advised that at the time of sighting, Mr. DON PORTS, Mr. SCOTT L. SMITH, Mr. SWARTZ, Mr. RAYMOND E. STILES and Mr. DUGAN were present. HAZEL stated that the above mentioned group had been observing a balloon that had been released by PUGAS and STILES. That when this balloon reached an altitude of over one hundred thousand feet, the group noticed some disc shaped objects in the same vicinity as the balloon. HAZEL stated he did not know if the objects were above or below the balloon. That he observed two (2) separate objects besides the balloon, but that he received the impression that they were as high or higher than the balloon. HAZEL stated that the balloon was traveling east by five (5) to ten (10) degrees north and that the objects were moving southeast. That the objects never became completely motionless, but would slow down and speed up. That when they departed the vicinity of the balloon, they moved at an extremely fast rate of speed, covering an arc of approximately 45 degrees in two (2) to three (3) seconds and disappeared from view. HAZEL stated that the objects appeared to be two (2) to three (3) times the size of the balloon, which at that altitude was 110 feet in diameter. That the objects would scatter and then re-group while in the vicinity of the balloon and that when they departed the vicinity of the balloon they left in single file. HAZEL stated that the objects at no time passed between the observers and the balloon. That he is sure that the objects were not conventional aircraft of any commonly known type, as they appeared pale gray in color and left no con-trail or any other visible vaporization and the only appearance presented by the objects was a round and flat disc shape. HAZEL stated he got the impression that the objects were convex, although this impression may have been caused by the lack of bright reflection of the sunlight on the objects. Mr. HAZEL stated that he has been a pilot for many years, is familiar with aircraft and has been the manager of the Municipal Airport at Artesia, New Mexico for over five (5) years.

3. On 21 April 1952, Mr. SCOTT L. SMITH, 405 Alameda Street, Artesia, New Mexico, manager of Electrical Company was interviewed. SMITH advised that he was present in the group previously mentioned during January 1952, and that his attention was first drawn to the objects by another member of the group. SMITH stated that he believes the objects were much higher than the balloon. That they appeared oblong and while he observed them, traveled at a constant speed, generally from north to south. That he observed two (2) objects in

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in addition to the balloon. That they traveled through approximately a 50 degree arc in the sky, moving very fast and appearing to follow a direct course. That one object was behind the other and that he does not believe they were aircraft, as they appeared twice the size of the balloon which was at more than one hundred thousand feet altitude at the time. S. P. I. stated that the objects were a dull gray in color and did not reflect the bright sunlight.

3. On 21 March 1952, Mr. A. V. SWANSON, Box 451, Artesia, New Mexico, manager of Goodyear Tire and Supply Company was interviewed. SWANSON stated that his attention was first drawn to the objects because of their proximity to the balloon. The objects were definitely not a reflection or a cloud formation as the sky was clear and the light was bright. He saw two (2) objects in addition to the balloon, that one object was more outstanding than the other, although he could not remember why he maintains this impression. That the objects were larger than the balloon which was at a height of more than one hundred thousand feet. These objects were dull gray in color with a rose tinge as a haze, that they appeared to have a convex surface, being much longer than broad. When first sighted the objects appeared to be moving slowly or else they were moving away from the direction in which he was looking. Both objects were moving in equal distance apart and then appeared to take an abrupt 90 degree turn and leaving a terrific sense of acceleration going out of sight. But noticeable contrails were present and that he only viewed the objects with the naked eye. SWANSON stated that SWILLS attempted to get the instrument he was using for observation of the balloon or the objects, but he is not sure if SWILLS was able to do this or not. All three of the above persons stated that they believe the objects were intelligently controlled, primarily because of the equal distance relationship they maintained while accelerating and decelerating. They stated they believe that L. A. POTTS wrote an article in a local newspaper concerning the objects, but advised that Mr. POTTS is presently employed at Abilene, Texas with a newspaper.

4. On 21 March 1952, a search was conducted of the files at the Artesia Advocate, local newspaper, but no record was revealed of any article concerning the sighting of the above mentioned objects. All of the above persons are pilots and are reputable businessmen in the community. They appear to be of sound mind, good physical condition and are hesitant in talking about the sighting through fear of ridicule. They appear to be sincere, but could furnish no additional information as the sighting by all of the above was with the naked eye only. All were explicit in the belief that the objects were not a conventional aircraft and were as high, if not higher, than the measured one hundred twelve thousand feet of the balloon being observed.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
24TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
303 S. DEARBORN ST., CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS

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Mar 11 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
Artesia, New Mexico
16 January 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
17th District OSI (IG) USAF
Hirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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1. Mr. Raymond Dugan, Aeronautical Research Division, General Mills, Inc., 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has advised this office that he was assigned as a photographer for a balloon project recently and while at Artesia, New Mexico, 16 January 1952, in company with Mr. Raymond E. Stiles, pilot for the project, made observations relative to a balloon which had previously been released.

2. While making their observations in Artesia, Messrs. Dugan and Stiles also observed a round object remaining motionless in the sky in the vicinity of, but at a considerable distance above the drifting balloon. The atmosphere was clear, without clouds or haze.

3. The balloon which they were observing at the time had attained a measured height of 112,000 feet at which altitude it should have been 110 feet in diameter and was drifting in an easterly direction at from 4 to 6 miles per hour. The balloon at that altitude appeared to be about 1-3" in diameter, and the unknown object appeared to be about 2 or 2-3" in diameter. It was also described as dull white in color.

4. Mr. Dugan stated there was no way to judge the altitude of the object but it appeared to be at a considerable altitude above the balloon.

5. A short time later additional observations were made from the Municipal Airport about three or four miles west of Artesia. About 1100 hours Messrs. Dugan, Stiles, the Airport Manager, three or four civilian pilots and two newspaper reporters from Artesia, were watching the balloon which was above and slightly north of the Airport. Mr. Dugan noticed two objects at an extremely high altitude come from a

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northwesterly direction toward the balloon, fly around and above the balloon and then fly off in a northeasterly direction. The lapse of time was about forty seconds and there was no way to estimate the speed of the objects. The two objects appeared to be round discs, dull white in color and about the same size as the disc Mr. Dugan saw earlier in the morning. The objects traveled in flying formation, one to the side, about six or eight times the diameter of the disc, and slightly behind. As the objects made the turn around the balloon they turned on edge and could not be seen in that position.

6. Mr. Dugan stated he did not know the names of the other individuals who were with him and Mr. Stiles at the Airport; however, Mr. Stiles who is presently employed by General Mills, Inc. at Wyo., AFB, Texas, knows the name of the Airport Manager, who in turn can identify the civilian pilots who were present.

7. Mr. Dugan stated that he believed that some of the other members of the group had been contacted by the OSI but that neither he nor Mr. Stiles had been contacted to date. Mr. Dugan added that he is more or less in constant travel status and suggests that any future interviews be arranged through General Mills, Inc.

/s/t/ W. Y. MORGAN
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		AGENCY NAME OF 1704 DO, Hittlesd AFB
		DATE OF REPORT: 9 May 1992
		STATUS OF REPORT: 1704 DO, Hittlesd AFB STATUS: CLOSED
SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT		
REFERENCE: Rpt of Ins of S/A JACK W. GARBERG, 1048 DO, FILE No. 24/79-5, and 30 Apr 92		
<p style="text-align: center;">Re-interview of Mr. ALLEN B. BARK and Mr. A. T. SHAWLWORN verified sighting had occurred on 16 January 1991. Further investigation not contemplated.</p>		
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

3 June 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Unusual Objects
over Artesia, New Mexico, on
16 January 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Chief
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio.
ATTN: ATI

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 27 May 1952, subject and file as above.
2. Forwarded herewith for your additional information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent EDGAR J. BETHART, 17th OSI District, dated 23 May 1952.
3. A re-interview of ALVIN H. HAZEL and A. V. SWEARINGEN verified that the unconventional aircraft was sighted 16 January 1951 and not 16 January 1952.
4. No further investigative action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations and the files in instant case are considered closed.
5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits dissemination of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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1. This investigation was conducted by S/A EARL D. JAMESON.

AT ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

2. On 8 May 1952, Mr. ALVIN H. HAZEL, Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, New Mexico, was re-interviewed to determine the actual day on which the sighting of the unconventional aircraft had occurred. HAZEL verified that the sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951 and not 16 January 1952, as originally reported.

3. On 8 May 1952, Mr. A. V. SWEARINGEN, Manager of Goodyear Tire Supply Company, Artesia, New Mexico, also verified that the sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951, instead of 16 January 1952, as originally reported.

4. Mr. HUBERT C. SCHIMMEL, Manager of the REA Electrical Company, Artesia, New Mexico, and also one of the observers of the unconventional aircraft, was not available for interview at this time.

5. In that all logical leads have been developed and reported, further investigation is not contemplated.

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27 May 1952

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

SUBJECT: Sighting of Two Unusual Objects
over Artesia, New Mexico, on
16 January 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Chief
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 15 April 1952, subject: "Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952".

2. Forwarded herewith are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent JACK M. LANDERS, 10th OSI District, dated 30 April 1952, subject as above.

3. STILES reported sighting two unusual objects while watching an aeronautical research balloon on 16 January 1951. STILES described these objects as opaque and off-white in color and when first sighted were approximately five degrees above the balloon which was at an approximate altitude of one hundred and ten thousand feet. The objects appeared to be the same size as the balloon and moved in a straight line through thirty degrees of azimuth in approximately three seconds and then disappeared.

4. In the event further investigative reports are received in this office pertaining to the above captioned case, same will be forwarded your headquarters.

5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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TITLE CHANGED SIGHTING OF TWO UNUSUAL OBJECTS over Artesia, New Mexico, on 16 January 1951.		REPORT MADE BY JACK E. LANDERS, S/A	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas.	
		PERIOD 18 April 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	
		STATUS ROG	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE Rpt, S/A LINDELL W. POLITTE, DO #17, dated 5 April 1952, file 24-B-30			
SYNOPSIS <p>RAY E. STILES, aeronautical engineer, reported sighting two (2) unusual objects while watching aeronautical research balloon on 16 January 1951 at Artesia, New Mexico. According to STILES, objects were opaque and off-white in color and when first sighted were approximately five (5) degrees above the horizon which was at an approximate altitude of one hundred and ten thousand feet (110,000). Objects appeared to be same size as balloon and moved in straight line through thirty (30) degrees of azimuth in approximately three (3) seconds and then disappeared. STILES was military pilot for three (3) years and at time of observation had over one (1) year of aeronautical research experience.</p>			
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DETAILS

1. The title of this report is marked "CHANGED" in order to reflect the correct date of the observation in question (16 January 1951) as determined by interview with RAY E. STILES (referred to as RAYMOND E. STILES in referenced report).

RAY E. STILES, TELLER

2. RAY E. STILES, employee of General Mills, Incorporated at Lyote Ave, Los Angeles, was interviewed 13 April 1952 in connection with the sighting of the (2) unusual objects over Artesia, New Mexico, on 16 January 1952. STILES stated that he was not in the Artesia area on 16 January 1952 but determined, after referring to his flight log-book, that exactly one year prior to this date (16 January 1951) he was standing on the west side of the main building at the Artesia Municipal Airport, Artesia, New Mexico, with a group of men at approximately 1100 hours (Mountain Standard Time) observing an aeronautical research balloon which was floating at approximately one hundred and ten thousand (110,000) feet above the airport. STILES stated that he could not recall the names of everyone present in the group but remembered that RAY BUNNELL of General Mills, Incorporated, a newspaper man, a pipe line pilot, and the manager of the airport, Mr. HAZEL, were among those present. STILES recalled that while this group of men were observing the balloon, located at approximately zero (0) degrees (from true north) and at an elevation of approximately eighty (80) degrees, two (2) unusual objects appeared in the sky at an elevation slightly higher (approximately eighty-five (85) degrees) and in a direction approximately twenty (20) degrees to the left of the balloon. STILES stated that the two (2) objects moved in a straight line, leaving no trail and maintaining the same elevation, to a point approximately ten (10) degrees to the right of the balloon which made the total distance covered approximately thirty (30) degrees, and then suddenly disappeared from sight. According to STILES, the objects did not seem to move out of sight—they simply were suddenly no longer visible. STILES recalled that the objects maintained that seemed to be a formation in that one was behind the other at approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the course of flight. STILES estimated the length of time that the objects were in sight as being about three (3) seconds and stated that he could not recall any other characteristics that might be of interest except that the objects seemed to be opaque and off-white in color. STILES would not attempt to say what shape the objects seemed to be but said that he did not notice any projections. According to STILES the objects were about the same relative size as the balloon which has a diameter of one hundred and ten (110) feet while at an altitude of approximately one hundred and ten thousand (110,000) feet, adding that since the objects were at a greater angle of elevation, it made him feel that the objects were above the balloon and therefore would actually be larger than the balloon. STILES added that on this particular morning the sky was clear with no clouds in sight. STILES continued that earlier this same day (16 January 1951) at approximately 0930 hours (Mountain Standard Time) while observing

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the balloon previously mentioned at the same altitude (one hundred and ten thousand feet) in an attempt to estimate the direction of movement, and while standing in front of the main hotel in Artesia, New Mexico, he observed one (1) object near the location of the balloon which was then at approximately two hundred and sixty (260) degrees in direction and at an elevation of approximately twenty (20) degrees. According to STILES this object, when first sighted, was in the same direction as the balloon but at an elevation of approximately twenty-five (25) degrees; STILES watched the object, which seemed to be coming toward him, until the object reached an elevation of approximately thirty-five (35) degrees at which time he stopped observing the object because he thought it was a weather balloon. STILES stated that he learned later at the airport that no weather balloons had been used that morning. Since he thought that this object was an ordinary weather balloon, STILES continued, it did not make a vivid impression on him and he could not recall clearly any characteristics concerning this object, adding, however, that generally the characteristics were the same as those of the objects he sighted later. STILES stated that he has an Aeronautical Engineering Degree from the University of Minnesota, was a pilot in the Air Force for approximately three (3) years and at the time of the observations discussed in this report had been doing aeronautical research work for over one (1) year. STILES stated that his job with General Mills, Incorporated at that time consisted mostly of tracking aeronautical research balloons with an airplane. STILES concluded by stating that he has 20/20 vision in each eye and has never worn corrective glasses.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
<u>January</u>			
12	Los Alamos, N.M. (Info only)	Military pilot	ASTRO (METEOR)
1951	Oberlin, Ohio	Rothgery	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
1	Stockton, California	Civilian (Multiple)	(PHYSICAL S) Hot Air Balloon
7	Honolulu, T. H.	Fenn	Astro (METEOR)
8	S of Ft. Worth, Texas	Boggus	UNIDENTIFIED
11-12	Corbin, Kentucky	Multi (Civilian)	Astro (METEOR)
12	Elba, New York	Hartman	A/C
12	Stewart AFB, New York	Military (Anderson, Gallagher)	Balloon
12	Ft Benning, Georgia	Military (Hale)	UNIDENTIFIED
14	Salinas to King City, California	Rosenburg	Insufficient Data
14	Big Bear Lake, California	Hillman	INSUFFICIENT DATA
16	Artesia, New Mexico (CASE MISSING)	Multi (Dugan, Hazel)	Insufficient Data
16	Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Multi (Civilian)	Insufficient Data
16	West Texas	Multi (Military & Civ)	Balloon
16	31.15N 135.50E Japan	Unknown	Insufficient Data
18	Lihue, Kauai, T. H.	Multi (Civilian)	Insufficient Data
2	Sioux City, Iowa	Midcontinental Airlines	A/C
21	Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Military (RADAR)	Other (Ground Target)
22	50 mi SE Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Military	Other (Gas from Balloon)
23-26	Unalakleet, Alaska	Multi (Civilian)	Insufficient Data
24	Westover AFB, Massachusetts	Ground Radar	Other (Electronic Effects from Beacon in A/C)
25	Warner Robins AFB, Georgia	Farmer, Rodes, Barry	Balloon
26	36.40'N 130.50'E (Far East)	Air Radar	Other (WX)
27	Ryuku Islands (Okinawa)	Military	Other (Contrails)
30	Albany, New York	Military	Insufficient Data
<u>February</u>			
2	Condamine, Australia	Goebez	A/C
1	Johnson AB, Japan	Military	1. UNIDENTIFIED 2. Balloon
2	Marietta, Georgia	Multi (Civ & Mil)	Astro (SIRIUS)
2	Cape Wales, Alaska	Powell	Other (Light from Ship)
3	Galena, Illinois	Multi (Civilian)	Astro (METEOR)
6	Lucerne Valley, California	Fogg	Other (Two Targets)
10	49.50N 50.03W (Atlantic)	Military	Astro (AURORA)
18	Holloman AFB, New Mexico (CASE MISSING)	Military	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
19	Tanganyika, East Africa	East African Airlines	Insufficient Data
21-22	Sakhalin, Japan	Military Radar	A/C
23	21.32N 157.06W (Pacific)	Froyland	Insufficient Data
26	Durban, South Africa	Multi (Civilian)	UNIDENTIFIED
26	Ladd AFB, Alaska	Sgt Sells	UNIDENTIFIED
26-28	Sakhalin, Japan	Military Radar	A/C
27	Indianapolis, Indiana	Hobson	Other (HOAX)
29	Rodes, N.M. (Info only)	C-54 Pilot	ASTRO (METEOR)
16	HOLLOMAN AFB (INFO ONLY)		

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