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INFO:	DENTIFICATION A-1917	CLASSIFICATION .

FROM: AFOIN-ATTAA-5-3E

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Reference your message A-1917. Request full written report on sighting of unidentified object at Yuma, Arizona, on 17-18 April be mirmailed to ATIC, W-P ATE, Ohio. Please include:

- 1. Bearings and elevations of both objects at beginning and end of flight.
- Time of sighting and length of time observed on both objects.

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TO CG AMC WP AFB OHIO ATTN MCL

FROM AMGBI Ø5ØØ16 ACTION

RECONTROL NO A-1917. PARA A. UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT REPTD SIGHTED VIC YUMA TEST STATION, YUMA, ARIZONA 17 AND 18 APRIL 1952. PARA B. WEATHER BELIEVED CAVU. PARA C. OBSERVED BY MEMBERS 9575 TSU, YUME TEST STATION: LT M SGT CPL C P CPL N CPL CPL M PFC A O PFC .PARA D. NO PHOTOS . PARA E. (1) 1 OBJECT SIGHTED EACH DATE. (2) CIRCULAR. (3) 6 SUBTENDED ARC OF 1/4 INCH ATARM SLENGTH. (4) FLAT-WHITE. (5) SPEED FROM ZENITH TO HORIZON APPROX 7 SECONDS. (6) 60 DEGREES. (7) COURSE NOT COMPLETELY SMOOTH. (8) ALTITUDE UNK NOWN. (9) NO .SOUND REPORTED. (13) INTERMITTENT VAPOR TRAIL, NON-PERSISTENT, THIN, NOT LONGER THAN 2 OBJECT DIAMETERS.
PARA F. ALL OBSERVERS WERE METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVERS AND STATED THE OBJECT WAS UNLIKE ANY OBJECT OR PHENOMEN ON SEEN PREVIOUSLY. OBJECT SIGHTED 18 APRIL WAS MOVING TOO FAST AND TOO ERRATICALLY TRACKED BY THE ODOLITES WITH OPENSIGHTS.

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#### HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

AMGBI-PAT 350.09

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9 May 1952

SUBJECT: Intelligence Spot Report

TO:

Commanding General Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, Ohio

- 1. Reference your message AFOIN-ATIAA-523E. Forwarded heresith is copy of detailed report received from Yuma Test Station.
- 2. A copy of this correspondence was sent to AC of S, G-2, Department of the Army and Western Air Defense Force, Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California.

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1. Ltr dtd 25 Apr 52

2. Statement

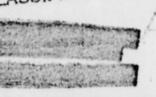
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HEADQUARTERS YUNA TEST STATION Yuna, Arizona

AMPAF-BS 350.09

25 April 1952

SUBJECT: Intelligence Spot Report

TO:

Commanding General Sixth Army Presidio of San Francisco, California ATTH: CACOTS, G-2

- 1. This office is reporting that some individuals of this installation, on 17 April 1952, at 1505 or 1510 hours, spotted some unfamiliar flying object while on a hike along the Colorado River, three (3) miles south of Yuma Test Station.
- 2. This object appeared to be flat-white, with no cheen, circular in shape, flying in a 60 degree azimuth direction.
- S. Inclosed is a written statement of Lt. .

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Irving Lama

/t/ IRVING LAMM CNO USA ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

Copy furnished: Regional Office #5 Phoenix, Arizona

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Statement

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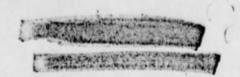
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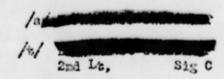
- 1: On the afternoon of 17 April 1952 the undersigned took a group of Enlisted Weather Observors on W Field familiarization hike from Yuma Test Station. All men were members of the TSU on duty at this Station.
- 2. Between 1505 and 1510 hours MST one of the men, CPL to who has a degree in science and a strong background in meteorology, called attention of the group to an object directly overhead. At this time the group was scated on the east side, and in the shade of a tree, between the canal bank and the Colorado River, approximately three (3) miles south of Yuna Test Station on the Arisona side of the River. The object was seen immediately by the entire group without any difficulty in focusing the eyes or locating it overhead. It appeared flat-white, with no sheen, circular in sheep, and while on a regular course of approximately 50° azimuth, it did not exhibit a completely smooth trajectory. It was accompanied intermittantly by an apparent vapor trail, non-persistent, thin, and not any longer than one or two object diameters. This trail or tail disappeared immediately within the above dimensions as it accompanied the object.
- 5. This object was first sighted by the group almost directly overhead at an elevation angle in excess of 80°. Due to the position of the group in relation to the canal bank, the horizon to the east was obstructed to a heighth of approximately six or eight degrees elevation. The total time the object was visible between the first sighting overhead and the disappearance over the horizon, was very close to, and not more than seven seconds. In apparent size, the object subtended a circle of approximately 1/4 inch when held at any's length.
- 4. The group was instructed that if any subsequent sightings are made while they are occupied in their assigned weather duties, that they should attempt to take bearings on the object from two or more theodolite positions and report their findings to the Unit Commander. In this instance the apparent motion of the object was so fast that it would have been impossible to obtain angular readings on its trajectory with the theodolite even with the goars disengaged and sighting over the open guasights.
- 5. Of the attached list of men, FFC Star is a graduate Engineer with laboratory experience; CM. It is a graduate Engineer with propeller design experience; and M/SGT is it, a University graduate and was previously rated a flight engineer in U.S. Air Force. All of the men are presently training as weather observers and have had some experience tracking meteorological balloons with optical equipment. All of the men commented that the object sighted was unlike any natural object or a phenomena which they had over seen previously, and that they did not believe it could be mistakenly identified as a weather balloon. The group was told, pending further instructions, not to discuss this sighting. Attached is a list of the men in this group.
- 6. On the following day CFL and FFC reported another sighting while practicing with a theodolite. The duration of the sighting was between five and ten seconds and the apparent notion so erratic that they were unable to obtain a sighting on the course of the object with a theodolite. The general appearance of the object was reported to be the same as that seen on the preceding day, except that no vapor trail was observed. The general course of the object was in an easterly direction.

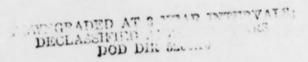
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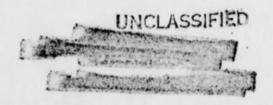


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7. The undersigned has eleven (11) years military duty in meteorology, with a substantial portion employed on weather equipment development, and on upper air observations entailing the use of many sizes and types of meteorological ballooms. In my experience I have never observed any other object, by comparison with which this object could be further identified.









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- 1. At Yuma Test Center, Yuma, Arizona
- 4. 17 and 18 April 1952

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- 3. Weather believed CAVU
- 4. Lt Baker J.

  N/Sgt

  Sgt I

  Cpl

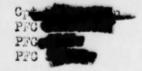
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- 5. No photos
- 6. Object sighted each date
- 7. Circular in shape, flate white color
- 8. Subtended arc of 1/4 in. at arm's length
- 9. Zenith to horizon (90°) in 7 seconds (12°/500
- 10. 60 degrees???
- 11. Course not completely smooth
- 1.1. Altitude unknown
- 13. No sound reported
- 14. Intermittent vapor trail, non-persistent, thin, 2 diemeters long
- 15. All observers meteorlogical observers and had never seen anything like this before
- 16. Object tracked on 13 April was too fast and too erratic to be tracked with theodolites with open sights.

## EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 17-18 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 1505-1510

LCCATION: Uma, Ari z.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 7 Seconds .

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: 800

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Military

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No condustons.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Flat, white object, circular and with an occasional

vapor trail.

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#### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18. (	2. LOCATION Yuma, Arizona 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ZJ Ground-Visual D Ground-Rader D Air-Visual D Air-Intercept Reder 6. SOURCE Weather observers		D Probably Astronomical D Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 1505 MST  CMT 7 2205 2  5. PHOTOS  D Yes  2 No			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	D Other D Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
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#### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local  GMT  5. PHOTOS  D Yes  K No		D Ground-Rodor D Air-Intercept Rodor meteorologists		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dull white color. Circular	. Very erratic.	Attempted to object too	o track with theodolite, exatic.	