

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 May 50	2. LOCATION <u>Albuquerque, New Mexico</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1:00 MST</u> GMT <u>16 0100 Z</u>	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 Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE AF colonel and wife		<input type="checkbox"/> Color <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver color. Disc shaped. Straight and level answers.		11. COMMENTS Objects first sighted SW of Kirtland AFB and moved to NE. Radar pick up attempted with negative results.	

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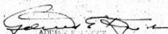
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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Report

TO: Commander General  
Air Materiel Command  
ATTN: OIC  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio

Re Air Intelligence Information Report, dated 22 May 1979, and  
submitted in accordance with AFMRC Form 101, dated 11 April 1977,  
dated 11 April 1977.

AFMRC Form 101, dated 11 April 1977



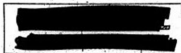
ADNAN P. BASKIN  
Lt Colonel USAF  
Air Adj Gen

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1. AIN - Part I (copy)
2. AIN - Part II -  
Lt Col W. H. Bechtel (copy)
3. AIN - Part III -  
Mrs Maurice S. Bechtel (copy)
4. Sworn Statement -  
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6. Map Overlay of map (copy)

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Report of Unconventional Aircraft			
AREA REPORTED ON Albuquerque ABIZ		FROM (Agency) 34th Air Division (Defense)	
DATE OF REPORT 13 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 May 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Name) KATHERINE F. LEWIS, 1st Lt. USAF		GRADE Visual Observer	
REFERENCES (Cite other reports, previous report, etc. as applicable) None			

SUMMARY: Other than summary of report. Also applicable to final intelligence paragraph. See reference in item 10. Date set of report as A.F. Form 113-Part 113.

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

In accordance with ABC Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951, subject as above, the following report of unconventional aircraft is submitted:

On the 10th of May 1952 at approximately 1200 MST, two unconventional airborne objects were observed by Colonel and Mrs. Maurice O. Sechtel from their residence at 3527 Eastern Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The first object was not as high as the second; however, both were similar in that objects were silver, disc shaped and made no sound. Both objects were first sighted in the southwest and disappeared in the northeast. There was no visible means of propulsion. Due to altitude speed could not be estimated.

The objects were observed from five (5) to ten (10) minutes. No photographs were taken.

The informants are completely reliable and Colonel Sechtel is a member of the 34th Air Division (Defense), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

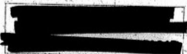
## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FORM LAM-50 54th Air Division (Defense)	REPORT NO. Not Applicable	PAGE One (1) of One (1) PAGES
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REPORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

- (a) Shape: Circular  
 Size: Negative  
 Color: Silver  
 Number: Two (2) - one sighted about fifteen (15) minutes later than the first.  
 Formation: Negative  
 Aerodynamic features: Negative  
 Trail or exhaust: Negative  
 Propulsion system: Negative  
 Speed: Negative  
 Sound: Negative  
 Maneuvers: Seem to turn over and over at times.  
 Manner of disappearance: Disappeared in the northeast.
- (b) 1900 MST
- (c) Visual
- (d) Observer was at 5527 Eastern Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico - 35° 5' N. Lat., 107° 35' W. Long.
- (e) Observer is reliable.
- (f) Clear with a light wind
- (g) Negative
- (h) Negative
- (i) Negative
- (j) Negative

The information given above by Lieutenant Colonel Maurice D. Bechtel is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.



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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE
34th Air Division (Defense)	Not Applicable	One (1) of One (1) PAGES

REPORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

- (a) Shape: Circular  
 Size: Size of a B-36 at very high altitude.  
 Color: Silver  
 Number: Two (2) - one (1) sighted about 15 minutes later than the first.  
 Manner of disappearance: Disappeared in the northeast.  
 Maneuvers: Object seemed to flop over and over at times.
- (b) 1500 MST
- (c) Visual
- (d) Observer was at 5027 Eastern Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico - 35° 05' N. Lat., 107° 36' W. Long. Object first was sighted southwest of observer at a very high altitude.
- (e) Observer is reliable.
- (f) Clear - slight wind
- (g) Negative
- (h) Negative
- (i) Negative
- (j) Negative

The information given above by Mrs. Maurice D. Bechtel is true and correct to the best of her ability and knowledge.

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15 May 1952

I, Lieutenant Colonel Maurice G. Bechtel, AC 205238, 54th Air Division (Def), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, do hereby wish to make the following statement:

At approximately 1500 HRT, 10 May 1952, I sighted an unidentified airborne object from my home at 3527 Eastern Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My wife and I were in the front yard watching airplanes land at Kirtland Air Force Base and identifying the various types of planes. I went in the house, and Mrs. Bechtel called me to come out again and identify an object that she had sighted in the sky. When I went outside, the object was southwest of Kirtland Air Force Base, at an altitude above 20,000 feet. It seemed to be silver, disc shaped and was following a northeast course at a constant speed and appeared to waver on its axis. I watched this object for about five (5) minutes; however, I cannot estimate the speed or the real height.

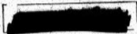
In approximately ten (10) minutes another object appeared in the southwest section. When I saw this, I ran across the street and telephoned the Controller of the 135th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. Lieutenant Wagner was the officer on duty at that time. I asked him if he had it on the scope, but he said that he wasn't able to pick it up. By the time we finished our conversation the object was in the northeast, and it was much higher than the first one that I had sighted. Two F-84's were flying at about 35,000 feet, but this object was much higher and pursuing a constant course. I watched this object for about five (5) or ten (10) minutes until it disappeared from sight.

*Maurice G. Bechtel*  
MAURICE G. BECHTEL  
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF  
AC 205238

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of May 1952.

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*Katherine V. Lewis*  
KATHERINE V. LEWIS  
1st Lieutenant, USAF  
Assistant Director of Intelligence



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SWORN STATEMENT

15 May 1952

I, Mrs. Katherine P. Lewis, 5227 Eastern Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby wish to make the following statement:

On the 10th of May, 1952, at about 1:00 PM, I was in my front yard watching two jet type airplanes flying over Kirtland Air Force Base. Suddenly, I noticed an object in the sky above the airplanes. I called my husband, who was in the house at that time, to come out, as I saw something that did not look like any airplane that I had ever seen. The object was southeast of Kirtland Air Force Base, at an altitude above 20,000 feet. It had no tail and seemed to be circular shaped. It was silver in color and the size was about the same as a B-36 at 20,000 feet. The object appeared at times to flip over and over. My husband and I watched this object for five (5) or ten (10) minutes.

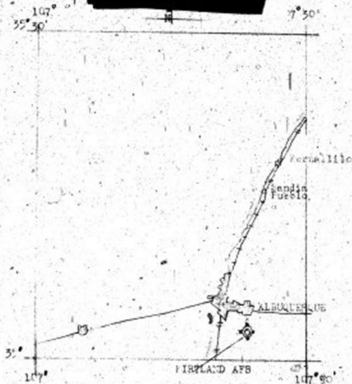
About ten (10) or fifteen (15) minutes later, another object appeared in the southwest. This object looked similar to the first except it was much higher than the first. As soon as my husband saw this second object, he called the Controller of the 13th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; however, the officer on duty reported that the object did not appear on the scope. This second object disappeared in about ten (10) minutes in the northeasterly direction.

*Mrs. Maurice G. Sechtol*  
Mrs. Maurice G. Sechtol  
5227 Eastern Avenue  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of May 1952.

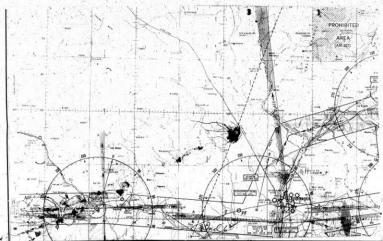
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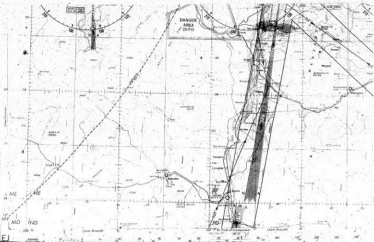
*Katherine P. Lewis*  
KATHERINE P. LEWIS  
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Assistant Director of Intelligence



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SECTIONAL CHART  
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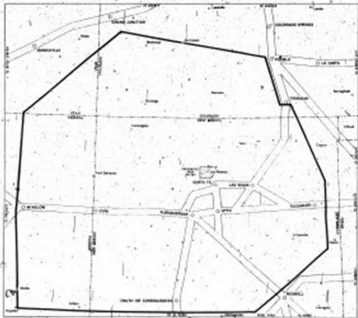
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	2073 Caribbean Sea	1:5,800,000
Route Charts	Show limited topographic information, selected aerodromes, and major radio data.	1:2,800,000
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# ALBUQUERQUE AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONE



In the United States several areas have been designated as Air Defense Identification Zones (ADIZ) by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics in the interest of national security. All aircraft entering the Air Defense Identification Zones are required to file flight plans, except aircraft entering from within the Continental limits of the United States or operating within the Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Knoxville, Great Falls, Minneapolis, Traverse City, and Bangor Zones, at altitudes of less than 4000 feet above the immediate terrain. Any person who knowingly or willfully fails to do so is subject to penalties of one year in prison or \$10,000 fine. The Air Defense Identification Zones are identified as follows: Seattle ADIZ, San Francisco ADIZ, Los Angeles ADIZ, Atlantic ADIZ, Pacific ADIZ, Albuquerque ADIZ, Knoxville ADIZ, Great Falls ADIZ, Minneapolis ADIZ, Traverse City ADIZ, Bangor ADIZ, Mexican Boundary ADIZ, and Canadian Boundary ADIZ. These areas are indicated on the face of Aeronautical Charts and are so labeled. For additional information see Civil Air Regulations Part 630.

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DATE: 16 May 50

TIME (Local): 1300 EST

LOCATION: Elmendorf, A. F.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 5-10 min.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTI TUDE: Unknown

HEADING: NE

SOURCE: Lt. Col. and ME 70

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Seeing

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Two silver disc-shaped objects at different altitudes.

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