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TITLE <del>Unidentified</del> Aerial Objects over Los Alamos, New Mexico 22 JULY 1952	REPORT MADE AT DS #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.	
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CHARACTER  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE  
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander upon receipt of information concerning the observance of a flight of eight (8) unidentified aerial objects over Los Alamos Air Port Tower. Objects described as aluminum or bright metallic and large in size as compared to aircraft.

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Historian

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by DONALD P. BICKASON, Director Security Division, Los Alamos Field Office, concerning the observation of a flight of unidentified aerial objects by DAN R. WIENS.

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

2. On 22 July 1952, at 1050 to 1115 hours, ~~MR. DAN R. WIENS~~, tower operator, 2004 "C" 23d Street, Los Alamos, reported sighting a flight of approximately eight (8) round or elliptical objects from the Los Alamos Air Port tower. WIENS stated the objects were in a South to Southwest direction at an estimated five (5) to fifty (50) miles distance from him. WIENS presumed the direction of flight to be Southwest, although it was in a direction going away from him and could have only been losing altitude. He described the color as aluminum or bright metallic with a very bright luminosity. As to size, WIENS stated it would be impossible to determine without knowing their altitude or distance but that they must have been rather large in relation to aircraft. WIENS stated some of the objects flew in straight and level for some distance and would change direction instantly; others did not seem to remain long in one direction, but darted one way and another, even to reversing themselves, making it impossible to keep in view with binoculars. WIENS stated some passed out of range, others simply were visible one instant and then with a darting movement disappeared completely. WIENS stated further that when first seen the objects seemed to be hovering directly overhead. The altitude was impossible to judge because the size of the objects could not be ascertained. They must have been very high because no distinguishing marks could be seen with the aid of glasses. Due to their extreme speed it is very doubtful that they could have been balloons. For the most part they were visible only with the aid of binoculars. It was estimated that the objects were in sight approximately 25 minutes, although not continuously.

3. Mr. ~~██████████~~, Carco pilot, Mr. ~~██████████~~, Carco pilot, and I. V. ROWLAND, fire department, also observed this group of objects.

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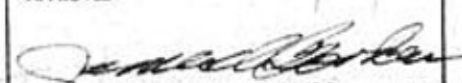
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Eight round aluminum-colored objects  
flew straight and level course, then began to  
make erratic changes of course, darting  
about and reversing direction. Source viewed  
objects through binoculars from Los Alamos  
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COUNTRY <b>United States</b>		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
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SUBJECT <b>FLYOBPT</b>			
AREA REPORTED ON <b>Los Alamos, New Mexico</b>		FROM (Agency) <b>34th Air Division (Jaf)</b>	
DATE OF REPORT <b>30 July 1952</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>22 July 1952</b>	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>KATHERINE P. LEWIS, 1st Lt., USAF</b>		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>None</b>			

SUMMARY: (Write concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

**SUBJECT: FLYOBPT**

In accordance with APL 200-5, dated 29 April, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBPT), the following report of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

On 22 July 1952 at approximately 1105 MST, Jack E. Chinn, pilot for Carco Air Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was in Los Alamos at the airport waiting for a flight to Albuquerque. Suddenly, some jet fighters flew over, so along with several other people, he ran out to watch and saw 2 F-86's. One of the men with him observed several objects in the sky which appeared to be saucer shaped. These were sighted and then, lost sight of several times. This observation was reported to Security Headquarters immediately.

As there was only one pair of binoculars, all of the observers took turns trying to locate the objects. When Mr. Chinn used the binoculars, he noticed a flash in the sky. He saw one of the objects through the binoculars, and it seemed to be saucer or circular shaped. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed down or in a southwesterly direction. Suddenly, it leveled out (if it was descending), or if going southwest at the same altitude, it made a turn of 90° to the right. The object then went into or behind a cloud. This cloud was about 15 miles southwest of the Los Alamos Airport.

The object appeared to be oscillating in such a way as to catch the reflection of the sun several times a second. It had no wings or tail surface, and it definitely appeared to be controlled.

The reliability of the observer is considered excellent.

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- (1) Shape: Like a ball or saucer in shape.  
Size: Negative  
Color: Silver in color.  
Number: 8 to 10 in number.  
Formation: Negative  
Aerodynamic Features: Negative  
Trail or Exhaust: Negative  
Propulsion System: Negative  
Speed: A very high rate of speed.  
Sound: Negative  
Maneuvers: Oscillating definitely under control.
- (2) 22 July 52 1130 MST.
- (3) Visual- used Army or Navy issue binoculars.
- (4) Observer on the ground at the control tower of the Los Alamos Airport.
- (5) Observer's reliability is considered excellent.
- (6) Winds 5-10 MPH from SE. Weather conditions clear, but heavy cumulus clouds over the mountains to the west.
- (7) Negative
- (8) Negative
- (9) Negative
- (10) Negative

The information given above by Jack E. Chinn is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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SWORN STATEMENT

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I, Jack E. Chinn, pilot employed by Carco Air Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On July 22nd between 1105 MST and 1130 MET, I happened to be in Los Alamos at the Airport waiting for a flight to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Suddenly, I heard some jet fighters fly over, so along with several other people, I ran out to watch and saw 2 F-86's. One of the men with us (while looking up) happened to catch sight of several objects approximately 8 to 10 in number. These objects seemed to be either a ball or saucer in shape. These were sighted and were lost sight of several times. This sighting was reported to Security Headquarters immediately.

As there was only one pair of regular Navy (or Army) issue field glasses, all of us took turns trying to locate the objects. When my turn came to use the glasses, I caught a flash in the clear sky. The object that I saw appeared to be either saucer or circular in shape and was traveling at a high rate of speed, either down or in a southwesterly direction. It suddenly either leveled out (if it was going down) or if going southwest at the same altitude, it made a 90° turn to the right. The object then either went into or behind a cumulus type cloud which was building up over the Jemez Mountains.

The cloud was between 10 and 15 miles southwest of the Los Alamos Airport. Judging by the way the object went into or behind the cloud, the object must have been traveling at a very high rate of speed. Also, the turn it made to the right was much tighter than is possible in our jet type aircraft. The turn was not a direct 90° change of direction, but it was definitely much closer to a 90° change of direction than any fighter aircraft that I have flown or observed.

I watched this object for about 3 or 4 seconds. It appeared to be oscillating in such a way as to catch the reflection of the sun several times a second. It had no wings or tail surface and appeared to be definitely controlled.

*Jack E. Chinn*  
Jack E. Chinn  
Carco Air Service  
Albuquerque, N.M.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of July 1952.

*Glen D. Parrish*  
GLEN D. PARRISH  
1st Lt., USAF  
Director of Intelligence

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FLYOBRT PD /1/ ELLIPTICAL IN SHAPE CMA TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED CMA OSCILLATING DEFINITELY UNDER CONTROL PD SILVER IN COLOR PD

/2/ 22 JULY 1952 1130 MST PD

/3/ ARMY ISSUE BINOCULARS PD

/4/ ON THE GROUND AT THE CONTROL TOWER OF THE LOS ALAMOS AIRPORT PD

/5/ APPROXIMATELY 35 DEGREES 50 MINUTES LATITUDE CMA 106 DEGREES

22 MINUTES LONGITUDE PD

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HEAVY CMA CUMULUS CLOUDS OVER THE MOUNTAINS TO THE WEST PD

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