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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)

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REFERENCES (Enclosed number, if written, previous report, etc., or explanation): TWX 28th CID F-291 FLYOBRPT, 5 August 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in first one sentence paragraph. List enclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112, Part II)

1. This Flying Object Report contains information obtained from military personnel of the Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California.

2. The information contained in this Flying Object Report (Form 112, Part II) seems to indicate the possibility of the unidentified objects being weather balloons.

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Two unidentified objects were first observed visually and with binoculars at 1615 Pacific Daylight Time, 3 August 1952 for a period of 1 hour and 15 minutes. They were described as silver in color and circular or globular in shape. They were approximately 60-100 feet in diameter traveling at an estimated speed of 400-450 M.P.H. They made no audible sounds. The objects were moving from East to West. One object appeared to be at approximately 12,000 feet and the other at about 18,000 feet. The two objects moved to the West for approximately 15 miles passing overhead of the observers. During the flight course over the observers heads, the object at about 18,000 feet altitude, reportedly dove to the approximate same altitude as the lower object. When the unidentified objects reached a point about 15 miles West of the observers, they began maneuvers similar to a fighter dog fight. The objects were diving at each other. The two unidentified objects disappeared in the sun momentarily. The observers then sighted either two more or the same two flying objects in the approximate location at which they were lost from view. During the latter period of the observation six additional objects of similar description were observed 15 to 20 miles West of the observers. This made a total of 8 similar objects observed in this area. These additional six flying objects came into view in pairs at altitudes not estimated by the observers. The unidentified objects were reportedly making passes at each other in the manner of a fighter dog fight. The observers stated that the objects took up a diamond formation momentarily covering an estimated 4 mile area. The observers stated that the objects were definitely not jet aircraft. No vapor trails, exhaust, or sound was noted on these objects. The observers said that it was difficult to follow any one object for any length of time.

The observers were located at their homes on Hamilton AFB, Calif. The observers' names are: Capt. L.R. Hadley 1149B Meadow Park, Hamilton AFB, Calif.; Capt. W.T. Perske, 1149C Meadow Park, Hamilton AFB, Calif. and 2d Lt. D.A. Swimley 1149D Meadow Park, Hamilton AFB, Calif. Capt. Hadley and Lt. Swimley are both experienced pilots.

The weather officer reports the area as clear during the time of the sightings with approximately 20 miles visibility. Winds were as follows: 12,000 feet, 200° at 14 knots; 15,000 feet, 200° at 19 knots; 20,000 feet, 210° at 23 knots. The observers mentioned that there was some dust in the air at the time of the sightings.

Meteorological activity, physical evidence of the sightings, identification action taken and aircraft in the area were reported as negative.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. The information available to the preparing officer concerning the unidentified objects covered in this report indicates the possibility that the objects sighted were weather balloons.

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Comments of Approving Officer:

1. Concurs with preparing officer. Geo

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(1) TWO OBJECTS SILVER IN COLOR ONE CIRCULAR OR GLOBULAR IN SHAPE. APPROXIMATELY 60-120 FEET IN DIAMETER TRAVELING AT AN ESTIMATED SPEED OF [illegible] M.P.H. THEY MADE NO AUDIBLE SOUNDS. OBSERVER WATCHED OBJECT MOVE IN THE WEST FOR ABOUT 15 MILES OF OBJECTS TRAVELS. OBJECTS WENT INTO VARIOUS MANEUVERS RESEMBLING FIR. DOGFIGHT. OBJECTS JOINED BY PAIRS OF TWO UNTILL A TOTAL OF 8 SIMILAR OBJECTS WERE IN THE GROUP APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES WEST OF OBSERVERS. THEY WOUND DIVE AT EACH OTHER AND MAKE ALL KINDS OF MOVEMENTS. AT ONE TIME OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE IN A DIAMOND FORMATION. THE OBJECTS LEFT NO TRAILS ORA EXHAUST OR

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VICTOR.

(2) 1615 PST - 1730 PST ON 3 A. D. 1952.

(3) VISUALLY FROM GROUND AND WITH BINOCULARS.

(4) OBSERVERS AT LACKLAND AFB CALIF. FIRST TWO OBJECTS MOVED FROM EAST TO WEST ONE PASSING OVER HEAD OF OBSERVER. ONE AT APPROXIMATELY 15,000 FT. THE OTHER AT 12,000 FT.

(5) CAPT. L. E. HARLEY ON 1149C TEXACO DATA SUR. ANALYST NOT ON A CALIF. CAPT. W. T. BROOKS ON 1145C MCADOO DATA SUR. ANALYST NOT ON A CALIFORNIA LT. HUNTLEY ON 1150 FTD. WPAFB. NOT ON A MISSILE.

CAPT. HARLEY AND LT. HUNTLEY ARE NOT INTERCEPTOR PILOTS.

(6) NO CLEAR

(7) OBSERVED VAPORIZED SOME DUST IN THE AIR. ALL OBSERVERS SAID OBJECTS WERE NOT JET AIRCRAFT.

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

(10) NONE REPORTED.

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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 2 (Day) Aug (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: 1630 (Hrs.) ____ (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
(d.) Pacific
e. Other ____

(Circle One): (a.) Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[illegible] (Postal Address) [illegible] C.B. (City or Town) [illegible] (State) USA (Country)

Additional Remarks: ____

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c.) Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other ____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other [illegible]

4. How did you happen to notice the object? Was looking on the ground when I heard a loud noise etc.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

[ ] Day [ ] Month [ ] Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? [illegible]

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

[illegible]

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East (g.) West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One): a. Through window glass e. Through theodolite
b. Through windshield f. Through sunglasses
c. Through binoculars g. Through open space
d. Through telescope h. Other

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 1 Hours 30 Minutes Seconds

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12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1 Change direction?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.2 Change speed?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.3 Change size?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.4 Change color?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6 Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.7 Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9 Remain motionless?	Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound _____

16.2 Color _____

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? _____ feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or _____ miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

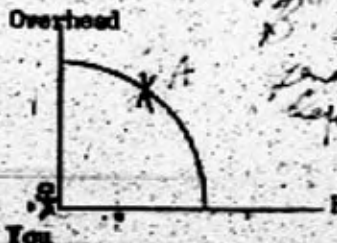
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.

24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

SECTION 5

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name)

ADDRESS _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (Zone) _____ (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? _____

Age _____

Sex _____

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

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A similar sighting had occurred near Hamilton Air Force Base, California, on the afternoon of August 3, 1952—toward the end of the summer's saucer scare (*chapter VII*). As reported in the annals of saucerdom, "two huge silver disks, flying at different altitudes, had raced out of the east. As jet pilots on the ground watched them, the higher machine dived to the other one's level. Then the two saucers began to circle the base, maneuvering like fighter planes in a dogfight." [5, p. 150]

No evidence justifies the use of the words "saucer" or "machine," while ample evidence supports the Air Force conclusion that the UFOs were balloons. The two objects were first seen at 4:15 P.M. Ground observers at the Air Force base, with the aid of binoculars, described them as silver in color, circular in shape, 60 to 100 feet in diameter, and traveling from east to west at an estimated speed of 400 to 450 miles an hour. One object was at about 12,000 feet, the other at about 18,000 feet; as they moved to the west a distance of about fifteen miles, passing over the heads of the observers (but not "circling the base"), the higher object dived to about the level of the lower, and they bobbed about each other in a dogfight. They were in view for about an hour and a quarter. Toward the end of this period they were visible only intermittently because they were seen against the sun; three additional pairs of objects came into view in the same area, fifteen to twenty miles west of the observers (a total of eight objects) and, buffeted by the winds,

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appeared to carry on a dogfight; momentarily they appeared in a "diamond" formation extending over an area of about four miles. Since the witnesses were looking into the sun at objects fifteen or twenty miles away, they found it difficult to follow the course of any one for any length of time.

The objects looked like balloons, behaved like balloons, and weather balloons had been released in the area that day. Conclusion: the "machines" were weather balloons [2].