

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 Feb 53 4/2050Z	2. LOCATION Yuma City, Ariz.
3. SOURCE Weather Bureau Pers.	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	Unidentified
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A civilian weather observer while using a theodolite to find his lost balloon sighted two solid white oblong objs. Source states that objs moved too fast to be balloons. There were jet a/c in the vicinity.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (Theodolite)	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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1) 2 SOLID, PURE WHITE, ELIPTICAL OBJ SIGHTED. OBJ NO 2 CROSSED OVER AND ABOVE OBJ NO 1 SEVERAL TIMES. THEY TVL IN FORMATION, OBJ NO 2 LOW AND BEHIND. SMALL SOLID WHITE OBJ APPEARED TO BE COVERED WITH A THIN WHITE MIST AROUND EDGES.

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING 13:50 MST REMAINING IN VISION UNTIL 13:55 MST.

(3) OBJS SIGHTED THROUGH THEODOLITE CAA WEA STA.

(4) OBSR S SIDE OF TERMINAL BLDG, YUMA COUNTY APRT. ELEVATION 199 FT, LAT 32 DEGREES 40 MIN N, LONG 114 DEGREES 36 MIN W. OBJ SIGHTED AT

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157.2 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 204.1 DEGREES. ELEVATION: SIGHTED AT 53.3 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 29.1 DEGREES.

(5) NO WITNESS - STANLEY M. BROWN (OBSR) IS MET AID 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE PVT PLT.

(6) WEA - CLEAR SKY - CIRRUS CLOUDS AT APPROX 25000 FT IN DIR OBJ LOST. SW.

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) CALLED 4750TH ABG (WPNS TNG) THEN REPT TO SCTY CON, LOS ANGELES AIR TRAFFIC CON.

(10) JET ACFT IN VICINITY, OBSR WAS AWARE OF THEM.

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified flying object		
AREA REPORTED ON Yuma, Arizona	FROM (Agency) 4750th AGO, Yuma County Airport, Ariz.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 February 1953	EVALUATION Fairly reliable
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Gaylord G. Duren		SOURCE Personal interview
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) APL 200-5, 29 April 1952		
<p>SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. One paragraph in final one-paragraph paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)</p> <p>On 4 February 1953, Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 403 2nd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, a meteorological aid for U. S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather balloon with the aid of a theodolite. At 1550 HRT he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 157.2° and elevation of 53.3°.</p> <p>The object was a solid white, oblong in shape and appeared to be covered by a small thin, white mist. The size of the object was 1 minute of arc.</p> <p>It appeared as ascending straight up then leveled out in a long sweep at an elevation of 53.3°. Some 20 seconds later this object was joined by a second object, exactly the same as the first in size, color and shape. Object No 2 appeared from the left below and crossed No 1 to a position above. It then crossed No 1 again to a position below. This was done several times. In doing so, No 2 left the field of theodolite twice but re-entered and remained behind and slightly below object No 1. The changes in direction of object No 2 were smooth sweeping turns. As the objects moved rapidly across the horizon, they remained the same relative size.</p> <p>They both disappeared simultaneously at an angle of 204.1° at an elevation of 29.1°. At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 25000 ft. The clouds obscured the objects and they were immediately lost from sight.</p> <p>At the time of original sighting there was a clear sky background. The objects were lost momentarily when they passed near the sun. They reappeared on the edge of the sun.</p> <p>The objects remained in vision for approximately 5 minutes.</p> <p>Coordinates of the theodolite are lat. 32° 40 minutes N and long. 114° 36 minutes W.</p> <p>Mr. Brown was looking for his lost weather balloon with the aid of the theodolite at a 6000 foot level when the objects were first sighted. He did not find his balloon. He was standing at an elevation of 199 feet on the south side of the Yuma County Airport terminal building. Mr. Brown states that the objects moved much more rapidly than any balloon he has ever sighted in his 10 years experience as meteorological aid. The objects moved against the winds aloft which were from the west. Surface wind was from the north at 5 K.</p> <p>Mr. Brown feels strongly that he actually saw a solid object other than any known aircraft. There was no glimmer or reflection from the sun. There are no other witnesses.</p> <p>Mr. Brown called the 4750th Air Base Group at Yuma County Airport and then reported it to Security Control at Los Angeles Air Traffic Control.</p> <p>Mr. Brown was aware that there were aircraft in the area but they were not in the immediate area of vision.</p>		
<p>DECLASSIFIED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10</p>		
<p>RECOMMENDATION BY ORIGINATOR Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C. (6 yrs) Chief Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: AFIAA-20, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (1 yr)</p>		

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- 7 FEB 1953

In reply refer to
AFON-ATIAE-5

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting

TO: Commanding Officer
Yuma County Municipal Airport
ATTN: 4750th Air Base Gp
Yuma, Arizona

1. In reference to an Unidentified Flying Object sighting by Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 5 Feb 53 at 1350MST, the Air Technical Intelligence Center requests that you ask Mr. Brown to complete the enclosed United States Air Force Technical Information Sheet and forward it to this Center.

2. Please advise Mr. Brown that such information is greatly appreciated by the Air Technical Intelligence Center in its analysis of sightings such as his. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

1 Incl
a/sROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

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4750TH AIR BASE GROUP, WEAPONS TRAINING
YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT
Yuma, Arizona

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YUMA CITY, Arizona*

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27 February 1953

SUBJECT: USAF Technical Information Sheet

TO: Commanding General
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

ATTN: Air Technical Intelligence Center

In reference to your letter of 17 February 1953, AFOIN-ATIAE-5, we have inclosed herewith the completed USAF Technical Information Sheet as requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
USAF Tech Info Sheet

William A. Ham
WILLIAM A. HAM
Captain, USAF
Adjutant



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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

(1350)

Hour

Minutes

M.S.T.

(Circle One):

A.M.

or

(P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern

b. Central

c. Mountain

d. Pacific

e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving

b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

403 22ND AVE.

Nearest Postal Address

YUMA

City or Town

ARIZONA

State or Country

Additional remarks: SIGHTED OBJECTS AT YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight

e. No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):

a. In front of you

b. In back of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other OBJECTS WERE DULL WHITE

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
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| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: LOWER EDGE OF SUN, THEN AS IT TRAVELED WEST WENT INTO CIRRUS CLOUD

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: OBJECTS POSSIBLE MOVED IN FRONT OR BEHIND CIRRUS CLOUD, I COULDN'T TELL WHICH

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

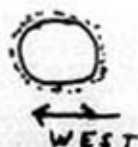
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|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | | |

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

- a. Sound NO SOUND
- b. Color SOLID DULL WHITE COLOR, NO REFLECTION.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

I SAW TWO OBJECTS THE SAME SIZE, ALMOST ROUND, A SOLID DULL PURE WHITE COLOR, A THIN WHITE MIST EDGED EACH OBJECT.



18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- ☒ a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☐ b. Like a bright star
 - ☐ c. Sharply outlined
 - ☐ d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

ONE OBJECT FOLLOWED A WESTWARD COURSE FAIRLY STRAIGHT AS THE SECOND OBJECT SWOOPED ACROSS OR NEAR IT'S PATH 3 TO 4 TIMES.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



A' FIRST OBJECT
A'' SECOND OBJECT

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. ONE MINUTE OF ARC IN SIZE OF THEODOLITE FIELD.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? OBSCURED BY CIRRUS CLOUD.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY METAL OR PLASTIC
PAINTED WHITE. NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY THE
OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN HUGE OR POSSIBLY A FEW
FEET IN DIAMETER. IT LOOKED LIKE A BILLIARD
BALL, WHITE AND SLIGHTLY OBLONG WITH A THIN
WHITE MIST EDGING IT.

25. 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 _____

26. 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I WAS FOLLOWING A BALLOON WITH A THEODOLITE,
LOOKED AWAY A FEW SECONDS, THE BALLOON WAS NO LONGER
IN THEODOLITE FIELD, AND IN MOVING SCOPE OF THEODOLITE
A LITTLE SIGHTED OBJECT.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South SOUTH EAST
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One) 157° FROM MY POSITION
AT 53° ELEVATION.

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South SOUTH EAST
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One) EXACTLY 204.1°
FROM MY POSITION, 29.1° ELEVATION.

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South SOUTH WEST
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

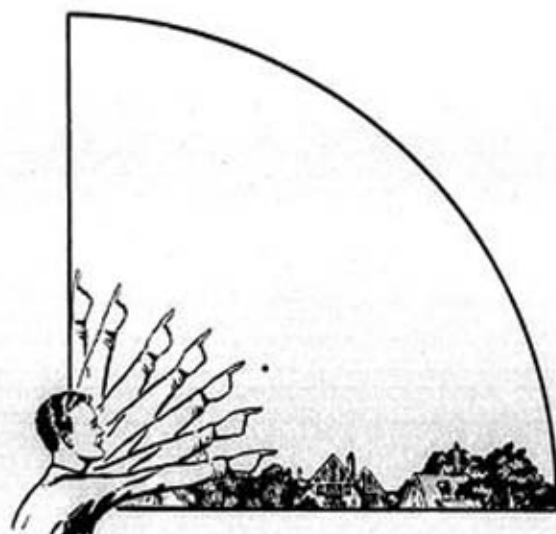
- a. From true North 157° AZIMUTH, 53° ELEVATION degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 204.1° AZIMUTH, 29.1° ELEVATION degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

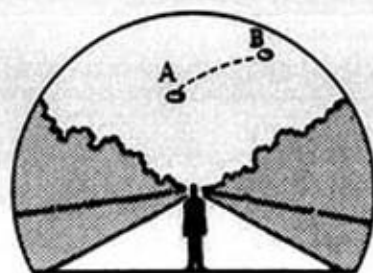
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw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

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33. In the following larger 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. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

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34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

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Day Month Year

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

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

I AM CERTAIN OF WHAT I SAW. THE OBJECTS WERE EITHER
PILOTED OR REMOTE CONTROLLED.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? (ENTIRE SIGHTING IN THEODOLITE)

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY.

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? HOWEVER THEY MOVED VERY FAST THROUGH THE SKY m.p.h.

MUCH FASTER THAN ANY BALLOON I HAVE FOLLOWED.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No THEY SEEMED HIGH IN THE SKY.

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME BROWN STANLEY HERBERT
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 403 22ND AVE. YUMA - ARIZ.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-5729

What is your present job? METEOROLOGICAL AID, U.S. WEATHER BUREAU

Age 27 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school GRADUATE e. e. Technical school _____
b. High school GRADUATE (Type) _____
c. College 1 YEAR f. Other special training PRIVATE PILOT
d. Post graduate NONE LICENSE

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25 FEB. 1953
Day Month Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME STANLEY HERBERT BROWN
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE Stanley Herbert Brown

CODE:

DATE February 25, 1953

COPY ATTACHED TO THIS PAPER

February 6, 1953

Stanley H. Brown
Yuma, County Airport
Yuma, Arizona

"Sighting of flying objects"

The location Yuma County Airport, February 4, 1953, time 1350 M.S.T. I was using a theodolite to follow a pilot balloon, which was at 6,000 feet Mean Sea Level. I took my eyes away from the eye piece for a few seconds, returned my eye to the eye piece, and the balloon was out of the field. The readings were 53 degrees elevation, and direction from me 157 degrees, time 1350 M.S.T. I then saw one object going upward, and curving to the West. I had a clear sky background, and although it moved through the field rapidly was able to see it clearly, and follow the flight. About 20 seconds after sighting the first object a second object came into the field, and swooped upward and across the path of the first object. The first object flew toward the West, while the second object swooped across or near the path of the first object three to four times, going out of the field about two times for a moment. The two objects passed near the lower portion of the sun, and were traveling westward, the second object below and behind the first object, when a Cirrus cloud came into the theodolite field, I lost sight of the two objects. The exact position at that time, elevation angle 29.1 degrees and direction from the instrument 204.1 degrees. The time 1355 M.S.T., after having followed the two objects through the 32 power theodolite for a period of 5 minutes with a clear sky background.

The objects were both the same size, as nearly as I can figure one minute of arc in size. The objects were almost round, a solid, dull, pure white color, with a thin white mist completely edging each object.

I am a Meteorological Aid employed with the United States Weather Bureau, having followed balloons through a theodolite for the past ten years. I also hold a private pilots license, and having flown in military and civilian aircraft frequently in the past ten years.

I am absolutely certain of what I have seen through the theodolite as described in the foregoing paragraphs.

Signed

Stanley H. Brown

Stanley H. Brown
Yuma County Airport
Yuma, Arizona