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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

TELETYPE

FI SAC, ALBUQUERQUE 62-NEW

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. SOCORRO, N.M. APR TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY FOUR
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED APR TWENTY FOUR AND TWENTY FIVE, FROM

[REDACTED] CONSIDERED SOBER, DEPENDABLE, MATURE, NOT OF
FANTASY, [REDACTED] SOCORRO, N.M. THAT AT ABOUT
FIVE FIFTY PM MST, WHILE IN SOUTH AREA OF SOCORRO NOTED FLAME IN
SKY TO SOUTHWEST, WHICH HE DECIDED TO CHECK OUT IN BELIEF DYNAMITE-
SHACK IN AREA HAD BLOWN UP.

WHILE TRAVELING IN ISOLATED AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE
SOUTH AREA OF SOCORRO, NOTED IN DEPRESSION ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED
FEET AWAY WHITISH OBJECT WHICH, UPON GLANCING AT SAME, APPEARED
TO BE OVERTURNED AUTOMOBILE. TWO PERSONS IN APPARENT WHITE
COVERALLS WERE ADJACENT TO OBJECT.

THEN TRAVELED OVER ROUGH ROAD TO SPOT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED
THREE FEET FROM OBJECT AND ABOUT TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE FEET HIGHER.
NO PERSONS VISIBLE. HEARD TWO OR THREE LOUD THUMPS, LESS THAN
A SECOND APART, THEN WITH A ROAR AND BLuish AND ORANGE FLAMES,
OBJECT SLOWLY VERTICALLY ROSE TO ABOUT CAR HEIGHT, THEN NOISE AND
FLAME STOPPED AND OBJECT TOOK OFF AT HIGH SPEED IN STRAIGHT LINE AND
ALMOST HORIZONTALY TO DISAPPEAR OVER DISTANT MOUNTAIN APR 30 1964

[REDACTED] GREATLY FRIGHTENED, RADIOED HIS OBSERVATIONS AND
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], QUICKLY ON SCENE,
NOTED FOUR SMALL IRREGULARLY SHAPED SMOULDERING AREAS AND FOUR
REGULAR DEPRESSED AREAS APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN BY SIX INCHES IN

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RECTANGULAR TYPE PATTERN AVERAGING ABOUT TWELVE FEET APART.

[REDACTED] STATES OBJECT WAS OVAL SHAPED, SIMILAR TO FOOTBALL, POSSIBLY TWENTY FEET LONG, AND HAD A RED INSIGNIA ABOUT THIRTY INCHES HIGH AND TWO FEET WIDE, CENTERED ON OBJECT. NO OTHER WITNESSES KNOWN TO NOISE, FLAME OR OBJECT.

[REDACTED] COMMANDER, STALLION RANGE CENTER, SOCORRO, N.M., ADVISED AT ONCE APRIL TWENTY FOUR AND IS HANDLING.

MILITARY PRESENTLY CONDUCTING OPERATION KNOWN AS CLOUD GAP WHICH IS JOINT OPERATION DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ARMY CONTROL, DISARMAMENT AGENCY IN SOUTHWEST STATES INCLUDING NEW MEXICO. NOT KNOWN IF ABOVE INCIDENT RELATES TO CLOUD GAP.

CONSIDERABLE INTEREST OF PRESS IN MATTER. ALBUQUERQUE CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION, IS MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH MILITARY. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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3:06 AM MST DEFERRED 4/27/64 JNS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBUQUERQUE 62-1028 3P

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, SOCORRO, N.M., APRIL TWENTYFOUR SIXTYFOUR

INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TEL FOUR TWENTYFIVE LAST.

OSI, ALBUQUERQUE ADVISES INCIDENT NOT KNOWN TO BE CONNECTED

WITH MILITARY OR OPERATION CLOUD GAP.

AN ADDITIONAL INCIDENT HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAPPENING AT ONE AM, FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST, AT LA MADERIA, N.M., ABOUT SEVENTY MILES NORTH OF SANTA FE, N.M.

~~REDACTED~~ ESPANOLA, N.M., ADVISES HE INTERVIEWED ONLY KNOWN WITNESS, ~~REDACTED~~ AGE THIRTYFIVE, SOBER AND FRIGHTENED, OF SANTA FE, N.M. ~~REDACTED~~ WAS VISITING HIS FATHER ~~REDACTED~~ AT LA MADERIA, ~~REDACTED~~ WENT OUT TO TEND SOME NOISY HORSES AT ABOUT ONE AM, FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST AND NOTED, LOCATED ABOUT THREE HUNDRED FEET FROM HOUSE, SOMETHING SHAPED LIKE A BUTANE TANK, POSSIBLY TWELVE TO FOURTEEN FEET HIGH, AND LONG AS A TELEPHONE POLE. APPARENTLY ON THE GROUND AND SURROUNDED WITH

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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BLUE WHITE FLAME, WHICH APPEARED TO COME FROM PORT HOLES.

HE WATCHED SCENE FOR ABOUT ONE MINUTE, WHEN FLAME WENT OUT. OBJECT NOT NOTED TO MOVE, WAS SILENT AT ALL TIMES, [REDACTED] INTO HOUSE, TOLD FATHER, WHO LAUGHED AT HIM. NEW MORNING HE VISITED SITE., SAW SMOLDERING AREA. LATER IN DAY SAW A STATE POLICE OFFICER AND RELATED INCIDENT TO HIM.

[REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT HE CHECKED SITE AT SEVEN THIRTY PM FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST, NOTED SCORCHED CIRCULAR AREA ABOUT THIRTY TO FORTY FEET IN DIAMETER. HE NOTED ONE RECTANGULAR, V SHAPED INDENTATION IN GROUND, EIGHT BY TWELVE INCHES, AND ABOUT THREE TO FOUR INCHES DEEP. [REDACTED] WHO WAS THERE EARLIER, POINTED TO PLACES OF THREE MORE INDENTATIONS, INDICATING THE INDENTATIONS WERE RECTANGULAR.

[REDACTED] FURTHER STATED HE SAW SEVERAL SMOOTH CIRCULAR PRINTS ON GROUND ABOUT THREE AND ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER AT SITE.

NO OTHER WITNESSES KNOWN TO HAVE OBSERVED THE OBJECT.

PROPER MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT KERTLAND AFB, ALBUQUERQUE

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ADVISED. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY FBI, ALBUQUERQUE.

LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED.

MILITARY OFFICERS CONTACTED ADVISE THE TWO INCIDENTS REPORTED
ARE NOT A PART OF A MILITARY EXERCISE TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND TO
DATE HAVE NO EXPLANATION.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC-Mr. DeLoach

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To: SAC, Albuquerque
From: Director, FBI *EX-110* REC-53 62-83894-436

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Reurtel 4/25/64. Assure facts this matter are furnished to local Air Force. Submit letterhead memorandum.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] described as sober, dependable, mature, and not known to engage in flights of fantasy reported seeing an unidentified flying object rise from the earth with a roar, emitting bluish and orange flames and disappear over a distant mountain. When he reported his observations, representatives of the local law enforcement agencies searched the scene and noted four small irregularly shaped smouldering areas and four regular depressed areas at the site. The unidentified flying object was described as oval shaped; about twenty feet long; with a red insignia; there is no indication in the referenced teletype that Air Force had been advised. Our policy is not to investigate but assure that Air Force is cognizant. Military is investigating and Albuquerque Office is maintaining liaison.

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Date: 4/28/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-1028)

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RE: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT,
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO,
4/24/64 -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Handwritten notes and signatures:
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Re Albuquerque teletypes to the Bureau 4/25/64 and 4/27/64.

[Redacted] OSI, Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 4/26/64, advised that he cannot explain the observations described by [Redacted] at Socorro, New Mexico.

[Redacted] Safety Officer, KAFB, Albuquerque, advised that he is the proper officer to handle such reports.

[Redacted] advised that he and [Redacted] had examined the site at Socorro, New Mexico, and interviewed [Redacted]. They were impressed by [Redacted] sincerity. They noted no radio activity at the site. They cannot explain [Redacted] observations. He did learn that the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology at Socorro does some blasting in its work, however, their blasting is not in the area of this incident.

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[redacted] on 4/27/64, advised that on 4/26/64, he had met [redacted] at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and both proceeded to La Madera, New Mexico, to check out [redacted] observations. He stated that at the scene there was still some smoldering material. He noted that there was miscellaneous rubbish in the area and the site may have been a dump at one time. In his opinion, some material, such as a can of paint, could have caught fire and exploded. He also noted that [redacted] had an odor of alcohol about him. [redacted] stated he would advise the FBI, Albuquerque, of any pertinent developments. b6

It may be noted that New Mexico State Police Sergeant M. S. CRAVEZ and Socorro County Undersheriff JIM LUCKIE on 4/24/64, advised that they answered [redacted] radio calls and went to the site quickly. They noted several small burning areas at the site and the indentations. No one else was noted in the area. [redacted] a well regarded and capable [redacted] was noted to be perfectly sober and thoroughly frightened. b6

SA D. ARTHUR BYRNES, JR. was at Socorro, New Mexico, 4/24/64, and had noted the four irregular burned spots and the four indentations at the site. SA BYRNES immediately advised Captain R. T. HOLDER, Up Range Commander, Stallion Range Center, Socorro, New Mexico. Captain HOLDER, along with [redacted] and SA BYRNES checked the Socorro site and interviewed [redacted] at length. [redacted] observations were taken in the form of a statement. A copy of this lengthy statement is retained at the Albuquerque FBI Office as well as a small sample of charred material taken at the scene. b6

An unusual observation made at the Socorro scene was that there appeared to be no "blast" effects. Between the burned spots were unburned areas, including patches of unburned brown range grass.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/5/64

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re Albuquerque airtel to Bureau, 4/28/64, and
Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 4/26/64.

As noted in Albuquerque airtel, Captain [redacted]
[redacted] Stallion Range Center,
Socorro, N. M., was immediately advised, 4/24/64, of the
facts in this case. He observed the site of the incident,
4/24/64, and made measurements while SA [redacted]
JR. was placing rocks around the four earth indentations
and around one other mark at the site.

Late 4/24/64 and into 4/25/64, Captain [redacted],
who is with the U. S. Air Force, and [redacted] interviewed
[redacted] of the [redacted]

SA [redacted] typed up a statement like account
from [redacted] as given by [redacted] under lengthy
interrogation. Captain [redacted] diagramed his measurements
of the scene.

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Early 4/25/64, Captain [redacted] and SA [redacted]
delivered the original and a copy of [redacted]'s statements
and Captain [redacted] diagrams to the authorities at
Stallion Site, approximately 30 miles southeast of Socorro.

Two letterhead memorandums are enclosed, one
from Officer [redacted] and one of observations of SA [redacted]
Also enclosed is a copy of charts made by Captain [redacted]
of the pertinent area.

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copy made of drawing
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It may be noted that Captain HOLDER immediately contacted proper military personnel concerning this incident.

Liaison will be maintained with [REDACTED] who ⁶⁶ advised he has received several ~~more~~ reported incidents to which he will give attention.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico
May 3, 1964

Reply, Please Refer to
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964

John Burns or Byrnes

Special Agent [redacted], Federal Bureau of Investigation, stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was at Socorro, New Mexico, and at the State Police Office there on business late afternoon of April 24, 1964.

Nez Lopez

At approximately 5:45 to 5:50 P. M., [redacted] radio operator in the Socorro County Sheriff's Office, located about thirty feet down the hall from the State Police Office, came into the State Police Office.

Lopez *Chavez?*

[redacted] advised [redacted] New Mexico State Police that he had just received a radio call from Officer [redacted] to come to an area about one mile southwest of Socorro. The call was in relation to some unknown object which "landed and has taken off." Agent [redacted] finished his work in the State Police Office at Socorro at approximately 6:00 P. M., April 24, 1964, and thereafter proceeded to the site where Officer [redacted] Socorro County Undersheriff [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] and Officer [redacted] New Mexico State Police, were assembled.

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It may be noted that it has been the observation of Agent [redacted] that Officer [redacted] known intimately for approximately five years, is well regarded as a sober, industrious, and conscientious officer and not given to fantasy.

Officer [redacted] was noted to be perfectly sober and somewhat agitated over his experience.

Special Agent [redacted] noted four indentations in the rough ground at the "site" of the object described

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

by Officer [REDACTED] These depressions appeared regular in shape, approximately sixteen by six inches rectangular. Each depression seemed to have been made by an object going into the earth at an angle from a center line. Each depression was approximately two inches deep and pushed some earth to the far side.

Inside the four depressions were three burned patches of clumps of grass. Other clumps of grass in the same area appeared not to be disturbed. One burned area was outside the four depressions.

There were three circular marks in the earth which were smooth, approximately four inches in diameter and penetrated in the sandy earth approximately one-eighth of an inch as if a jar lid had gently been pushed into the sand.

No other person was noted in the area the night of April 24, 1964. No other objects were noted in the area possibly connected with the incident related by Officer [REDACTED]

So far as could be noted, there were no houses or inhabited dwellings in the area or in sight of the area.