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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 52	7. LOCATION National City, California	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0055 GMT 0455	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 Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian (male)	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical MISTAKE
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White globe. Sphere. Oscillating motion.		11. COMMENTS Object emitted red trail.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
AF SPECIALIZED DEPOT, BOX 310, MAYWOOD, CALIF.

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11 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Findings of Unconventional Airborne Objects,
San Diego, California, March to June 1952.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
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DOD DIR 520010

1. SYNOPSIS: Source of information, an aero-nautical engineer, San Diego, California, and associates residing in different localities in the San Diego area, have formed a "Flying Saucer Sighting Club". When an unidentified aerial object is sighted, other members are alerted for further identification, tracking, and triangulation. Source has submitted various sketches and mathematical computations concerning sightings made during four month period, March to June 1952.

2. DETAILS: Mr. DONALD R. CARR, residing at 2408 E. 18th Street, National City, California, employed as an engineer with the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, California, advises that he, along with several other engineers, has formed a voluntary "Flying Saucer Sighting Club". The members of this club live in various points in and around San Diego and its suburbs. According to CARR, when one member sights an unidentified object in the sky, he immediately alerts other members of the club by telephone so that a triangulation and additional sightings can be made.

Mr. CARR has submitted to this office reports along with various mathematical computations covering sightings made by this group on 2 March 1952, 9 May 1952, 13 May 1952, 21 May 1952, and 14 June 1952. All these sightings were made at night and concern meteor-like objects.

Included with the above are reports submitted by two of Mr. CARR's colleagues, a Mr. SEYMOUR GATES, 4320 Campus Avenue, San Diego, California, and Mr. EARL ASBURY, 38th and El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, California. These reports concern the sighting of a green fire ball on 2 March 1952 at the 38th and El Cajon address by Mr. CARR and Mr. ASBURY, and a similar sighting on 9 May 1952 by Mr. GATES at the Campus Avenue address.

CC: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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All of the above reports, along with the computations of Mr. GARR and his colleagues, are inclosed in the attached envelope as Inclosure #1 to this report, for the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS.

3. ACTION: No further action in this matter is contemplated; however, if and when additional reports are received from Mr. GARR, they will be promptly forwarded for evaluation.

KENNETH O'KEEFE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

CG: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS,
w/incl as listed in above letter

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

Date: May 13, 1952

Place: National City, Calif.

Time: Approximately 8:55 Pacific Daylight time.

I had put my car in the garage and as is my habit, I stopped in the driveway to look at the stars. As I centered my attention on the Big Dipper, part of the constellation Ursa Major, I saw what I thought was the trail of a large meteor appear, approximately 5 degrees of arc east of a line between the two pointer stars and almost exactly in the center of the four stars forming the dipper

The trail was of a red color and appeared to be coming down at about an angle of 20 degrees to my line of sight and in a southwesterly direction. Only the red trail was visible for about two seconds and then a small white dot became visible, from which the trail was emanating. The speed appeared to be meteoric and so I still thought the object was what is commonly called a "meteor" or "shooting star." The object continued down and the trail continued for about 2 or 3 more seconds. By this time the white object had an apparent diameter of about 1/64 to 1/32 in. The trail faded and the object still continued coming down. The speed appeared to be decreasing and I noted a certain erratic quality to the flight of the object, which by now appeared to have a self-luminous or fluorescent quality.

As soon as the trail faded I was convinced that the object could not be a meteor so I immediately called to my wife who did not hear me because of the noise of the television set and the noise the children were making. It was necessary for me to call her three or four times, before she heard me and came out. This is the basis for estimating that after the trail faded, another 10 seconds must have elapsed before the object had attained level flight.

I speak of the fluorescent quality of the light emitted by the object, as opposed to the incandescent quality of the lights of aircraft. There were no rays radiating from it as are apparent around the intensely brilliant light of a filament type light seen at a distance.

The levelling-off process of the object seemed to require several miles of altitude and the radius of the curve must have been several miles. I had sent my wife back into the house to obtain my 6-power telescope in order that I might see the object more closely. When she returned the object was flying level on a course almost due west. The object passed over and at a considerably higher altitude than a light plane which was flying almost due south at an estimated altitude of 2000 or 3000 ft. I estimated the altitude of the object at this point of its trajectory to be from 10,000 to 15,000 feet. Its speed at this time appeared to be within the range of known aircraft speeds. To the naked eye the object appeared as a sphere of about 1/16 inch diameter. The fluorescence was of a white color tending toward yellow. Through the telescope the object presented a larger disk but the brightness did not appreciably increase. There was a slight blue halation visible through the telescope which I believe may be attributed to chromatic aberration, since the blue color was not apparent to the naked eye.

In level flight the object seemed to dart from side to side in an oscillating motion without diminishing of forward speed. When viewed through the telescope, the object would dart entirely out of the field of view.

After traveling a course almost due west for a proximately one miles, the object turned toward the northwest and appeared to circle over San Diego Bay and Point Loma and disappeared traveling north at a constant altitude and speed.

During the entire time the object was visible there was absolutely no apparent sound created by it. Despite its terrific speed in its dive there was no shock wave or noise from its power source.

At approximately 9:25 P.M. I observed the object returning on a circular course from the direction of downtown San Diego in approximately the same path over which it traveled northward. It passed almost overhead again at an elevation of approximately 45 degrees. The object described almost a 300 degree turn and my last sight of it was as it passed over downtown San Diego heading directly west. As it passed over the brightly lighted area, I got the impression that the ground lights were reflecting off a metal hull, much as the lights reflect off the fuselage and wings of one of our own aircraft as it flies overhead.

It is my conviction that since this object followed an apparently controlled course it was not moving under the influence of gravity, and must have been guided by an intelligence unknown to us. Its dive from an extreme altitude at possibly meteoric speed, its deceleration, levelling off, and circling of the city twice indicate that it arrived from interplanetary space and was under intelligent control. One possible source of power which may be suggested at our present level of knowledge is some form of electro-magnetic force, which may account for the silence of propulsion and also the fluorescence, which could be induced by ionization of either the object itself or the surrounding atmospheric gases, much in the manner of fluorescent lights, neon signs, and the Aurorae Borealis and Australis.

In conclusion, it is my conviction that the object I observed was a space ship under the control and guidance of intelligent beings from a planet other than the earth.

ADDENDUM:

This object was also observed by the following persons:

FRED COMINGS, 1844 Capitolado St., San Diego 6, Calif.
SEYMOUR GATES, 4320 Campus Ave., San Diego, Calif.
DONALD ALLEN, 2013 29th St., San Diego, Calif.

INDEX TO STREETS OF SAN DIEGO

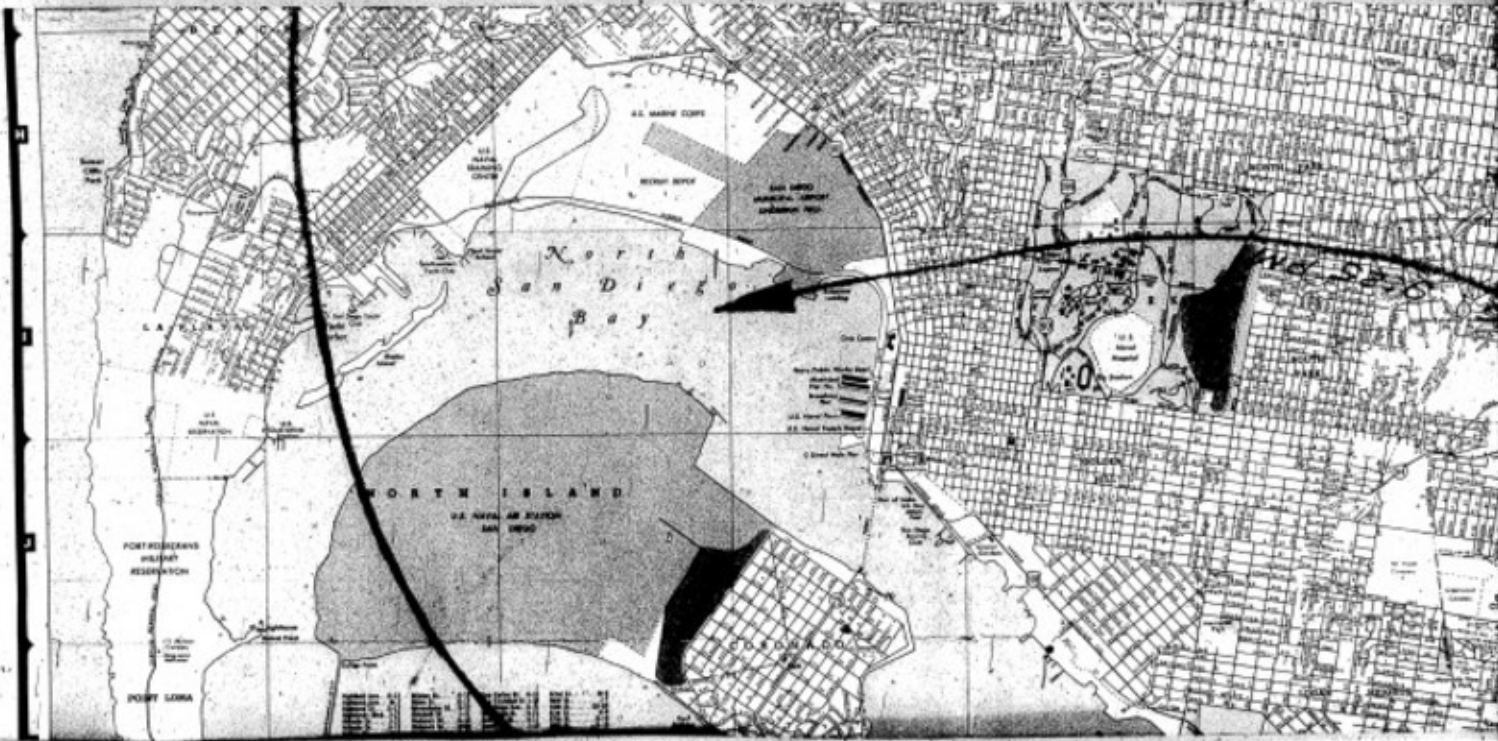
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San Diego
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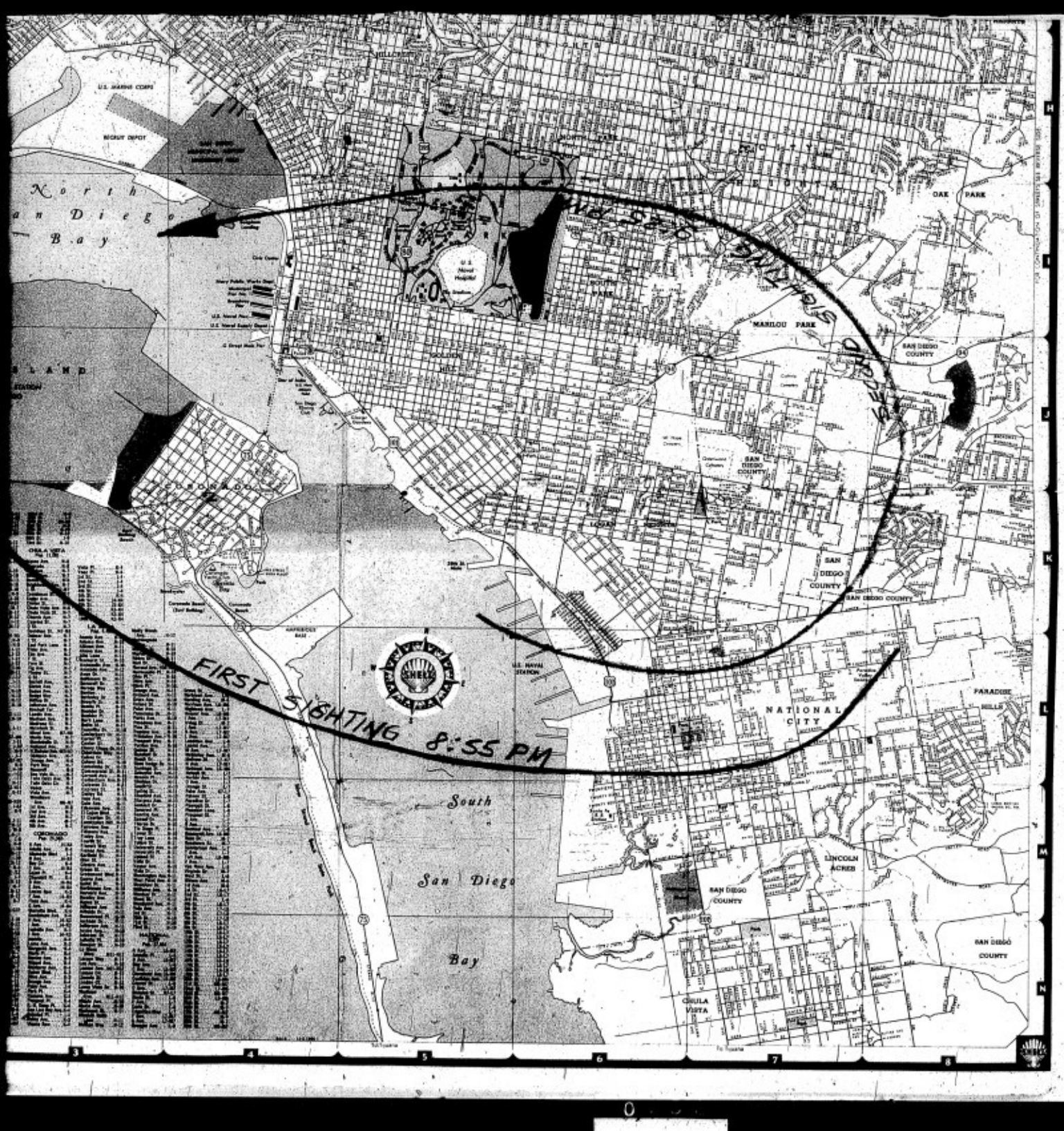
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San Diego
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FIRST SIGHTING 8:55 PM



South
San Diego
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