

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">21 Feb 54</p>	2. LOCATION <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Van Nuys, California</p>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2300</u> GMT <u>22/0700Z</u>	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		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">civilian</p>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">3 minutes</p>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">two</p>	9. COURSE <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Manuvered West</p>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p>Luminous objects, red in center, came toward observer, circled, est speed 1000 mph.</p>		11. COMMENTS <p>Appeared to be aircraft.</p>	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-21-133

25 March 1954

**SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
WINTON S. REYNOLDS - Informant**

**TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio.
ATTN: ATIAA-2C**

1. Submitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of Spot Intelligence Report, 18th OSI District, Maywood, California, dated 17 March 1954, concerning subject matter.

2. The 18th District Office of Special Investigations has advised that no further action is being taken in this matter.

3. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Spot Intelligence
Rpt, dtd 17 Mar 54

Robert P. Johnson, Jr. WAF
For info on the above:
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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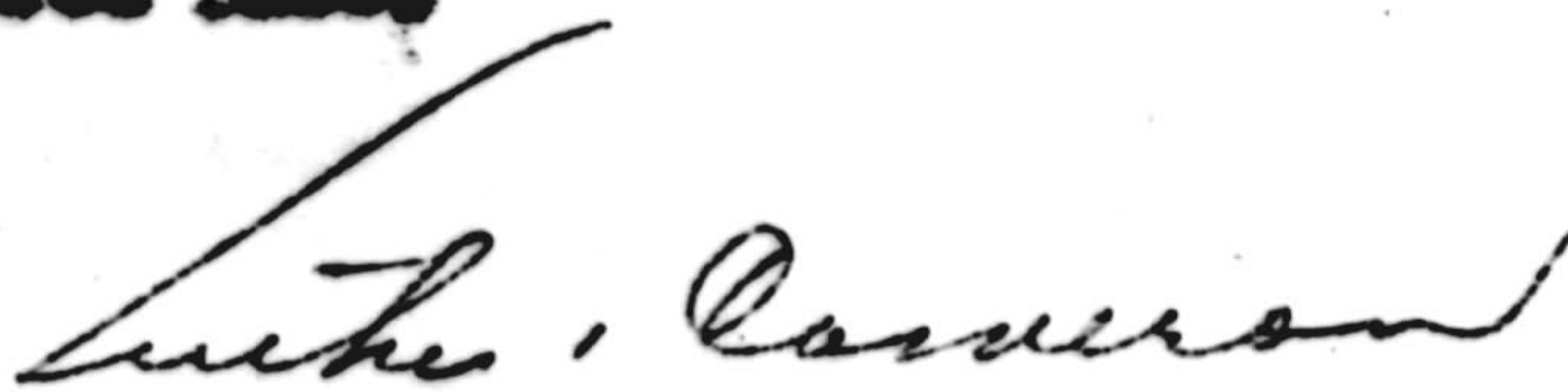
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Spot Intelligence Report, dtd 17 March 54, Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects, [REDACTED] - Informant, file L3D 24-283

5. [REDACTED] said his estimates of altitude, speed, and size were pure guesses as he had nothing but his own sense of depth perception to judge these factors. He said the night was crystal clear, bright moonlight, and there was no cloud cover. He estimated that the second object was at an altitude of approximately 4,000 to 4,500 feet; that while it was circling, it was traveling at approximately 2,000 miles per hour; that it was 30 to 50 feet in diameter; and that as it disappeared toward the east, it was traveling at a much higher rate of speed. [REDACTED] said the object made no sound at all and that it was within range where he was sure they would have heard any sound it may have emitted. He said the object was luminous, reddish in the center, with what he described as an electric-blue luminosity at the edges which seemed to flash in a bluish halo as it turned. [REDACTED] also said that he had the impression which he could not define that the object was in some manner transparent. He said he seemed to be looking into rather than at it. He described the object as elliptical in shape but could make no estimate as to its thickness. [REDACTED] said the second object must have been in full view of the entire group for at least 2½ or 3 minutes and that he and [REDACTED] discussed its size, height, and speed while they were still observing it. He said that as it disappeared toward the east, they observed a jet aircraft at a lower altitude approaching them from the east.

6. [REDACTED] said that he and [REDACTED] had discussed the object at great length and that it was completely beyond anything within their former experience. He said both had been pilots--he, [REDACTED], having about 2,000 hours--and both had seen many natural aerial phenomena such as Saint Elmo's fire. He said he was reporting the matter because he was certain in his own mind that something had been in the sky which he could not define within his own experience.

7. ACTION: No action will be taken by this District. A copy of this report is being made available to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.



ARTHUR T. CANNON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: DO 5 - Info 1
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Attn: ATIAA-2C
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Dayton, Ohio - 2)

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