PROJECT 100/3 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 May 1949 16/1700 (L)	2. [illegible]ATION Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8-10 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round and flat (size of washtub). Black. Maintained same altitude, fluttered as it disappeared behind obstacle.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE E to W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE

UNKNOWN
(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE Report of [illegible] L. DOOLEY, DO 17, 19 May 1949

SYNOPSIS

On 16 May 1949, at approximately 1700 hours, Pfc WALTER A. SHARPNACK, AF-19305815, 43rd Motor Vehicle Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, sighted one object in the air at approximate altitude of 5,000 feet. Object was round, solid, black, flat, and with a diameter of approximately three to four feet. Object traveled at great rate of speed (800 to 1000 miles per hour). Investigation at Davis-Monthan AFB and Tucson, Arizona, disclosed no other witnesses or possible explanation of object.

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DETAILS

1. Date of sighting - 14 May 1949

2. Time of sighting - Approximately 1700 hours

3. Where sighted:

   a. Ground

      (1) Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona

      (2) Approximately [illegible] from the center of the city of Tucson.

      (3) From a west window of Building [illegible] at Davis-Monthan AFB

      (4) Not applicable

4. Number of objects - [illegible]

5. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Directly overhead

   b. From directly overhead to approximately [illegible] degrees

   c. 5000 feet.

6. Time in sight - Approximately from [illegible] to 10 seconds

7. Appearance of object

   a. Black

   b. Round and flat

   c. Solid

   d. Size

      (1) Approximately 3 to 4 feet in diameter

      (2) Similar to wash tub.

8. Direction of flight - Originally sighted coming from an easterly direction and traveling west.

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9. Tactics or Maneuvers -

a. Object maintained approximately the same altitude during the entire period of sighting and it appeared to be fluttering as it disappeared from view. Object also seemed to be traveling in a pre-determined direction.

10. Evidence of exhaust - Absolutely no exhaust in sight.

11. Effect on clouds - Object did not come in contact with clouds [illegible].

12. Lights - Absolutely no reflection or lights in sight.

13. Support - No visible support.

14. Propulsion - No visible propulsion.

15. Control and Stability - No fins or stabilizers were [illegible].

16. Air Ducts - No ducts or slots or openings were visible.

17. Speed - Object traveled at speed approximately 800 to 1000 miles per hour.

18. Sound - No sound heard.

19. Manner of disappearance - Object disappeared from view behind an aircraft hangar (Bldg #1540) which is located about three blocks directly west of building #1531 (Quarters of observer).

RELATIVE TO OBSERVER

1. Name - P/O [illegible] SHARPRACK, AF-19305[illegible]15, USAF

2. Address - 43rd Motor Vehicle Sq, 43rd Bomb Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. Quarters at Bldg #1531 at Davis-Monthan AFB.

3. Occupation - Automobile Mechanic.

4. Place of business - Preventive Line Maintenance Shop, Davis-Monthan AFB.

5. Hobbies - SHARPRACK is very interested in subjects pertaining to mechanics.

6. Ability to determine - Observer is able to determine colors and based on his background is believed to be a very good judge of speed or moving objects and their size at different distances.

7. Reliability of observer

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a. Sources

(1) [illegible] - [illegible] residence and unit check was conducted in the vicinity of observer's residence and the following [illegible] were interviewed: T/Sgt LLOYD [illegible], [illegible]; T/Sgt JAMES T. [illegible]; T/Sgt [illegible], [illegible]; Pfc [illegible] and Pfc [illegible], [illegible], 3rd Motor Vehicle Sq, [illegible], Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, and all state [illegible]. Observer [illegible] at Davis-Monthan AFB for [illegible] the [illegible] Pinto Revetment Line [illegible] Maintenance Shop. Observer [illegible] very [illegible] honest, above average in intelligence, [illegible] worker, [illegible], [illegible] very [illegible] in [illegible] of the above listed persons [illegible] character [illegible] SHARPNACK [illegible] about [illegible] the unidentified object. [illegible] in the barracks ([illegible]) [illegible] saucer, but that he was probably asleep at the time and too lazy to get up and see for himself. [illegible] said SHARPNACK is very honest and sincere about all statements he makes and that SHARPNACK is not the type of person who imagines things. SHARPNACK is a person who has a very clear conception of what he sees and hears. [illegible] said he was also in the barracks the day SHARPNACK saw the aerial object and that he arrived at the window too late to see the object.

(2) [illegible] files of the Pima County Sheriff's Office, and the Police Department, Tucson, Arizona, revealed no record of observer.

(3) Records of the FBI Office, Tucson, Arizona [illegible] at Phoenix, Arizona.

(4) A check of observer's Service Record and 201 file at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona revealed no derogatory information. SHARPNACK'S date of birth is listed as 29 April 1931 at Chicago, Illinois, and his permanent address is shown as 4318 North Figueroa St, Los Angeles, California. Observer's character and efficiency ratings are listed as "Excellent" and SHARPNACK has no time lost under AW 107 or any record of trials by Court Martial. SHARPNACK completed the 11th grade at a high school in Los Angeles, California and is a graduate of the USAF Technical Training School for Automobile Equipment Technicians. SHARPNACK'S score on his Army General Classification Test is shown as Class II - 119.

8. Notes relative to observer -

a. Observer has never seen any other objects similar to the one described above.

b. Observer was laying on back on his bed at his barracks looking directly out of a west window when he saw the object pass.

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[illegible] witnesses - [illegible] witnesses

10. During the interview, [illegible] to be of good character, average intelligence, [illegible] condition, [illegible] about [illegible].

[illegible]

1. [illegible] conditions:
   [illegible] - [illegible] feet
   [illegible] - [illegible]
   [illegible] - [illegible]
   [illegible] level pressure - [illegible]
   Temperature - 76 [illegible]
   Dew point - [illegible]
   Winds - [illegible]
   Altimeter - [illegible]
   Station pressure - [illegible]
   Wet bulb - [illegible]
   Relative humidity - [illegible]
   Strata Cumulus - [illegible]

2. [illegible] - [illegible] 1949 [illegible]

Altitude	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] ft	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] ft	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] ft	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] ft	[illegible]	[illegible]

3. [illegible] flight [illegible]

   a. Commercial - American Airlines flight departing for Phoenix, Arizona and Los Angeles, California at 16[illegible] hours.

   b. Military - C-[illegible] departed Davis-Monthan AFB for Las Vegas, Nev at 1632 hrs
   C-[illegible] departed Davis-Monthan AFB for Alamogordo, NM at 16[illegible] hrs

   c. Private - A check with Gilpin Air Service, Tucson Air Park and Arizona Helicopter Service revealed no record of any aircraft in the air at or about 1700 hours on 16 May 1949 at or near Tucson, Arizona.

4. A check with the Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport #2, Tucson, Arizona, disclosed that weather balloons were released at 0200 hours, 0800 hours, 1400 hours, and 1800 hours on 16 May 1949. A check with the Base Weater Station, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona revealed that weather balloons were released at 0200 hours, 0800 hours, 1400 hours, and 2000 hours on 16 May 1949. A thorough check of all agencies in this vicinity did not disclose any other testing devices released on 16 May 1949.

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5. Object did not contact earth.

6. Object did not [illegible] aircraft or other objects.

7. [illegible] sketch of terrain and surrounding [illegible] point of [illegible] object [illegible] attached [illegible] exhibit [illegible].

8. [illegible] attached [illegible] exhibit [illegible].

9. [illegible] vacuum.

10. [illegible] visible.

[illegible]

[illegible] exhibit [illegible] object.

[illegible] exhibit [illegible] statement [illegible]

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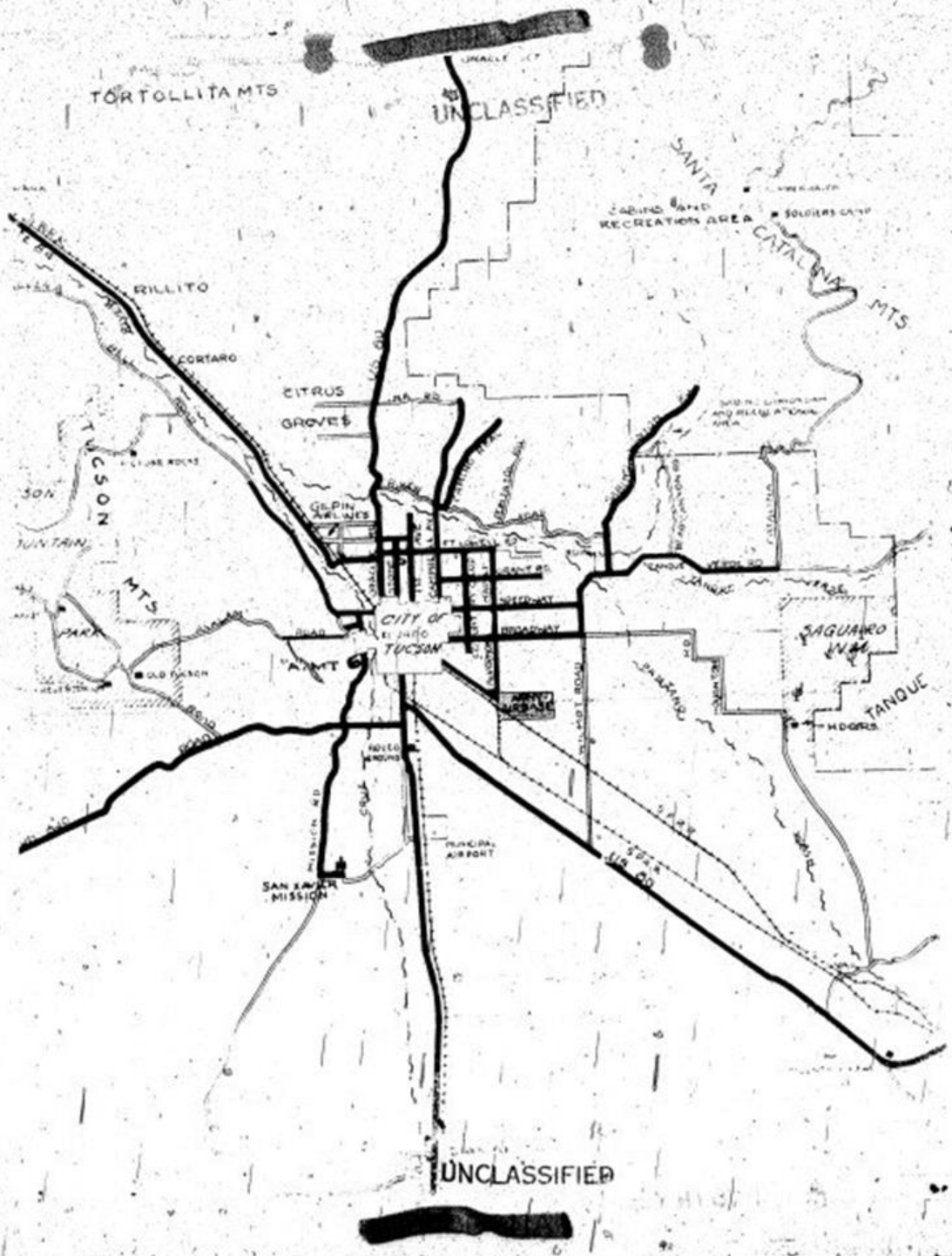

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STATEMENT

Davis-Monthan AFB
Tucson, Arizona
23 May 1949

On 16 May 1949, at approximately 1700 hours, I was at my barracks, 814-1531; Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. I was lying on a bed looking west through one of the windows on the west side of the building, when I noticed a solid, round, flat disc object in the sky which attracted my attention. The object was about the size of a wash tub, and it appeared to be about three to four feet in diameter. The object was directly over Davis-Monthan AFB and it appeared to be traveling directly from east to west, almost directly in the direction of the sunset. Going that it was a cloudy afternoon, I can say that the object that I just described was flying about half way between the ground and the ceiling of the clouds, that is about 5,000 feet above the surface of the earth. This object was traveling at a speed which I estimate to be about from 500 to 1,000 [illegible].

I looked at the object for approximately eight to ten seconds before it disappeared from my view behind an aircraft hangar building which is located about three blocks directly west of my barracks. This hangar is building [illegible] 1540.

The object maintained approximately the same altitude during the entire period of sighting and it appeared to be fluttering as it disappeared from my view. This object also seemed to be traveling in a pre-determined direction. There was absolutely no exhaust in sight or surrounding the object and I never heard any sounds during the time the object was in my sight. This object never came in contact with the clouds which were in the area at the time, and I never noticed any reflection or lights on the object. There were no attachments to the object but it appeared to know where it was going during the entire time it was in my sight.

When I first saw the object, I called it to the attention of some of the men in the barracks but none of them arrived at the window in time to see the object.

It is my belief that the object which I saw on 16 May 1949, is one of the objects which are commonly referred to as "flying discs".

At the present I am an automobile mechanic (MOS 614), and I work at the Preventive Line Maintenance Shop at Davis-Monthan AFB. I have been interested in any objects pertaining to mechanics for the last three years. I never have seen anything similar to the object which I described above. I am not color-blind, and I have always been able to distinguish one object from another.

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