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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 13 Apr 52

LOCATION: Moriarity, New Mexico

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☒ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1645 MST
GMT 13/2345Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
- ☒ Ground-Visual
- ☐ Ground-Radar
- ☐ Air-Visual
- ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

6. SOURCE: several airmen

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 5-10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

9. COURSE:

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Silver color. Elliptical. Turned and dove. Balloon in area but weather people at Albuquerque considers it highly doubtful.

11. COMMENTS:

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34th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO
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23 APR 1952

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SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

Transmitted herewith are Air Intelligence Information Reports on the sighting of unconventional aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

James H. Barnett

JAMES H. BARNETT
1st Lt, USAF
Asst Air Adj Gen

10 Incls
1. A.I.I.R. Part I (2 cys)
2. A.I.I.R. Part II A/2C Cormier (2 cys)
3. A.I.I.R. Part II S/SGT O'Neal (2 cys)
4. A.I.I.R. Part II A/1C Miller (2 cys)
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Albuquerque ADIZ	768th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
21 April 1952	13 April 1952	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
PAUL W. EVANS, Captain, USAF	Visual Ground Observation

REFERENCES (Cover number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. One significance to final conference paragraph. List indexers at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II)

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

In accordance with ADC Ltr. 200-1, Reporting of Unconventional Aircraft, dated 11 April 1951, the following is forwarded your headquarters in its importance as intelligence.

13 April 1952

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At 1645 MST, a strange object was sighted in the sky by several members of this organization. The object was described as circular and flat in shape; metalic or silver in color; of a size that could not be easily estimated.

There was only one (1) such object reported; there was no trail or exhaust observed, and apparently no sound to be heard. All observants were impressed most by its high speed and maneuverability.

This was a visual sighting from the ground and the ground elevation at the point from which the object was sighted is approximately 6,700 feet MSL. The weather can be sescribed as generally clear with extremly good visability. The Albuquerque weather sequence follows:

ADIZ Weather 13/1530 MST Albuquerque 300 Scattered 60, 65/20 SSE 6
Altimeter Setting 30.05.

The exact location where the witnesses to these aerobatics sighted the craft was the 768th AC&W Sqdn. area, Moriarity, New Mexico, in front of the dinning hall. The visual contact can be considered authentic and the personnel involved can be considered reliable as far as the organization is concerned.

Significance of Incident:

Four (4) individuals saw this object, all four (4) individuals work with and are familiar with modern aircraft; the object did not in any way resemble a modern conventional or jet aircraft.

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(a) Shape: Egg Shaped
Size: Unk.
Color: Silver
Number: One (1)
Sound: None
Unusual Features: Speed and Maneuverability
Speed: Fastest I've ever seen
(b) Time Sighted: 1645 MST
(c) Observed from ground, altitude approximately 40,000 ft. or above
(d) In front of Dinning Hall, Eastward direction
(e) Observer is reliable and experienced
(f) Weather clear, visibility good
(g) None
(h) None
(i) None
(j) None

The information given above by A/2C Earl O. Cormier is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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Size: Unk.
Color: Silver
Number: One (1)
Sound: None
Unusual Featrues: Speed and Maneuverability
Speed: Unk.
(b) Time Sighted: 1645 MST
(c) Visual Observation
(d) In front of Dinning Hall
(e) Observer is reliable and experienced
(f) Weather Clear, visibility good
(g) None
(h) None
(i) None
(j) None

The information given above by S/Sgt. John R. O'Neal is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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(a) Shape: Round and flat
Size: Unk.
Color: Silver
Number: One (1)
Sound: None
Unusual Features: No trail of exhaust, manner of disappearance was distance
Speed: Faster than any known Jet
(b) Time Sighted: 1645 MST
(c) Visual observation, estimated 40,000 feet
(d) In front of Squadron Dinning Hall
(e) Observer is reliable and experienced
(f) Weather Clear, visibility good
(g) None
(h) None
(i) None
(j) None

The information given above by A/1C David C. Miller is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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(a) Shape: Round and Flat
Size: Unk.
Color: Metalic
Number: One (1)
Sound: None
Unusual Features: Speed and Maneuverability
Speed: Unk.
(b) Time Sighted: 1645 MST
(c) Object flew east, disappeared in turn to north, sighted north of disappearance, made a vertical dive and disappeared again. Reappeared south of first disappearance.
(d) In front of Dinning Hall, Eastward direction
(e) Observer is reliable and experienced
(f) Weather clear, visibility good
(g) None
(h) None
(i) None
(j) None

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22 April 1952

I, A/2C Earl O Cormier, AF 11195314, 768th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Moriarity, New Mexico, do hereby wish to make the following statement:

Upon leaving the dining hall, 13 April 1952, my attention was directed to an aircraft, which I thought to be a Jet type. After observing this object for approximately four to five minutes, I knew that this was something extraordinary due to its maneuverability. Once during the five minutes I lost sight of it and in no time at all it showed up a great distance away from the point where I lost sight of him. My idea of its structure is confusing, seeing that I couldn't make out wings on this object. Also, due to the distance at which I observed this object, I cannot go into any great detail as to its structure.

Attached hereon is the approximate path of flight the object was in as I saw it.

Earl O Cormier
EARL O CORMIER
A/2C, AF 11195314

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22d day of April 1952.

Parker F James
PARKER F JAMES
Captain, USAF
Adjutant
768th AC&W Sq., Moriarity, New Mexico

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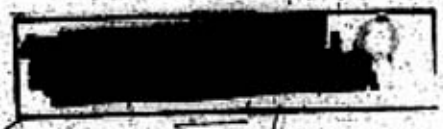

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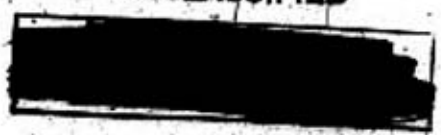

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22 April 1952

I, S/Sgt John R O'Neal, AF 15415547, 768th Aircraft Control and War ing Squadron, Moriarity, New Mexico, do hereby wish to make the following statement:

On 13 April 1952, while leaving the mess hall a strange type of aircraft was pointed out to me by another airman. This aircraft was circular in shape and flat, flying on edge. I was unable to estimate the size but the color was unmistakably silver. There was no sound or exhaust trail. The features which struck me as so unusual was the manouverability and speed. The aircraft followed an extremely erratic flight pattern. As well as I could observe it remained in level flight for only a matter of seconds. The remaining time was spent in either climbing or diving. I was able to observe this aircraft for approximately three minutes until it flew out of sight.

Attached hereon is the flight pattern the aircraft took as I saw it.

JOHN R O'NEAL
S/Sgt, AF 15415547

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22d day of April 1952.

ARKER F JONES
Captain, USAF
Adjutant
768th AC&W Sq., Moriarity, New Mexico

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I, David C. Miller, A/1C, AF 15 426 079, USAF, 768th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Moriarity, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On 13 April 1952, I was coming out of the Squadron Mess Hall when I saw what looked like a flying saucer. The time was about 1645 mountian standard time. The ofject was traveling at an unestimated speed and at what looked like to be flying at approximately 40,000 feet. The object was visible until it turned sideways at which time it disappeared because of it's saucer like shape. After approximately five (5) to ten (10) minutes after sighting subject object it disappeared.

David C. Miller

DAVID C. MILLER
A/1C, AF 15426079

Sworn to and subcribed before me on this 22nd day of April 1952.

Parker F Jones

PARKER F JONES
Captain, USAF
Adjutant
768th AC&W Sq, Moriarity, N Mex

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22 April 1952

I, A/B Charles E Baker, AF 13289120, 768th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Moriarity, New Mexico, do hereby wish to make the following statement:

While standing in front of the Mess Hall of the 768th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, [redacted] sighted an object traveling east at a great [redacted] able to keep the object in sight until it started a turn to the north. The object was sighted again and was in a vertical dive. I lost sight of the object as it turned out of the dive. The object reappeared in a few seconds, far to the south and continued south until it was lost from my sight.

Charles E Baker

CHARLES E BAKER
A/B, AF 13289120

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22d day of April 1952.

Parker F Jones

PARKER F JONES
Captain, USAF
Adjutant
768th ACAW Sq., Moriarity, New Mexico

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APPENDIX V

Moriarity, New Mexico - 13 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 13 April 1952 at 1645 MST, four airmen observed a silver, disc-shaped object east of Moriarity, New Mexico. The object appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed and its flight path was very erratic. The object was assumed to be disc-shaped due to the fact that it appeared to tip edgewise and disappear for an instant. When first notices, the object was thought to be a high flying jet aircraft but all the observers are familiar with jet aircraft and they all agreed that its speed and maneuverability eliminated that possibility.

The time of observation was judged to be from four to ten minutes.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Both Moriarity, New Mexico, and Albuquerque have radar but no unusual returns were noted on 13 April.

A piball balloon was released from Albuquerque at 1400 MST. The winds, however, would have carried this balloon south of Moriarity. In addition, the balloon would have risen too high to be observed after two hours and 45 minutes. It is possible the balloon leaked and leveled off at a low altitude, however, it would have been south of the observation point. The speed and maneuvers do not correlate with a normal balloon's drift except for the possibility that there might have been some strong winds at the time. This cannot be ascertained and the object must remain unidentified.

III. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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KIRTLAND AFB NEW MEXICO

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DATE-TIME GROUP: 301345Z Apr 52

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☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS | CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE

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FROM: APOIN-ATIAA-4-10E:

Reference written report of unidentified aerial object over Moriarty, New Mexico, on 13 April 1952. Request information as to whether or not radar in area picked up any unidentified returns on 13 April 1952. Also check Albuquerque Weather Bureau for time of length of weather balloons and possibility of balloon in Moriarty area.

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OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
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TO AMCWPAFB OHIO CO ATIA
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REF AFOIN-ATIAA-4-10E DTD 30 APR 52 UNIDENTIFIED AERO BJ SITED OVER MORIARTY NEW MEXICO 13 APR 52 WAS NOT RADAR SITING. RDAR IN THIS AREA DID NOT REPT PICK UP OF UNIDENTIFIED AER OBJS ON THAT DTX ALBUQUERQUE EEA STA REPT REL OF WHITE PLT BALLOON 3 FEET IN DIAM AT 2100Z THAT DT. WINDS WERE IN NORTHWEST-WEST NORTHWEST DIR AT 21 TO 39 KNOTS. WINDS WOULD TAKE BALLOON SOUTH OF MORIARTY. POSSIBLY WITHIN SIGHTING DIS. WEA EXPERTS REPT THIS TYPE BALLOON BURSTS AFTER 1 TO 1 AND ONE HALF HR FLT BUT OCCASIONALLY REACHES A STABILIZING ALT AND REMAINS IN BACT FOR SEVERAL HR. BALLOON NORMALLY FOL A STEADY UPWARD FLT AT APPARENT SLOW MOTION AT HIGHER ALT. SUDDEN DISSAPPEARANCE OF THERE BALLOONS OCCURS AT TIME OF BURSTING. WEA EXPERTS FURTHER STATE BALLOON WOULD HAVE CONT SOUTHWARD MOTION. NEVER TURNING NORTHWARD. DR TO PREVAILING WINDS. FACTS POINT TO REMOTE POSSIBILITY BALLOON COULD HAVE BEEN OBJECT. BUT CONSIDER IT HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. 1 SILVER RADIO SONDE BALLOON WAS RELS AT 1500Z. THIS BALLOON NORMALLY EXPLODES 1 TO 2 HR LATER. DO NOT CONSIDER THIS BALLOON VISIBLE AT TIME OF SIGHTING REPT AT MORIARTY

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