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COUNTRY: United States

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Flying Objects (Unidentified)

AREA REFERENCE: El Monte, California (34°04'N-117°55'W) DOI, 27th ADiv (Def)

DATE OF INFORMATION: 27 August 1952 25 August 1952

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REFERENCE: Major Charles F. Casey, USAF Mr. Benjamin Franklin Irvin Jr.

AFL 200-5, 20 April 1952

SUMMARY: [illegible]

1. This report contains information obtained from personal contact and interrogation of Benjamin Franklin Irvin Jr., age 19, private pilot CAA license 6753-52.

2. Incident FLIGHRPT was first reported to DOI, 27th ADiv (Def) by phone from duty officer, Control Center ADCC 27th ADiv who had received FLIGHRPT from CAA in Ontario, California; private pilot (B. F. Irvin) having reported in first instance to CAA, Ontario.

3. B. F. Irvin was flying a Cessna - 140 aircraft NC 77099 having departed from El Monte Airport on 22 August 1952 at 1450 hours with Cable Field, Claremont, California as his local flying destination.

4. Approximately 1500 hours VFR 3,000 feet, course heading estimated 90° due east, IAS 105 MPH, he obtained a "Flash Recognition" view of an unidentified flying object, which had crossed his flight path approximately 1/2 mile dead ahead on a course from NW-SE, general heading Salton Sea at super sonic speed.

5. Severe turbulence experienced when the respective flight paths of the Cessna and the flying object crossed.

- A check with the AC&W squadrons revealed "Dishman" have a C.C.C. track Zebra 50 in area Baker Dog 5146 and reported multi engine, very high, heading SW at 1500 hours (date in question) Pacific Daylight Time or 2209Z.

- Negative detection of flying object or Cessna by AC&W squadron.

- Benjamin Franklin Irvin Jr. resided with his parents at 126 Monte Vista, Ontario, California.

- The reliability of information obtained during interview: Irvin's narrative of his observation and experience while airborne can be accepted as truthful, although he was unable to obtain a more detailed image, it is evident he saw an "object" of high speed and unidentified beyond the description given from a fleeting and/or "Flash Recognition".

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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DOI, 27th ADiv (Def)

1. Oblong teardrop, approximately 50 feet long, two (2) flying objects, aerodynamic features similar to wing air foil, cambre, leading edge round, bottom surface almost flat, negative trail, negative exhaust. Propulsion, excessive high speed, no sound and no manuevers. Straight and level flight, in echelon, disappeared at high speed SE from the observer. Emphasis on excessive speed.

2. 22 August 1952 1500 PDT, or 2200 Zebra. Observed for approximately two (2) seconds.

3. Visual sighting from aircraft, Cessna - 140 NC 77099. IAS 105 MPH, altitude of 3,000 feet, the object crossed pilot's flight path.

4. 34° 10' N - 117° 55' W. Object passed directly across flight path ahead of the Cessna approximately 1/2 mile. Cessna heading approximately 90° due east, having taken off from El Monte for Cable Field, Claremont, California. Objects traveled from NW to SE, general direction Salton Sea.

5. The pilot's experience is limited by youthfulness. He is age 19, recently qualified CAA private pilot. Interviewed at home, reliable disciplined home environment, Pentecostal religion. Evaluated as truthful.

6. Weather, some haze and smog, winds west approximately 20 MPH at 3,000 feet.

7. Negative.

8. Negative.

9. Negative.

10. Negative.

SPECIAL NOTE: Pilot experienced severe turbulence when flight paths crossed.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

101, 27th ADiv (Def)

STATEMENT

(Benjamin Franklin Irvin Jr.)

I was piloting a Cessna - 140, NC 77099, and I took off from El Monte Airport about 1450 hours; destination Cable Field, Clairmont. I was flying on a course due east at an altitude of 3,000 feet, IAS 105 MPH.

At approximately 1500 hours, as I was looking over the terrain two (2) flying objects, each shaped like a tear drop, crossed my path at an angle NN-SS approximately 1/2 mile in front of my aircraft. They were silver in color and travelling at a terrific rate of speed.

The back wash or slipstream caused my aircraft to bump and bounce, there was no sound. I was alone and much shaken up and nervous; I landed at Cable Field, came directly home and reported the incident to CAA in Ontario.

Benjamin Franklin Irvin Jr.
126 Monte Vista Avenue
Ontario, California

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Del, 27th Div (Def)

REMARKS:

Benjamin Franklin Irvin Jr. saw an object of some type unknown and difficult to fully describe because of the high speed of the object. It is possible that only one object was observed if one considers the physical limitations of the human eye.

Study of the reported flight path of the object and its projection reveals that this path comes in close proximity to the following:

a. Naval - POINT MUGU (Restricted danger area)

b. UPLEN - (see Mission Intelligence ABC", 16 April 1952, Issue #3, page 17) Uplen is approximately 2,834 miles distant.

c. COMMANDER ISLAND - (KOMANDORSKI) approximately 3,620 miles distant.

d. Naval - SALTON SEA (restricted danger area)

The conjecture that this object was actually a "guided missile" is somewhat compromised by its altitude when observed (3,000 feet MSL). Mountainous terrain in this vicinity would, in all probability, negate the lower levels to controlled high speed missiles unless some "contour following" device were utilized.

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SILVER CHA TWO CHA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES CHA SINGLE TAIL
[illegible] CHA LEADING EDGE ROUND CHA BOTTOM SURFACE [illegible]
FLAT CHA NEGATIVE TRAIL CHA NEGATIVE EXHAUST REF PROPULSION CHA
EXCESSIVE HIGH SPEED CHA NO SOUND CHA NEG MANEUVERS STRAIGHT AND
LEVEL FLIGHT CHA IN ECHELON CHA DISAPPEARANCE HIGH SPEED SE FROM OBSR
PD EMPHASIS ON EXCESSIVE SPEED PD /ITEM TWO/ 22/1500 PDT PD 22 AUG ZEBRA
PD LENGTH OF TIME OBSRD APPROX TWO SEC PD /ITEM THREE/ VISUAL CHA AIRBORNE

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PROJECT BLUE BOOK SURVEY

I. GENERAL

[illegible] LOCATION

3. TYPE
Locale:
Zone:

[illegible] WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?
Naked Eye
Binoculars
Telescope
Theodolite

[illegible] WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? Yes No
By One Set
By Two Sets
By Three Sets

[illegible] WAS OBJECT OBSERVED IN THE AIR? Yes
A/C Observed Object
Interception Attempted
No Intercept Attempted

[illegible] AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? Yes No
A/C Scrambled
Visual Contact Made
A/I Contact Made
No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? Yes No
Normal
Violent

[illegible] OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT" WAS
Blinking
Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:
1-15 Seconds
1-5 Minutes
Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? Yes No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? Yes No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? Yes No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data from Air Almanac)
Night
Day
Sunrise
Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? Yes No
One Aircraft
More Than One Aircraft

18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? Yes No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? Yes No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? Yes No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WIND SHEAR:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

Mr. [illegible] Irvin, Jr.
[illegible] Vista
Ontario, California

Dear Mr. Irvin:

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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a/s

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General