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SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON: Tucson, Arizona

FROM (Agency): 3307th Plt Tng Sq (Contr Prim) Marana Air Base, Marana, Arizona

DATE OF REPORT: 5 September 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION: 3 September 1952

EVALUATION: C-3

PREPARED BY (Officer): Captain Erling H. Lovlien

SOURCE: Mr. Donald L. McCraven
Mr. N. D. Thomas

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance to final this sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted on 3 September 1952 by Mr. Donald L. McCraven and Mr. N. D. Thomas of 4237 North Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona.

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Captain, USAF

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In compliance with Paragraph 7d(d), AFL 200-5, the following information is submitted concerning an unidentified object sighted on 3 September 1952 at Tucson, Arizona.

One unidentified object appeared to the observers, Mr. McCraven and Mr. Thomas. It was elliptical in shape and of a dark color which freely reflected sunlight. The object made no perceptible sound and emitted no smoke or exhaust. The object made well-coordinated turns and performed no unusual maneuvers. Sources stated that the object appeared to be approximately one-half inch through the apparent longitudinal axis.

The object was sighted at 1603 hours, Greenwich time, on 3 September 1952. It was observed for a period of approximately one and one-half minutes.

Visual observations were made. Because the size of the object was unknown, no estimates as to speed or altitude were given by sources. Mr. McCraven stated that the object ranged from approximately twenty to sixty degrees vertically above the horizon. The object made three sweeps past the observers, each being in excess of one hundred eighty degrees laterally along the horizon. The total distance was covered during the period of approximately one and one-half minutes. The observers were located six miles north of the center of Tucson, Arizona at approximately 32°15'N 110°57'W.

Observers were Mr. Donald L. McCraven and Mr. W. D. Thomas, both of 1237 North Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona. Mr. McCraven is an instructor pilot for Darr Aero Tech, Incorporated, Marana Air Base. Mr. McCraven has thirteen years piloting experience and is considered quite reliable. Mr. Thomas is approximately sixty years of age. He has excellent eyesight although he would be considered as an inexperienced observer.

The weather was clear and visibility unrestricted during the period the object was being observed. Surface winds were light. A "Baby Light" weather balloon had previously been sighted by numerous individuals at 1520 hours, Greenwich time, on the same date. Information relative to the balloon was given to Mr. McCraven who stated that the object viewed by him was definitely not a balloon. His statement is based on the speed, appearance and maneuvers made by the object in question.

No photographs were taken of the object and there was no apparent physical evidence available.

No interception or identification action was taken.

Air traffic in the general area at the time of sighting is unknown.

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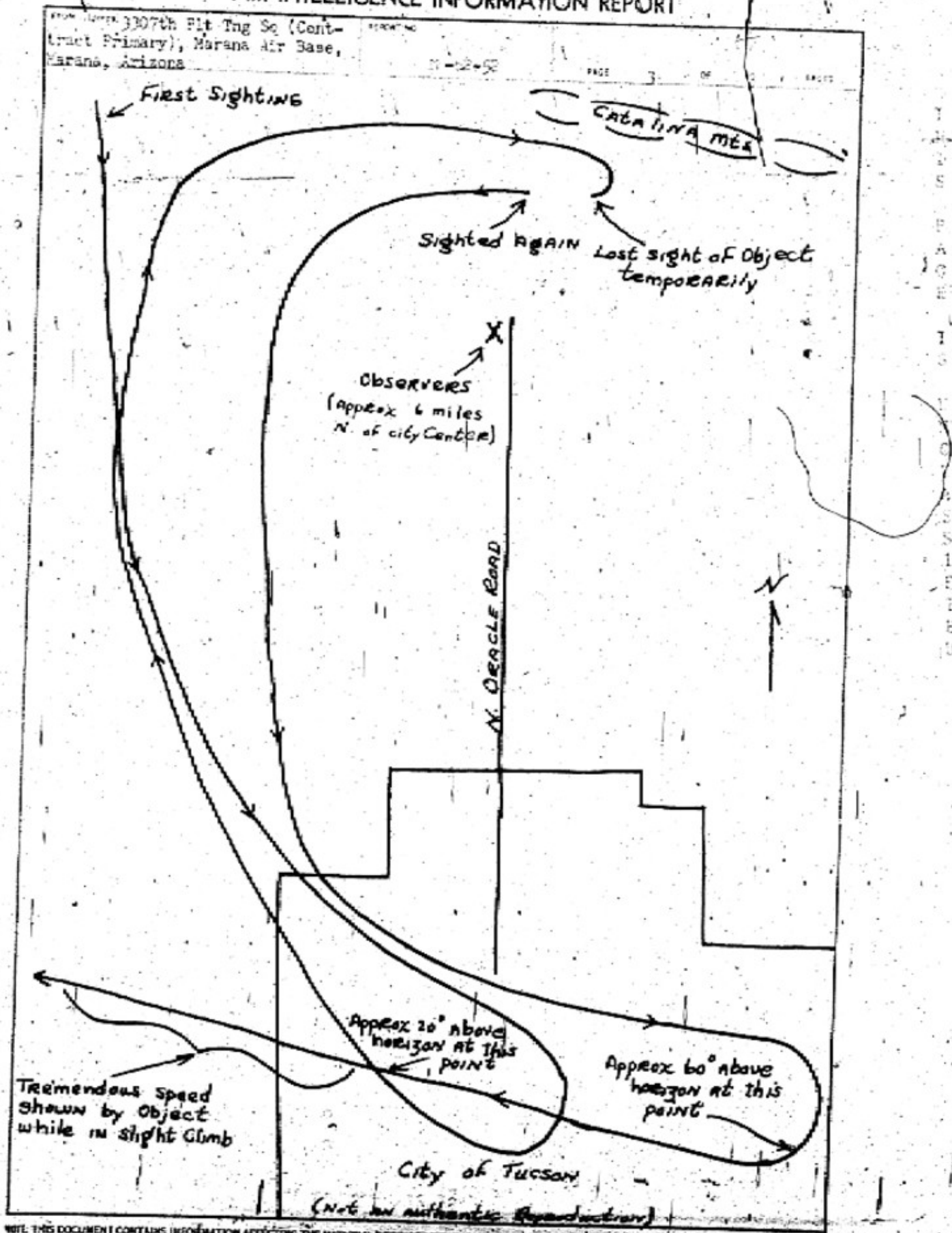

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PROJECT DATA SHEET

I. GENERAL

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Descent Noted
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:

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PROJECT [illegible] [illegible]

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

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
			[illegible]		
1,000			[illegible]		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			[illegible]		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			[illegible]		
6,000			[illegible]		
7,000			[illegible]		
8,000			[illegible]		
9,000			[illegible]		
10,000			[illegible]		
12,000			[illegible]		
14,000			[illegible]		
16,000			[illegible]		
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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1 - 8 SEPTEMBER 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1	Richmond, Virginia	Mollen	BALLOON
1	Marietta, Georgia	Multiple	UNINDENTIFIED
1	Yaak, Montana	Military	UNINDENTIFIED
2	Kirtland AFB, N. M. (CARD MISSING)	Shoemaker	BALLOON
2	Chicago, Illinois	Military	UNINDENTIFIED
2	Morristown, Tennessee	Multiple	INSUFFICIENT DATA
2	Rapid City, South Dakota	McIntyre	INSUFFICIENT DATA
2	Delft, Netherlands	Nyhof (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)
2	Elgin, Illinois	Abbott, Ott	INSUFFICIENT DATA
2	Tokyo, Japan	Wehling (RADAR)	Other (MALFUNCTION)
2	Marietta, Georgia	Dobbins	BALLOON
2	Riverside, California	Endter	INSUFFICIENT DATA
3	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
3	Dublin, Georgia	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
3	Atlanta, Georgia	Multiple	BALLOON
3	Atlanta, Georgia	Military	BALLOON
3	Sacramento, California	Carlson	INSUFFICIENT DATA
3	Tucson, Arizona	McCreven, Thomas	UNINDENTIFIED
4	Kutztown, Pa.	Multiple	INSUFFICIENT DATA
4	Death Valley, California	Military	Other (REFLECTION OF SUN)
4	Danville, California	Cunningham	BALLOON
5	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	Dickason	INSUFFICIENT DATA
5	Singapore, B. C. C.	Civilians	INSUFFICIENT DATA
6	Albuquerque, N.M. (CARD MISSING)	Lenox	
6	Lake Charles, AFB, La.	Multiple	UNINDENTIFIED
6	Korpro, Finland	Civilian	INSUFFICIENT DATA
6	Baltimore, Maryland	Duncan	Other (TEST FIRINGS)
6	Tuscon, Arizona	Multiple	UNINDENTIFIED
7	San Antonio, Texas (CARD MISSING)	Gibson	
7	San Antonio, Texas (CARD MISSING)	Gibson	UNINDENTIFIED
7	Needles, California	Multiple	BALLOON
7	Opelossas, La.	Budd	AIRCRAFT
7	San Antonio, Texas	Gibson	UNINDENTIFIED
8	Fresno, California	Multiple	Other (CONTRAILS)
8	Shamokin, Pa.	Tehman	INSUFFICIENT DATA

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
1	Washington, DC	Ltr, Kangas	
3	Palma, Mallorca Island,	News Clipping	
6	South Africa	News Clipping	
10	San Antonio, Texas	Ltr, Chase	
14	Sutton, West Virginia	News Clipping	