1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
29 Jan 53 29/2200Z	Malibu Beach, California
3. SOURCE Navy Pilot	**10. CONCLUSION** PROBABLY AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Four	Possibly Aircraft
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Min	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Four metallic discs of B-36 size were observed flying in squadron formation in a vertical plane at approx 20,000' at an est speed of 1200 mph. Source is Lt Commander in Navy with 5,000 hrs flying time. 45° arc in 5 min.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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CAG 2546 FLYOBRPT. FOR ATYAA2C MR. [redacted] REPORTER ON THE LOS ANGLES EXAMINER CALLED TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING. LT. COMMANDER REX HARDY JR. W/5000 HRS. FLYING TIME, FLYING AT 9000FT, AT 180 MPH. IN A TWIN ENGINE BEECHCRAFT NEAR MALIBU BEACH, COURSE SOUTH OBSERVED FOUR (4) METALLIC DISCS OF B-36 SIZE FLYING IN SQ. FORMATION IN A VERTICAL PLANE AT APPROX. 20,000 FT. SPEED ESTIMATED AT 1200 MPH., COURSE SOUTH EAST, DISAPPEARED IN DIRECTION OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. REPORT RECEIVED THIS HQDS. AT 2000 HRS. 29-JAN-1953.

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CASE #22

29 Jan 53

Malibu Beach, California

A newspaper reporter called March AFB Intelligence officer and reported that a Lt Comdr in the Navy with approximately 5,000 hours flying time was flying in a twin-engine beach craft near Malibu Beach at 9,000' altitude on a S course when he observed 4 metallic discs of B-36 size flying in squadron formation in a vertical plane at approximately 20,000'. Speed estimate was 12,000 MPH on a SE course. The objects disappeared in the direction of Riverside, California.

ATIC Comment and Conclusion

Although the pilot was considered to be reliable ½, there was enough information /not available to this headquarters for proper analysis. Therefore, our conclusion is insufficient data for evaluation.

Multiple

Memorandum for Record

29/1430 MALIBU BEACH CALIF

2 February 1953

On 21 Jan 53, Capt E. J. Ruppelt contacted the D/I of the 27th Air Division, Norton AFB, California, to inquire about the series of UFO sightings in the area. He stated that the 27th AD had only one sighting that occurred on the 30th of Jan ary near Palm Springs. Fighters were scrambled but no contact was made. A cross-check with the GOC showed a weather balloon in the area, so it was not reported but was written off as a weather balloon.

The D/I stated that all during the period of these reports, 28, 29, and 30 January, no unidentified radar tracks correlated with the UFO reports.

He knew nothing of the Northrup report except that a newspaper said that the CAA tower at Santa Monica had seen four C-47 a/c in formation close to the time of the sighting. He had no knowledge of the Marine incident at El Toro.

VIP friend of Breckenridge. Wants answers

Form A

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

29 (Day) JANUARY (Month) 1953 (Year)

2. Time of day: 2 (Hour) 20 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
(d. Pacific)
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
(b. Standard)

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

_____ (Nearest Postal Address) MALIBU BEACH (City or Town) CALIFORNIA (State or Country)

Additional remarks: OUR AIRPLANE WAS AT APPROXIMATELY 10,000 FEET OVER MALIBU.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. — (Hours) 5 (Minutes) — (Seconds)

5.1 *Circle* one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): (a. Bright daylight)
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
(c. To your right)
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One): (a. Yes) b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other _____

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: (a. Solid?) b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	(Yes)	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE

b. Color METALLIC - DULL SILVER

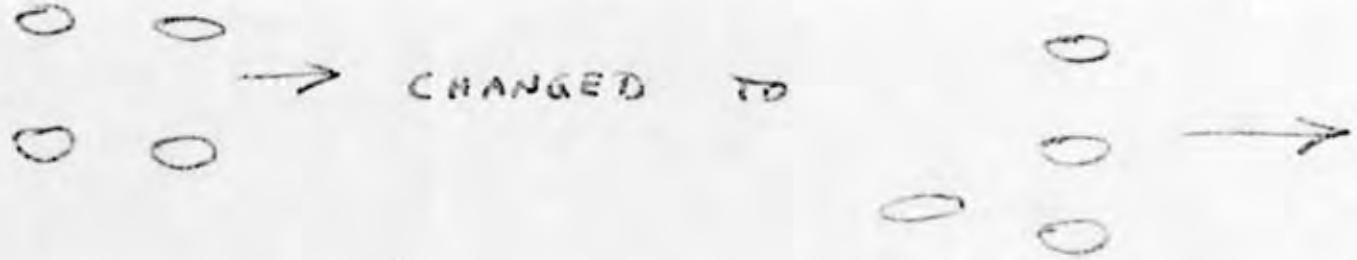
17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 4.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
300 feet. ESTIMATED BY REFERENCE TO KNOWN APPARENT SIZE OF AIRCRAFT AT SAME RANGE.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

22.1 *(Circle One* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? DIMINISHED IN SIZE DUE TO DISTANCE.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

1. OF METAL, PAINTED DULL SILVER.
2. 300 FEET IN DIAMETER, DISC SHAPED.
3. A DIME.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other FLYING OVER COASTLINE.

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

PILOTING AIRPLANE. ATTENTION CALLED TO OBJECT BY CO-PILOT, CHESTER MATHEWS.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 180 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?
(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

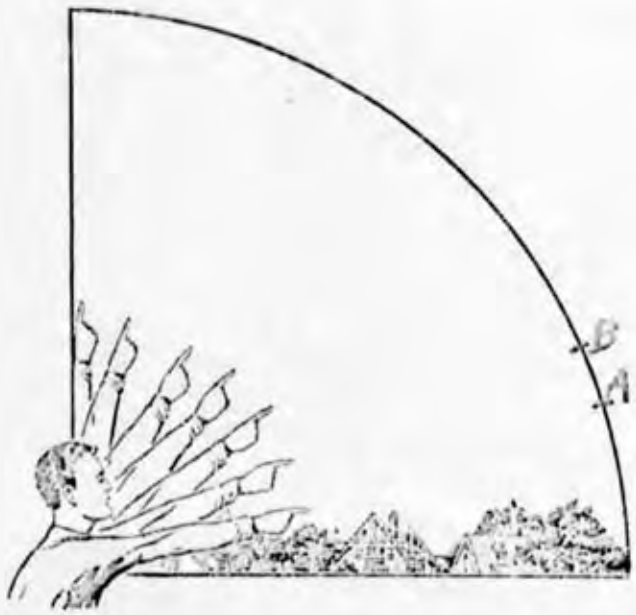
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 45 degrees.
b. From horizon 20 degrees.

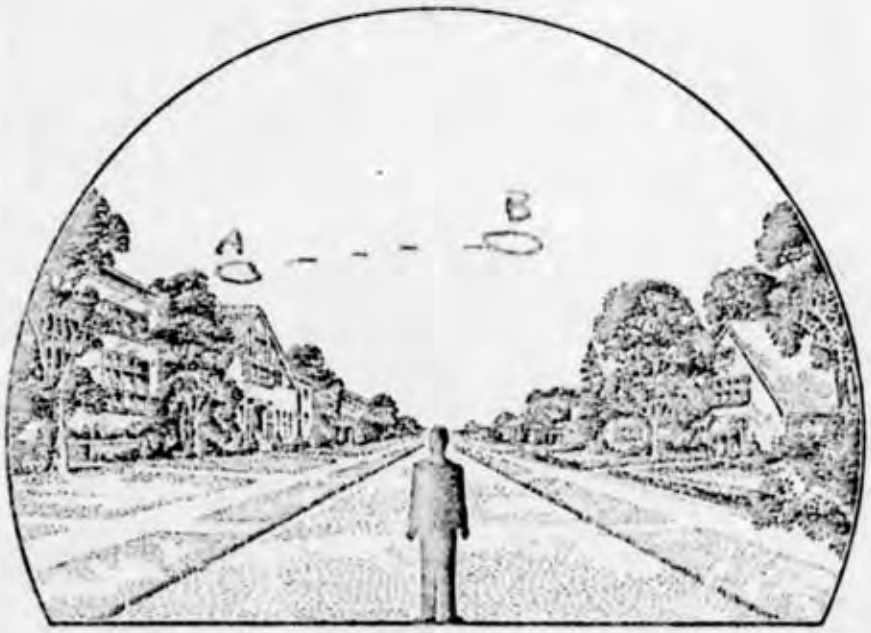
31.2 When it disappeared:

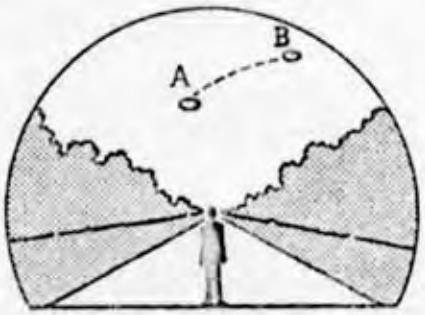
a. From true North 90 degrees.
b. From horizon 20 degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

(a.) Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

a. No wind
(b.) Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*

(a.) Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*

a. Cold
(b.) Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

29 (Day) JANUARY (Month) 1953 (Year)

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[redacted], NORTHROP AIRCRAFT, INC., HAWTHORNE, CALIF.
" " " " "
[redacted],

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? NO OPINION. IT WAS NOT SIMILAR TO ANYTHING EVER SEEN BEFORE.

39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object? ESTIMATED BY DISTANCE COVERED OVER TIME OBSERVED.

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 1200 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was? ESTIMATED IN RELATION TO MOUNTAIN RANGE.

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 25 MILES ~~feet.~~

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) — (Middle Name)

ADDRESS NORTHROP AIRCRAFT, INC. (Street) HAWTHORNE (City) — (Zone) CALIF. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted], FLIGHT DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL WEAPONS SECTION.

Age 37 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school X
b. High school X
c. College X
d. Post graduate

e. e. Technical school AIRLINE TRANSPORT RATING.
(Type)
f. Other special training MANUAL AIR TRAINING, PENSACOLA.

SEVERAL YEARS OF MILITARY, TRANSPORT, AND TEST FLYING.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 9 (Day) FEBRUARY (Month) 1953 (Year)

Unclassified

30 Jan 1953

Story of Marine chasing light and Northrop crew seeing disks carried in papers on morning of 30 Jan 1953. On "John Cameron Swaze" TV Show on evening of 30 Jan 1953.

Three-Sightings

Discs Return to Calif.

By United Press

SANTA ANA, Calif., Jan. 30 —Reports by several persons, including two veteran pilots, of disk-shaped objects streaking thru Southern California skies were under investigation today by Air Force, Marine Corps and CAA officials.

Four such objects were reported to have been seen flying in apparent formation by the three-man crew of a Northrup Aircraft Co. plane yesterday afternoon.

A Marine Corps jet fighter pilot said he chased a fiery object for nearly 25 miles Wednesday night before he was forced to turn back when he ran low on fuel. At the same time, control tower operators at Long Beach Municipal Airport reported they saw an "eerie orange flame" in the sky.

The two pilots and photographer in the Northrup plane said they watched the four disks yesterday for about five minutes until the mysterious objects disappeared beyond a mountain peak.

Photographer Jim Wilkinson did not try to photograph them.

He said two of the disks were flying above the other two and estimated their attitude at about 20,000 feet.

The Marine pilot failed to identify the "round amber light" he chased for some 25 miles.

The pilot, Maj. Harvey N. Patton of Salt Lake City, discounted the possibility that it was a star "because it was not high enough and was moving."

Edward S. Downs, Civil Aeronautics tower controller at Long Beach airport, reported "an orange object resembling a ball of fire" at an altitude of several thousand feet near the airport.

Jet Pilot Chases "Fiery Disc" Over California Marine Base

SANTA ANA, Calif., Jan. 29 —(UP)—The Marine Corps today disclosed one of its jet fighters last night chased a "fiery object" in the skies for nearly 25 miles until the plane ran low on fuel.

The Marine spokesman said the pilot failed to identify the orange-colored object but said it definitely was moving and traveled at high speed.

The bright object first was observed at El Toro Marine air base near here by a tower operator who said it was about 1,000 feet over the field and moving in a westerly direction.

After observing the disc-shaped object, the tower operator ordered a Marine all-weather jet fighter which was coming in for a landing to make an investigation.

Maj. Harvey N. Patton of Salt Lake City, Utah, piloting the plane, began chasing the object. The pilot reported it was a "round amber light" which resembled jet exhaust or a colored star.

"It definitely could not have been a star," Major Patton said, "because it was not high enough and was moving."

The jet plane chased the object for nearly five minutes but finally was forced to turn back to the base because it was running low on fuel. Major Patton said that as he turned back he saw the light headed towards Long Beach.

A few minutes later, Edward S. Downs, Civil Aeronautics tower controller at Long Beach airport, spotted what he described as "an orange object resembling a ball of fire" at an altitude of several thousand feet near the airport.

Downs said the object was traveling west at high speed and headed out over the ocean, disappearing several minutes later.

30 Jan. D. [illegible] P.

Also on "Canal News Caravan" TV Show on Friday 30 Jan 1953 interviewed crew from Northrop A/c Plant.