PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 April 49	2. LOCATION Springer, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (Birds)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION A few seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers sighted numerous silvery white objects. A noise which sounded like a group of ducks drew the attention of the observers. They were flying in formation. Several other groups followed this first group. All of them were in some sort of formation. These objects were in sight during a one hour period, but no group was in sight form more than a few seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Various	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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6. [illegible] objects [illegible] formation or grouping.

a. First group - [illegible] group went directly overhead [illegible] like a group of [illegible] coming in to land on water or [illegible] attention of the [illegible] passing over. [illegible] they heard [illegible] group.

b. Second group - [illegible] passed overhead about 2 to 3 minutes [illegible] first group. [illegible] group approached [illegible] and was headed [illegible] west. [illegible] were directly overhead one pulled off to the [illegible] side [illegible] formation at a [illegible] angle and proceeded Southeast. The other eight objects in the formation continued on due west. [illegible] five to ten seconds.

c. After they had [illegible] into the west and proceeded out into the lake, 8 or 10 more groups passed directly overhead. There were two or [illegible] objects in each group, and they approached from the west headed due east.

d. [illegible] last group passed [illegible] east [illegible] and were heading due south. They approached from the [illegible] there were five objects in the group and they were in line (one behind the other).

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April 26, 1949

Dear Sir:

Dr. La Paz I am writing to you because you happen to be the only person of whom I know in the State of New Mexico who is, in the interest of science, interested in unusual occurrences or manifestations. I have read of you excavating the meteorite that fell in Nebraska and of your interest in that field.

Dr. La Paz I am [illegible] years old and do consider myself a mature young man, but the strange sights I have just seen make me wonder.

I am writing you for information about certain "objects" which have been reported from time to time and have been called "flying saucers".

On the morning of April [illegible], 1949, at 6:30, Mr. [illegible] and myself were in the process of seining for minnows to use for fishing, we were at Springer Lake which is (4) four miles N. from the town of Springer, N. M.

We had just finished cutting the minnows we were going to use in the bucket and we heard a peculiar sound, sort of a high pitched whistle. We both thought it was some high flying ducks coming in for a landing and we looked up in the air. What we saw was certainly not ducks, but what it was we don't know.

We saw "objects" which were silvery white, in color and to us what looked like balls, sort of like Christmas tree ornaments. They passed us at a very high altitude and going very fast. They were out of sight in a very few seconds.

I was an Army pilot during the war and I know they were not "jet Planes" or "guided missiles". Whatever these "things" were they were traveling faster than sound. I know that because we were hearing the sound of the objects we had not seen and looking at others whose sound had not yet reached us.

This may sound a bit on the fantastic side, but it is what we actually observed. We saw these things for over an hour. I am enclosing a sketch of the behavior of the "objects" just as we both saw them.

We wondering if anyone else had reported seeing these "things" on or approximately the date mentioned. I might add that the [illegible] ceiling and visibility unlimited and we would never have seen the objects except for the sound we heard.

Dr. La Paz I would like an answer from you if you can share the time, all this is very strange to us and maybe you can [illegible] the answer to it.

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If not, I for one am ready to believe the story of the "flying saucers" which up to now I have not. I would like to keep in touch with you if I or any of my friends happen to see any of these strange "things".

Hoping I have not bored you or taken up your time needlessly, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/signed/ Philip [illegible] Abreu

Philip [illegible] Abreu
Box 66
Springer, [illegible]

Mr. Nolan Clegg is a Springer business man and has given me permission to use his name in connection with the appearance of those flying "objects". He will back me up in anything I have said and in the diagrams I have drawn, he is as eager as I am to have some light shed on this subject.

Mr. [illegible] we haven't told many people because we are afraid they won't believe us. Do you blame us?

Sincerely

/signed/ Philip [illegible] Abreu

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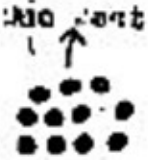
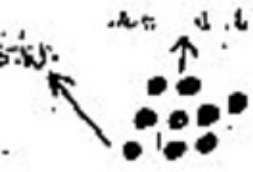
April 2[illegible], 1949
6:30 - 7:30
Morning

Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited

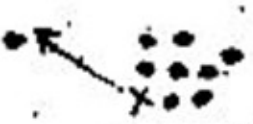
Due East



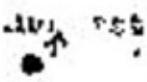
First time we saw the "objects", heading due west at an extremely high altitude and at a very high rate of speed, they were not in sight over 10 seconds. They passed directly overhead. Time 6:30 in the morning. They were in a tight group as shown at left, eleven in group.



About 10 minutes later we observed another flight of these "objects" heading due west very high and fast. When directly overhead the last one on the left suddenly left the rest and headed southwest. All went out of sight in a very few seconds. Nine in group.

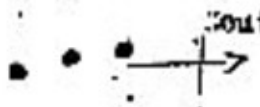


Due East



At approx. 7:00 we saw two more "objects" heading due east in the same manner as the others we had seen. These were much farther apart than the first ones we had seen.

South



The last large "formation" we [illegible] due east from us and heading south. They were strung out in a line going very fast and low but at quite a distance from us. All these "objects" made a peculiar sound like a high pitched whistle. The sound was some distance behind the objects. Five in line.

/signed/ Phili[illegible]
Box [illegible]
Springer, [illegible]

Dr. La Paz I do not believe that these objects could have been picked up or followed with field glasses they were moving much too fast.

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INCIDENT NO. 318

1. Date of Observation 25 April 1949 | Date of Interview 2 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 0630
3. Place of Observation 4 Miles Northwest Springer, New Mexico
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Unusual noise, like ducks about to land on the water, which did not come from objects
6. Number of objects 1st group 11 ea, second group 9 ea, see narrative
7. Apparent size small
8. Color of object silver white
9. Shape round balls
10. Altitude well over 50,000'
11. Direction from observer directly overhead
12. Distance from observer 50,000 ft
13. Direction of flight of object(s) West (see narrative)
14. Time in sight 5-10 seconds
15. Speed Supersonic
16. Sound and odor (See narrative)
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers (See Narrative)
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Ceiling and visibility unlimited

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Page 2 Incident 318

Name and address of observer: Mr. Philip N. Abreu - Box 66, Springer, New Mexico
Mr. Nolan Clegg - Springer, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies:

Filling Station [illegible], (ex-pilot)
Owner of Coffee Shop

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

a. First group - eleven in this group. This group went directly overhead - heading due West. A noise which sounded like a group of ducks coming in to land on water or an air hose, drew the attention of the informants to the group passing over. However, the noise which they heard did not come from this group.

b. Second group - nine in this group. Passed overhead about 2 to 3 minutes after the first group. This group approached from the East and was headed due West. Each they were directly overhead, one pulled off to the left side of the formation at a 45° angle and proceeded southwest. The other eight objects in the formation continued on due West. This group was in sight from five to ten seconds.

c. After they had gotten into the boat and proceeded out into the lake, 8 or 10 more groups passed directly overhead. There were two or objects in each group, and they approached from the West headed due East.

d. The last group passed slightly to the east of them, and were heading due South. They approached from the North. There were five objects in the group, and they were in line (one behind the other).