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OBJECT REPORT

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On 24 April 1949, at 3 miles north of Arrey, New Mexico, (107° 19½'W 32° 52½'N) 4 Navy enlisted men from White Sands Proving Ground (Chief Akers, Davidson, Fitzsimmons and Moorman) and I saw a rapidly moving object while making a pibal wind run. We had released a 350 gram balloon at about 1020 MST and were following it with a standard ML-47 (David White) Theodolite. After the 1030 reading, Davidson took over the theodolite, and Akers and I looked up to find the balloon with naked eye. We thought we had the balloon when we saw a whitish spherical object right along the direction the theodolite (45° elevation and 210° azimuth) was pointing. The object was drifting east rapidly (5°/sec. as estimated by stopwatch and width of fingers) but we had thought to encounter similar winds on the balloon. When the difference in angle between the theodolite and supposed balloon became apparent, I took over the theodolite and found that true balloon was still there, whereupon I abandoned it and picked up the object after it came out of the sun. (The computed bearing of sun was 127° azimuth and elevation 60°) The object was moving too fast to crank the theodolite around, therefore one of the men pointed the theodolite and I looked.

The object was an ellipsoid about 2½ : 1 slenderness ratio, length about .D2 ° subtended angle, and white in color, except for a light yellow of one side as though it were in shadow. I could not get a hard focus on the object due to the speed at which the angles changed. Therefore I saw no good detail at all.

The azimuth angle continued to decrease as the object continued on a north heading, growing smaller in size. At around 20° - 25° azimuth, the azimuth held constant and the elevation angle began increasing from the 25° minimum to about 29°. The object then apparently disappeared due to distance after a total time of observation of about 60 seconds.

The object was not a balloon and was some distance away. Assuming escape velocity, a track was figured which put the elevation above the station of about 300,000 feet over the observed period. If this is true, the flight would have probably gone over the White Sands Proving Ground, Holloman Air Force Base and Los Alamos.

We made another pibal wind run 15 minutes later. This balloon burst after an 88 minute flight of 93,000 feet only 13 miles due south of us. Therefore this object could not have been a free balloon moving at such angular speed below 90,000 feet.

Information is desired if this was some new or experimental aircraft or for any explanation whatsoever.

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No clouds in sky, no haze.
No noise, very quiet in area
(no cars, planes or other engines running)
No trail, no exhaust visible.
No odor.

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Mr Welch:
L/C Moritz:
Mr Sullivan:
Maj Sproull:

# 'Huge Mystery Object' Is Probed by Air Force

LUBBOCK, Tex., Nov. 5 (AP). —The Air Force is investigating reports of a huge, strangely lighted mystery object spotted over this and other areas of the country.

The investigation was started yesterday at about the time a missile engineer reported seeing a "brilliant colored egg-shaped object" which he said stalled autos in New Mexico.

Witnesses say a mystery object skipped about the countryside here and near scientific military bases in New Mexico over the week end. The reported sightings startled citizens, peace officers and servicemen, but apparently left no concrete trace.

**Other Strange Lights**

James Stokes, 45, an engineer from the Air Force Missile Development Center at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamagordo, N. Mex., told news director Terry Clark of Station KALG, Alamogordo, that 10 autos were stopped on an isolated desert highway, U. S. 54, between White Sands Proving Grounds and Alamogordo yesterday.

His description was similar to ones reporting a big ball of fire flitting about much of this West Texas area over the week end. A huge oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was reported seen at White Sands Proving Ground Sunday, hovering near bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion.

Witnesses said other strange lights were seen over other parts of Texas, near Chicago and in Virginia.

Mr. Clark said the Air Force at Holloman gave him permission to use Mr. Stokes' story.

He said Mr. Stokes told him occupants of cars saw a strange, unidentified object flying toward them from the northeast. He said his auto radio faded and died, then his engine stopped. He said several other cars were also stalled.

**Object Moved Rapidly**

Looking up, he told Mr. Clark, "I saw a brillian colored egg-shaped object making a shallow dive across the sky to the northeast. Then it turned and made a pass at the highway and crossed it not more than 2 miles ahead. Then it moved away toward White Sands Proving Grounds to the southwest. As it passed . . . I could feel a kind of heat wave, like radiation from a giant sun lamp. But there was no sound. It had no visible portholes and there was no vapor trail."

"When I got back to my car and checked the engine, I found it intact, but the battery was steaming. But the engine started with no difficulty. I called officials at the Air Force Development Center and notified them of the sighting," he said.

He said the object moved

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very rapidly and its surface looked like "glowing mother of pearl."

He said an Allan D. Baker of Las Cruces, N. Mex., shot some pictures of the object.

Mr. Clark said he was unable to get a statement from Holloman officials and was unable to reach Mr. Baker. Mr. Stokes declined to speculate on what the object was.

A spokesman at Reese Air Force Base here said yesterday a representative of the Air Defense Command had flown in from the Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters.

Lt. Miles Penney, of White Sands said the glowing object was sighted by two different military patrols on the missile testing range 1½ hours apart Sunday.

**Reported 200 Feet Long**

Bill Haggard, information officer, said one patrol described it as "about 200 feet long and about 75 feet in diameter."

"The object, if it was an object sighted," Mr. Haggard said, "has absolutely no connection with White Sands Proving Grounds."

Saturday, Pedro Saucedo, 30, and other witnesses in this area reported a similar object.

Three policemen and a fireman in Chicago's suburban Elmwood Park said they saw a peculiar round glowing thing in the early morning sky yesterday. They said their car lights appeared to dim as they kept the prowl car spotlight focused on the thing.

At Martinsville, Va., Mrs. Ruby Hairston said she and her family saw a strange red glare Sunday night while driving to Bassett, Va., from Philpott Lake on the Carolina border.

"It faded from bright red to a pale amber pink, then brightened again," she said.

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White Sands, New Mexico 25 November 1952

I.- Description of Incident

The following is an extract from the Monthly Intelligence Summary, White Sands Proving Grounds. The source is a field grade officer assigned to White Sands:

"While returning to White Sands Proving Ground from Wm Beaumont Hospital, at approximately 2030 hours on 25 November 1952, I observed what appeared to be flares, or pyrotechnics, on the right side of the road. My first thought was that these objects were flares that were being fired by troops on a night project. However, shortly thereafter—a matter of seconds—I observed what appeared to be a flare land right in the middle of the road, about three or four hundred yards distant. It assumed the shape of a ball, having a green center, fading to a light hazy blue at the exterior. This light disappeared before my car arrived at the spot. After observing this light, I thought that the Department of Army had a new type pyrotechnics that I was not familiar with that they were using on a night problem. Approximately three to five minutes later I observed a light, or series of lights, approaching from the right side of the road, in the heavens, at an altitude of about three to five hundred feet and between 1/4 and 1/2 mile distant. I thought that probably, in conjunction with the night problem, this was an airborne drop of troops. I first thought it might be a C-119 or a C-123. However, this object made a right hand turn above the road and then disappeared at an angle of approximately 90° straight into the sky. I cannot state whether it was a plane or a type of aircraft. I can merely state that there were two rows of what appeared to be windows, brilliantly lighted, and I would estimate that they were five to six feet in height and six to eight windows in each of the two rows. After this object disappeared, I stopped my car and got out to see if I could see a plane but could see nothing. I turned off the motor on my car to see if I could hear the motors of a plane, but I could hear no sound. I then proceeded to White Sands Proving Ground."

II. Discussion of Incident

It is possible that the object was an aircraft except that from the description it appeared to be low if it were an aircraft, and evidentally no sound was heard. No follow-up investigation was made and since additional data are needed no evaluation can be made.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient data for evaluation.

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**TODAY'S SMILE**

LORETTO, Pa., Feb. 23 (AP)—Both Dumm and Sumner made the dean's honor list for the first semester at St. Francis College today. Sumner—Lee Dumm of Altoona and Lee Sumner of Cassandra, near Johnstown, are on the roll.

# Saucers at White Sands From Other Planets, Navy Officer Believes

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—A Navy officer says flying saucers were seen over the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds for guided missiles last year and he thinks the discs are space ships from another planet.

The officer, Commander Robert B. McLaughlin, writes in the March issue of True Magazine that saucers were seen at White Sands in April, May and June 1949.

On one occasion, he said, two small saucers chased a Navy rocket.

The Air Force has called the discs hoaxes or misunderstandings of natural phenomena.

However, McLaughlin, identified by the magazine as a naval ordnance and guided missile expert, wrote in his article:

"I am convinced that they . . . are space ships from another planet, operated by animate, intelligent beings."

In its January issue, True Magazine published an article by Donald E. Keyhoe, who also believed the saucers were space ships from another planet.

Said the Air Force at that time:

"Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

Next day the Air Force ended a two-year investigation into flying discs by labelling them "misinterpretation of various conven-

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# Saucers at Sands 'True Space Ships'

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tional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes.

McLaughlin said that in April, 1949, a group of Navy men and scientists "tracked" a disc with an instrument which was being used to watch a weather balloon and chart its progress upward.

He added that data obtained indicated the saucer was about 105 feet in diameter and flew at a speed of about five miles a second at an altitude of approximately 56 miles. It was visible for a minute.

McLaughlin wrote that in May, 1949, he personally watched a flying saucer at White Sands.

"As I watched it," he recounted, "it rapidly gained speed. The object had now passed overhead and I thought it was going to fall near a ranch house two or three miles west of us. But it spurted like a scalded cat, shot over the Organ Mountains behind us and disappeared."

**Saw Two Discs**

McLaughlin also wrote that in June other observers saw two small flying saucers flirting around a 2000-feet-per-second Navy rocket. The discs finally speeded up and passed the fast-

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# UAO Hovers Over Holloman AFB

On June 4 at approximately 12:30 a. m. a pale, blue-green globe-shaped light approached Holloman Air Force Base from the direction of Sierra Blanca (referred to as "Old Baldy Mountain") in the northwest. The speed of the object was not great, and the outstanding feature of this incident is what the object did when it reached the air base.

During a period of between 10 and 15 minutes astonished civilian and military observers watched the weird object swing to and fro like a pendulum. There was no discernible shape except the light, which was either large at high altitude or small at low altitude.

The light, as though bent on a specific mission, swung in even arcs over the base, then headed for White Sands Proving Ground, to the Southwest, and when over that area, again began the pendulum-like swing. It was observed by military and civilian personnel at the Proving Grounds also. After 10 or 15 minutes (we couldn't verify the *exact* time interval) of this maneuvering, the light began a swift ascension and disappeared into the sky over the Proving Ground.

The Director waited several weeks, meanwhile gathering pertinent information, before calling the PIO at Holloman for confirmation. On July 10 at 7:35 a. m. she called and talked to Public Information Officer Major John W McCurdy. She identified herself, then stated that she had called to inquire about the sighting made over Holloman in June. It was apparent the Major was familiar with the Director's name, for he didn't ask for it again. Neither did he ask about what specific sighting, or the details.

Major McCurdy merely said that the PIO had no information or official release on the sighting, and that "technical people would be more concerned" with such a matter. Mrs. Lorenzen then said, "Then you will neither confirm nor deny the sighting?" The Major said that was correct. Mrs. Lorenzen then thanked him for his courtesy and time and hung up the telephone.

The whole situation is somewhat disconcerting, as it only adds to the already sound assumption that the AF is holding back information regarding UAO. Major McCurdy was evidently well aware of the sighting, for he didn't seem curious about it. Usually reliable sources other than the eye witnesses who told us of the sighting, have informed us that radar confirmation was obtained, at least at Holloman if not aot White Sands, that a CIA investigator visited Holloman and the Photo Lab, and that films of the object and its maneuvers were obtained.

Holloman Air Research and Development Center is one of, if not the most, important guided missile testing range in the United States. No planes were sent up to investigate the strange, unknown aerial visitor which hovered for at least TEN MINUTES over the Base on June 4. To even theorize that the object was one of our own test vehicles is ridiculous—test missiles are not ranged over the base proper because such tactics would be too dangerous.

This observation is without a doubt one of the most important sightings ever to be made of an unconventional aerial object.

## *Four Objects Over Kansas City, Kansas*

We are indebted to Frank Inderwiesen for the following detailed account of four UAO in flight over Kansas City. Mr. Inderwiesen, an electronics engineer on business in this vicinity, had heard of us and stopped for a chat, meanwhile relating the following:

On 23 May, John Campbell, Theodore Cox, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Barnett, all employees of the main Quindaro Power Plant, observed four round, bluish-silver objects in the sky. Campbell and Cox were getting ready to do some painting, saw the objects and called to Mr. Wilson, head custodian and Mr. Barnett, the janitor, and they also observed the objects.

As they came into view, the objects were in a "box" formation with the first two objects about one diameter of the object apart, and the second two objects, also abreast of each other, spaced the same but about 6 or 7 diameters to the rear of the leaders. The observers estimated their speed to be betwen 300 and 500 mph, based on observations of the speed of B-47s they had watched.

Suddenly the rear pair of UAO flipped on edge, made a tight turn and headed northwest. The two forward objects continued on for a space, then flipped on edge, accelerated to catch up, then resumed formation with the others and the whole formation went out of sight. The UAO to the left in the rear formation was described as red, somewhat like a red neon sign, on top, and this red top was on the inside of the turn when the turn was made.

The observers said the objects appeared to be very thin when viewed on edge, as compared to the diameter. There was no sound and no trail. A TWA constellation was at about 2,000 feet in the sky, and the UAO appeared to be much higher. Surface winds were mrom the north.

The pairs of UAOs, after flipping on edge, made a tight turn in a formation like the two rear wheels of an automobile would make in executing a turn. Also it was noted that the objects did not completely return to a horizontal position after the turn, but remained slightly tilted as they faded into the distance. The total time the UAOs were in view was estimated at one and one-half to two minutes. The apparent size estimate is compared to a 50 cent piece at a distance of 5 feet from the eye. The time: 8:30 a. m.

None of the observers were flying saucer enthusiasts prior to this observation. Their supervisor, Mr. Peterson, vouched for the character of the observers, and missed seeing the UAOs by seconds, himself.

## *UAO Seen At Close Range By Airline Crew*

Valencia, Venezuela, June 9. The crew and passengers of a Linea Aeropostal Venezolana Douglas DC-3 reported seeing a strange luminous object which passed within a few meters of the plane at tremendous speed. The plane was piloted by Captain Vivas with co-pilot Rafael Hernandez and the object was seen on the route between Puerto Cabello and Valencia. All observers agreed that the object was luminous, flat, slightly round and travelling at a fantastic rate of speed. People residing in the region of El Cambur near the highway connecting Pto Cabello and Valencia also reported seeing the object, thus confirming the plane sighting, but from the ground. (Cr: H. Gonzales, from Ultimas Noticias, also personal radio report)

## *A BOOK REVIEW*

A veritable gold mine of facts is the new book, "The Inexplicable Sky" by Britisher Arthur Constance, which deals with meteors, fireballs, mirages, things that fall from the sky and latest facts about flying saucers. This book, in the writer's opinion, is one of those rare tomes which is not only well written but well researched. Mr. Constance is a meticulous writer, and is not afraid to criticize the "experts" who have made a muddle of scieontific research. The reader will not have realized how little he knew about such commonplace things as rain, until he has read this book and we highly recommend it to any individual who is interested in pure, unadulterated truth. Citadel Press, 222 Fourth Ave., New York 3, New York. Price $3.95.

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IMPORTANT INCOMING AND OUTGOING TELEPHONE MESSAGES

TO Captain E B Detchemendy

Time 3:00 Date 30 Aug 49

FROM International News Service Representative--Denver, Colo.

MESSAGE

In Captain Detchemendy's absence, representative asked to talk to secretary.

INS Rep: What is this story on the radio about some flying saucers at White Sands Proving Ground? It is put out by a [redacted] from Los Angeles--I believe.

Mrs. D. We have not released any information of such a nature from this office, however [redacted] was a guest of the Navy last week, and if he has made a release, they will be able to give you the information on same. Shall I switch you to the Navy headquarters where you may confirm his source of information, if any?

INS. Rep: Then you do not know anything about such a story?

Mrs. D: We have no such information, nor have we made any releases, in this office. However, I will switch you to Captain Gorry, and he will be able to answer your questions--since [redacted] visited th their headquarters recently.

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Switched call to Captain Gorry's extension.

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Mr Levy: [illegible]
L/C Cappucci: [illegible]
Mr Welch: .....
L/C Moritz: [illegible]
Mr Sullivan: .....
Maj Sproull: .....
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# Patrols Report Sighting 'Object' at White Sands

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M., Nov. 4 (AP) The White Sands Proving Ground announced today that a huge, oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was spotted Sunday hovering near bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion.

The sightings were made 17 hours apart by two different military police patrols on this southern New Mexico missile testing range. The first atomic bomb was touched off on the northern edge of the area July 16, 1945.

The commanding officer of the MPs said none of the men had heard radio reports or seen newspaper accounts of similar sightings in Texas.

Both sightings were in the area of abandoned bunkers used by technicians who observed the world's first atomic explosion. The bunkers are of until it was about 50 yards above the A-bomb bunkers, when it went out.

A few minutes later "the object became real bright, like the sun, then fell in an angle to the ground and went out," the patrol reported.

Penney said he had accompanied some of the MPs to the site today but found no physical evidence of the object's visit.

Neither jeep patrol had motor trouble. Some drivers who saw similar phenomena in Texas reported engine trouble.

Officials at White Sands said the phenomena had nothing to do with any activity of the base.

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