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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON San Francisco Bay Area, California	FROM (Agency) Dir of Intel. 28 AD, Hamilton AFB, Calif.	
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952 TWX 28th OID 01310 FLYOBRPT, 15 February 1953		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		
In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)", the following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted. On 13 February 1953, between 1758 and 1820, PST four observers manning a GOC Post on top of Mount Sutro in San Francisco, California sighted an unidentified flying object. This object was sighted over the ocean at an altitude estimated at 10,000 feet. The object was described as round with what appeared to be two vapor trails following it. The speed of this object was not estimated but it appeared considerably slower than that of an aircraft. No sound was heard from this object except during the period when it passed over the GOC Post. The object appeared to move up and down and had a zig zag course. Object disappeared over the city of San Francisco. Inclosed herewith is a copy of the story pertaining to these objects as printed by the San Francisco Examiner dated 14 February 1953. According to the Examiner thousands of persons in the Bay area observed the same or similar objects to the one described in this report during the early morning hours and early evening of 13 February 1953.		
1 Incl Newspaper article, San Francisco Examiner	<i>Orville E Bixel</i> ORVILLE E BIXEL Captain, USAF Director of Intelligence	
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An unidentified flying object was observed by four members of a GOC Post located on top of Mt. Sutro in San Francisco, California during the evening of 13 February 1953.

1. Description of object. One, round, black object which appeared to have two silver streaks following it (possibly vapor trails). Object appeared to be gaining and losing considerable altitude and flying a zig zag course. No means of propulsion were observed. A throbbing sound was heard apparently coming from the object as it passed overhead the GOC Post where the observers were located. The unidentified flying object disappeared from view over the city of San Francisco. Object was first observed approximately four miles to the West and over the ocean. Speed of this unidentified object appeared to be slower than that of a conventional aircraft.

2. Time of sighting was between 1758 and 1820 PST, 13 February 1953.

3. Manner of observation was visual without aids. No radar contacts with this object were reported.

4. Location of Observers during sighting was on top of Mount Sutro, San Francisco, California. The unidentified flying object was estimated by the observers as being approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

5. The observers of this object were: Ray Rogoway, 782 25th Ave, San Francisco, Calif; Roy Homer, 441 Hazel Ave, San Bernanito, Calif; Mack Morgan, 115 First Ave, San Francisco, Calif.

6. The weather was clear with a few scattered clouds. Visibility was reported as unlimited.

7. According to a newspaper article concerning similar sightings of unidentified flying objects which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner dated 14 February 1953, Dr. Otto Struve, a member of the University of California Astronomy Department explained the numerous sightings of "flying saucers" on 13 February 1953 as being caused by a temperature inversion.

8. Negative.

9. Negative.

10. Negative.

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