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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOB RPT - Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Southwestern United States	FROM (Agency) Headquarters 36th Air Division Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona	
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PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt David S. Costello	SOURCE Personal Interrogation of Witness	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

On 15 April 1953, four separate sightings were made of unidentified bright lights. All sightings were made from 32° 12' N 110° 57' W between 2145 to 2210. Twice the lights were observed heading in a direction from north to south and then turning to a northwest heading and disappearing. The observer estimates the sightings to be at an extremely high altitude. The only known aerial activity was a C-46 aircraft departing Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at 2159 for Travis Air Force Base, California.

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1. On the night of 15 April 1953, four unidentified sightings of lights over Tucson, Arizona, were observed and reported.

a. The first sighting was orange-red, predominating color was orange. It was first sighted coming from the north on a heading of south then making a right turn to a northwest heading. The light appeared to slow down before making the turn to the northwest. It appeared to be at an extremely high altitude. The path was definite and not erratic. No aerodynamic features, trail, propulsion system, or sound were noted. The speed resembled that of a shooting star.

b. The second sighting also came from the north heading south. It appeared similar, but brighter, and possibly lower than the first sighting. It also turned to the northwest but had not proceeded as far south as the first sighting before it turned. The observer took three 15 second time exposures with a box camera. Because of the speed of the film and short exposures the negatives were blank when developed. While the observer was writing information his wife saw two aircraft about 2202 hours proceeding on a northwesterly heading. Davis-Monthan Base Operations verified that a C-46 departed this station at 2159 for Travis Air Force Base, California. The heading taken for such a flight would be northwest.

c. The observer suggested that the third sighting could have been a very high speed aircraft. It was a blinking bluish light, going at a very high rate of speed in a turn of about 480° then disappeared. The observer took another exposure with his camera of 15 seconds which failed to show anything when developed.

d. The fourth sighting was orange and as bright as the second observation and was seen on a northwest heading for a short time only.

2. a. Sighting #1 - 2145 - approximately three minutes duration.

b. Sighting #2 - 2200 - one minute duration.

c. Sighting #3 - 2207 - few seconds.

d. Sighting #4 - 2210 - thirty seconds duration.

3. Observations were all visual.

4. Location of observer was at 2957 East 17th Street, Tucson, Arizona, coordinates 32° 12' North 110° 57' West.

5. The observer was S/Sgt Vincent A. Locey, AF 12348581, 358th Bomb Squadron, 303d Bombardment Wing, Medium, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona. Sergeant Locey has three years experience as a radar observer and plotter in the Navy and USAF. He has held the following MOS's - 768, 510, and 514. Sergeant Locey has approximately seven years of service and is a career airman. He is 24 years of age and appears to have sound and reliable judgement. His observations were also witnessed by his wife.

6. Tucson weather at 2130 was clear - 40/098/68/24/ - - - 8/992.

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7. There was no known meteorological activity which may have caused this phenomena.

8. Four photographs were taken of these sightings. Because of the slow speed of the film and short exposure time of 15 seconds the film was blank when developed.

9. No positive type of identification was made. (Evaluation F-3)

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