PROJECT 10073 REC[redacted] CA

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Incident #40

ATIC NO. _____

AF NO. _____

REPORT NO. _____

DATE OF REPORT _____

TIME OF SIGHTING 1600

SHAPE Elliptical

SIZE 20'-30'

COURSE NE to West

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND like jet on approach

PHOTOS yes SKETCHES none

DATE OF INFO 7 July 47

LOCATION Phoenix, Arizona

SOURCE male civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

COLOR grey

SPEED 400-600 mph Estimated / Measured

ALTITUDE 2000-5000' Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS spiraled down 5000' to 2000' then ascended at 45° angle

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Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Misc Sight #20

HEADQUARTERS 28TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON, CALIFORNIA

OID 3191

SUBJECT: Photographs of Unidentified Flying Objects (FLYOBJPT)

THRU: Commanding General
Western Air Defense Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

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TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with letter, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, dated 1 August 1952, the Historical Officer, this headquarters, forwarded negatives of "Flying Saucers" to the above office on 14 August 1952.

2. Forwarded herewith for information are copies of prints made from negatives sent to the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense.

3. Photographs of the "Flying Saucers" were taken by [redacted] on 7 July 1947 at Phoenix, Arizona. The first photograph, Incl No. 1, was reported taken when object was at its lowest point, approximately 2000 ft above the terrain. The second photograph, Incl No. 2, was reported taken when object started its climb upward.

4. Complete information relative to subject photographs may be obtained from the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, this Base.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls
1. Photo taken at lowest altitude
2. Photo taken as object started upward

JOHN H. HOFF,
CWO
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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cc:
CO, ATIC
ATTN: ATIAA-2c

[redacted]

CO, Air Tech Intel Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

AF HQ-33 (20 May 44)

HEADQUA[redacted]ERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Negatives of UFO's Taken By [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona in 1947

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: Capt Hardin

DATE 19 Jan 54

COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

AFOIN-X/Lt Col Smith/tjc/71092

These negatives and explaining letter were brought to this office for final disposition, therefore, we are forwarding to you.

W. K. SMITH
Lt Colonel, USAF

2 Incls
1. Ltr to PIO dtd 14 Aug 52 fr Capt Philip Hiaring, PIO
2. Negatives a/s

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AFOIN-2B3
Capt Fournet/llg/.
Wrtn 16 Jun 52

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Declassification of Unidentified Flying Object Photographs

1. In accordance with request contained in your memorandum of 5 June 1952, photographs 34921 A. C. and A-34921 A. C. taken by Mr. [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona in July 1947 have been reviewed by this office and an attempt has been made to locate the original negatives.

2. The original negatives are not on file in this Directorate nor at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. If it is determined that the Photographic Records and Services Division here does not have them, it is suggested that Mr. [redacted] be asked to furnish sufficient data to facilitate tracer action. Such information should include the name and rank of the officer to whom the negatives were submitted as well as the organization, location and date. All of this data should appear on the receipt obtained by Mr. [redacted]

3. If, upon completion of the action suggested above, it is established that the original negatives have never been returned to Mr. [redacted], it is recommended that this be done as soon as they can be located since current policy is to retain personal photographic negatives of unidentified flying objects only as long as is required to analyze and duplicate them for USAF use. Such action would automatically declassify the photographs.

4. It is also recommended that the letter accompanying the original negatives upon their return to Mr. [redacted] include an expression of apology. This should state our regret that, because of an oversight, the negatives were not returned promptly. Such a statement will possibly eliminate any air of secrecy which may have become associated with them as a result of their prolonged retention by the USAF. In this manner, it is hoped that Mr. [redacted] and the press will not accord them any unwarranted attention.

5. Although the photographs would be on file in this Headquarters as unclassified following the action suggested in paragraphs

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3 and 4, it is requested that no attention be directed to them, particularly that of press representatives, for the same reason as stated in paragraph 4.

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William W. Wilcox, Col. USAF
for: EDWARD H. PORTER
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence

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1. ITEM NO.	2. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL	3. DATE TRANSMITTED 11 June 1952
4. FROM: (Name & Symbol) UNCLASSIFIED Lt E. J. Ruppelt, ATIAA-2c		5. TO: (Name & Symbol) Capt Fournet, AFOIN-2B3

Security Information. Reference TT 143 dated 10 June 52, CSAF Item #4. ATIC has no negatives of the unidentified object that were taken by Mr. [redacted] in July 47. In addition, there is no information available as to whether or not [redacted] ever sent his negatives to the Air Force or whether he just sent prints. We do have some rather poor quality prints of the object. As you know, we have concluded that these photos were probably not authentic. It seems as if Mr. [redacted] attempted to get on the "picture selling band wagon" and if he can prove he sent the negatives to ATIC or to the Air Force and they were never returned, it may lead to a touchy situation. Will you answer Mr. [redacted] or do you request that we answer? Copy negatives of the prints can be made if you so desire, however, the originals are not here.

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TT-143 CSAF Item 4 SUBJECT NAME	13 June 52 SUSPENSE DATE	E588424 NUMBER
FROM AFOIN-2B3 Fournet	DATE 10 June 52	TYPE TT
	FILE DESIGNATION	

SUMMARY

7. ORIGINATED BY: (N...

Lt E. J. Ruppelt,

9. AUTHORIZED BY:

TO ATIAA-2c Ruppelt	TO	TO	TO	TO
DATE 10 June 52	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE

REPLIED OR INDORSED TO	FILED (Place)	OTHER ACTION

Air Adjutant General, ATIPA

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Block 9. Air Adjutant General Enter signature.

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CSAF ITEM 4 (UNCL)

[redacted]

TT 143
10 Jan 52

TO ATIAA2C RUPPELT

FROM AFOIN-2B3 FOURNET

REF PHOTOS OF U/I OBJECT TAKEN BY [redacted]

[redacted] OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA IN JULY 47.

USAF OPR HAS REQUEST FROM [redacted] FOR RETURN

OF HIS NEGATIVES AS REF ABOVE. REQUEST

YOU SEARCH YOUR FILES FOR THESE AND, IF

FOUND, FORWARD THEM TO US SOONEST. WE

WILL ENSURE THAT DUPLICATE NGEATIVEES ARE

MADE FOR YOU BEFORE RETURN TO [redacted]

PLS ADVISE SOONEST ACTION BEING TAKEN.

END CSAF ITEM 4 (UNCL)

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ACTION

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ITEM 3 AMC [redacted]
FROM LT E J RUPPELT ATIAA-2C
TO CAPT FOURNET AFOIN-2B3

TT 144
11 Jun 52

[redacted]

INFORMATION

REFERENCE TT 143 DATED 10 JUNE 52, CSAF ITEM NO 4. ATIC HAS NO NEGATIVES OF THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT THAT WERE TAKEN BY MR. [redacted] IN JULY 47. IN ADDITION, THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO WHETHER MR. [redacted] EVER SENT HIS NEGATIVES TO THE AIR ORCE OR WHETHER HE JUST SENT PRINTS. WE DO HAVE SOME RATHER POOR QUALITY PRINTS OF THE OBJECT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THESE PHOTOS WERE PROBABLY NOT AUTHENTIC. IT SEEMS AS IF MR. [redacted] IS ATTEMPTING TO GET ON THE "PICTURE SEELING BAND WAGON" AND IF HE CAN PROVE HE SENT THE NEGATIVES TO ATIC OR TO THE AIR FORCE AND THEY WERE NEVER RETURNED, IT MAY LEAD TO A TOUCHY SITUATION. WILL YOU ANSWER MR. [redacted] OR DO YOU REQUEST THAT WE ANSWER? COPY NEGATIVES OF THE PRINTS CAN BE MADE IF YOU SO DESIRE, HOWEVER, THE ORIGINALS ARE NOT HERE.

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END ITEM 3 AMC [redacted]

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PROJECT CONTR RECORD	PROJECT NO. 6-109

SUBJECT

Declassifying Photographs of Unidentified Flyint Objects

DEADLINE	DATE RECEIVED
12 June	10 June

ORIGINATED BY

Deputy Dir of Public Info

ACTION BRANCH	BRANCH PROJECT OFFICER
TC	

REQUIREMENT

For preparation of reply & return to OIN-2B.

PROPOSED APPROACH

Routine

ACTION TAKEN

Prepared Memo For Deputy Director of Public Information, 16 Jun 52

RECOMMENDED FURTHER ACTION

None

MAN HOURS REQUIRED

Capt Fournet- 1 hour
Miss Guider - 45 minutes

DATE FORWARDED	APPROVED BY

AFHQ FORM 0-553
28 JUN 51

PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.

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5 June 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, DCS/O

SUBJECT: Declassifying Photographs of Unidentified Flying Objects

1. This office understands that two photographs of unidentified flying objects were taken by a Mr. [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona, and that these photographs were turned over to Fourth Air Force Intelligence in July of 1947.

This office has been contacted by Mr. [redacted] who is requesting return of his original negatives.

3. The two photographs were copied by the Photographic Records and Services Division of the Air Adjutant General's Office at this headquarters and are in a confidential file of Unidentified Missiles as A-34921AC and 34921AC.

4. This office requests that consideration be given to declassifying these two photographs and that the original negatives be sent to this office for return to Mr. [redacted]

/s/
ARNO H. LUEHMAN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Director of
Public Information

Copied 16 Jun/llg

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PANORAMIC RESEARCH LABORATORY

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, KIRTLAND AFB

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

1. Will check the below listed organizations to ascertain the standing of [redacted].

a. Chamber of Commerce.
b. Better Business Bureau.
c. Credit Bureau
d. Local Law Enforcement agencies.
e. FBI.
f. Any other source deemed advisable.

2. Will obtain any available information on the type and amount of business conducted by [redacted] and with whom; and the social and professional status of SUBJECT.

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FUGATE further related that about four months ago, approximately February, a friend had shown him an article in the Question and Answer Section of a magazine. FUGATE advised that the magazine is titled "Amazing Stories." The article was based on a letter by a Mr. [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona. The article stated that Mr. [redacted] had been interviewed by two Federal agents. That he [redacted] had turned over two pictures of "flying discs" to these agents, and that the pictures had never been returned. Mr. [redacted] desired information as to how he could sue the Federal Government for these pictures. Mr. FUGATE feels that this individual is the SUBJECT of this investigation, [redacted]

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon a Routing & Record Sheet, subject: "Investigation of Flying Discs," dated 2 May 1949, signed by W. R. CLINGERMAN, Colonel, USAF, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Colonel CLINGERMAN indicates that he is in receipt of a Memorandum written by GEORGE FUGATE, JR, Special Agent, CIC-ADC-4AF, in which Mr. [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, hereinafter referred to as SUBJECT, was interviewed as an observer of a "flying disc." SUBJECT contended that he took a picture of this disc, and two positive prints of these photos were turned over to the CIC agent. Photographic experts cannot agree as to whether the photographs mentioned in SA FUGATE'S report could have been taken under the conditions described. The experts do agree that the technique used in development and printing of the pictures is extremely crude.

Colonel CLINGERMAN requests inquiry to investigate the standing of the [redacted] and of SUBJECT in the community. It is further desired to know the type and amount of business conducted by the organization and with whom; and the social and professional status of SUBJECT.

Colonel CLINGERMAN states that later correspondence from the SUBJECT implies that he is connected with a [redacted] and Observatory in Phoenix, Arizona and refers to himself variously as Chief of Staff and President of that organization. He also uses the title "Doctor." According to his letterhead, one of the specialties of [redacted]

AT DAYTON, OHIO

2. On 16 May 1949 at the Headquarters 5th District OSI (IG), the writer interviewed Special Agent GEORGE FUGATE, JR, previously mentioned in this report, formerly a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps, Air Defense Command, 4th Air Force.

Mr. FUGATE said that the interview resulting in the Memorandum previously mentioned was a bit hazy in his mind. FUGATE said that he had been instructed to interview SUBJECT in the company of Special Agent BROWER of the FBI Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. FUGATE states that the thing he remembers most is the fact he saw a large quantity of expensive looking radio equipment in SUBJECT'S home. This did not seem to be in keeping with SUBJECT'S station in life.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 5D-24-27

DATE 19 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR

REPORT MADE AT
DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

PERIOD
15, 16, 17 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

STATUS
PENDING

TITLE
[redacted]

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by the Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, in connection with a "flying disc" report. Information on the status of SUBJECT'S business and the standing of SUBJECT in the community is desired.

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DO #17, Kirtland AFB 2
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ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO

CG, AMC
ATTN: MCIAXS

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APPROVED

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting *District Commander.*

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Replaces AFCSI Form [redacted] which may be used.

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5D-24-27

19 May 1949

SUBJECT: [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to Comment 1, R&R from your office, subject: "Investigation of Flying Discs," dated 2 May 1949, signed by Colonel W. R. CLINGERMAN.

2. Attached for your information are two copies of the report of Special Agent Thomas F. Doyle, Jr, 5th OSI District, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 19 May 1949.

3. This is an initial report. The investigation is continuing in other OSI District offices. Subsequent reports will be forwarded for your review.

1 Incl
Rpt of SA T. F. Doyle
dtd 19 May 49 (in dup)

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

Copy to: OSI Hq

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Identification of Subject Matter (as per sample)

MCIT MCIAXS 16 Mar 49 21
ATTN: Mr [redacted]

1. The results obtained in Comment 1 were made before your office received the camera in question. It is, therefore, requested that additional comment be forwarded giving results of the completed examination.

2. Clarification is desired on the following points:

a. Par 1a Comment 1. The conclusion as a result of relations between the "tail" of the image, distortion due to shutter, speed of object and shutter speed.

b. Par 1b Comment 1. The subject is stated as having low visual contrast whereas in the contact print the contrast is very great.

2 Incls
1. Photographs
2. Cy of Rpt
by S/A Fugate, Jr

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR
Lt Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

5D-OSI/TFD/ej

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-27

15 September 1949
C-1661

SUBJECT: [redacted]

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to report of Special Agent THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR. of this office, dated 19 May 1949.

2. Attached for your further information are two copies of the report of Special Agent LYNN C. ALDRICH, District Office No. 17, Kirtland AFB, dated 17 August 1949. With the submission of this report all logical investigative leads have been covered and reported.

3. In order that OSI records may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of any action which may be taken.

1 Incl (in dup)
R/I of S/A ALDRICH,
dtd 17 Aug 49

JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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MCLAXO-3

18 June

[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Receipt of your letter to Col McCoy is acknowledged.

A letter has been written to Mr. Lewis Larmore as per your suggestion in an attempt to secure copies of the photographs mentioned.

It would be appreciated if you would forward any additional information about this or other sightings that may come to your attention.

Yours very truly,

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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(Unclassified) Aerial Phenomena

Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O, Air Intelligence Rqmts
Div, Documents & Dissemination Branch

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Office of Special Investigations, IG

Maj Kellerman/lse/72231
AFCSI

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1. Forwarded herewith for your information is copy of a report of investigation dated 17 August 1949, subject: [redacted] (Incl 1).

2. Paragraph 8, above referenced report, states that Subject, on 7 July 1947, had taken photographs of an odd shaped aircraft. Attached hereto, as Incls 2 and 3, are copies of the photographs mentioned in the report.

3 Incls
1. Cy R/I, 17 Aug 49
2. Photo re Aircraft
3. Photo re Aircraft

WILLIAM M. TURNER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

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Police Department
Sheriff's Office, Maricopa County
State Bureau of Criminal Identification

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INCLOSURES

FOR CG, AMC, (MCIAXS), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

Exhibit A, the original copy of [redacted] credit record as maintained at the Credit Bureau of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

FOR DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

Exhibit A, a carbon copy of [redacted] credit record as maintained at the Credit Bureau of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

FOR OSI HEADQUARTERS

Exhibit A, a carbon copy of [redacted] credit record as maintained at the Credit Bureau of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

FOR DO #17, KIRTLAND AFB

Exhibit A, a carbon copy of [redacted] credit record as maintained at the Credit Bureau of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

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ground; that he fully expected that the object would be light on a dark background. He described the light spot which appears in the center of the object (Exhibit II) as being a green house. [redacted] insisted that the ship made no noise that was audible to his ear and he was unable to detect the presence of any propeller. He also related that after the newspaper release over Radio Station KTAR, wherein statements were made that he, [redacted] had stated Army officials were studying the photographs, and that it was a top secret, he attempted to determine the source of this release and the Radio station finally told him that it was a United Press release from Washington, D. C.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Age	30
Date birth	12-29-16
Place birth	[redacted]
Height	6' 3"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Education	Phoenix Union High School
Marital status	Married - one son

It should be stated that at the time of interview with [redacted] Mr. BROWER identified himself as an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigaion and exhibited his credentials. However, pursuant to a request from Mr. FUGATE, he was introduced only as a representative of the United States government. His exact official connection was not made known to Mr. [redacted] Agent BROWER advised that he felt it was a peculiar procedure, but it was not his business. However, at the conclusion of the interview, Mr. [redacted] requested Mr. [redacted] to furnish him with the negatives and [redacted] stated he would be glad to do so, but they were not in his immediate possession, andhe would deliver them to the FBI the following morning. Mr. [redacted] requested that the negatives be returned to him. Agent [redacted] states that to this request, Mr. [redacted] made no reply. Agent BROWER states that after leaving Mr. [redacted] he asked [redacted] if the negatives would be returned to Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that he doubted very much that they would be returned. Mr. [redacted] then advised Mr. FUGATE that before he, BROWER, would accept these negatives that [redacted] must be advised of Mr. FUGATE's identity and also advised that the negatives, if turned over to Mr. FUGATE, would not be returned to him.

In view of which, on the morning of August 30, 1947, when Mr. [redacted] called at the Phoenix office to deliver the negatives, they were accepted only after he was advised that they were being given to Mr. FUGATE, a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. [redacted] turned the negatives over to this office with the full understanding that they were being given to the Army and that he would not get them back.

9. On 20 June 1949, name files of the following agencies were checked with negative results:

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and the clouds were at approximately 5,000 feet, the color of which was grey and they resembled dense cumulus. A fifteen mile per hour wind was blowing. At approximately 5 PM on that date, Mr. [redacted] was walking from his home to the Hobby Shop and he heard a noise resembling a P-80 aircraft, apparently coming in a westerly direction. Upon searching the skies he observed to the northeast what appeared to be an odd shaped ship. He described this ship as being possibly 20 to 30 feet in diameter, traveling at an estimated speed of 100 miles per hour. It appeared to be making a spiral in a small radius of possibly one-half to three quarters of a mile. [redacted] stated the sound which he first heard was no longer audible; that he hurriedly procured a 120 Brownie Box Camera from his shop, and as the aircraft completed the first circle he obtained a photograph. As the ship started on the second turn, it was in a northwesterly direction from his place and he again snapped a photograph, which more closely resembled the shape of the ship than photograph #1, this being designated as Exhibit II, as submitted to the Bureau with letter dated August 4, 1947, by the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff A-2 Intelligence, Hamilton Field, California. [redacted] further described the direction of the ship by stating that instead of completing the left-hand downward spiral the ship banked to the right and disappeared into the clouds. He stated that just as it banked, he had snapped the second photograph, Exhibit II.

At the last point, which was at the time the ship made this turn, Mr. [redacted] estimated it to be between 1,000 and 2,000 feet high. He further described the appearance of this ship as closely resembling a picture which appeared on the front cover of the May 1947, issue of the Mechanics Illustrated Magazine, the only difference noted by Mr. [redacted] being that the ship appeared to be flying backward.

Mr. [redacted] also related that he did not associate the appearance of this ship with the numerous reports of flying discs. He related, however, that after a three minute interview with newspaper reporters the story that appeared in the local papers was "blown up" to the extent that he, [redacted] barely recognized the information furnished by him. Mr. [redacted] explained that the aforementioned dimensions and distances were only estimated, pointing out that his previous experience probably assisted him in making fairly close estimates. He related that he had been doing experimental work for the past ten years. He also stated he was employed at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Washington, D. C. during the early part of World War II and left there the beginning of 1942. Upon his return to Phoenix, he was employed at Falcon Field near Phoenix which was leased by the British Government for training purposes. He instructed in instrument training, aircraft identification and gunnery practice. He explained that his hobbies have to do with science, physics, radio, electronics and astronomy. He produced a model which he had made of a radio controlled airplane. He related that most of his work consists of building transformers but it is also necessary for him to depend upon his musical ability for his livilihood.

In explaining the results of photographing the chipm Mr. [redacted] stated that he was surprised that the object appeared dark on a light back-

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6. SUBJECT's father and mother are presently living with [redacted] SUBJECT's mother was born in Russia and came to the United States in 1900. She married Mr. [redacted], a U. S. Citizen, shortly after the start of World War I. SUBJECT is an only child. SUBJECT is divorced from his first wife, [redacted], and has the custody of their seven (7) year old son. [redacted] married [redacted], a girl from a prominent Mesa, Arizona family, in 1947. SUBJECT's wife teaches the 4th grade at [redacted] school and this is the only source of income the [redacted] family has, except when SUBJECT occassionally plays with a dance band. SUBJECT owns a 1947 Willy's Jeep station wagon as well as his home. [redacted] and his family are presently on an extended vacation trip through the western states. SUBJECT is not a religious man and is a registered Democrat, although he did not vote in the last election. As far as Informants know, SUBJECT is honest, truthful, loyal, dependable and one who has no bad habits. [redacted] has no close friends or acquaintances and Informants knew of no one else who knew SUBJECT except Mrs [redacted], a neighbor.

7. On 18 July 1949, Mrs [redacted] clerk for the [redacted] was interviewed and related she had been a neighbor of [redacted] since 1943, but does not know him too well, inasmuch as she works during the day. SUBJECT has caused no trouble in the community and is a good neighbor. SUBJECT is an inventor and devotes all of his time to research in electonics, astronomy, radio and photography. [redacted] develops and prints all of his photographs, is an excellent radio repairman and built a small telescope to study astronomy. SUBJECT recently wrote a thesis on astronomy and was offered an honorary scholarship by some big University in the east (name unknown). SUBJECT is a musician by trade and has no steady job. He plays occassionally with a dance band in and around Phoenix. SUBJECT's wife, [redacted] is a school teacher at [redacted] school and her pay is the only source of income the [redacted] have. SUBJECT has a seven (7) year old son by his first marriage and married his present wife in 1947. SUBJECT's mother was born in Russia and came to this country in 1901. [redacted] is an only child, is emotionally high strung and egotistical. SUBJECT's parents are presently living with him and his mother is an invalid. Informant considers [redacted] an asset to the neighborhood, as he is community minded and devotes much of his time to community projects. SUBJECT dislikes cats and dogs and has shot one dog and several cats which have come into his yard. SUBJECT owns his home and a 1947 Willy's Jeep station wagon. SUBJECT has no religious belief and Mrs [redacted] did not know his political affiliation. [redacted] is honest, truthful, dependable and a loyal citizen. SUBJECT has no close friends or acquaintances and Informant knew of no other individuals who knew SUBJECT.

8. On 20 June 1949, the records of T-1, a Federal Investigative Agency were checked and the following information was obtained:

[redacted], Phoenix, Arizona owns and maintains the [redacted] and [redacted] at this address, and he related the following as occurring on the afternoon of July 7, 1947:

A storm had occurred in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947,

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DETAILS:

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AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

1. On 7 June 1949, the records of the Better Business Bureau, Room 257, Adams Hotel; the Chamber of Commerce, 124 North Second Ave; and the Arizona Corporation Commission, Capitol Annex, reflected no record concerning SUBJECT or the PANORAMIC RESEARCH LABORATORY.

2. On 7 June 1949, the City Directories revealed the following information, during the years shown:

1942 No record
1945-46 [redacted] employee of Wayne's Midway Inn)
1946-47 [redacted] Research Laboratory, h[redacted]
1947-48 [redacted] h[redacted]
1948-49 [redacted]
1949-50 [redacted] musician, [redacted]

"NOTE: There no city directories published from 1942 to 1945."

3. On 7 June 1949, the June 1949 telephone directory was reviewed and reflected SUBJECT was listed as: [redacted] The classified section of the phone directory failed to disclose SUBJECT's name under Physicians & Surgeons (MD), Dentists and Veterinarians.

4. On 21 June 1949, record of the Credit Bureau, 1017 N Central Ave, were checked and a copy of [redacted] credit record was obtained and is inclosed as Exhibit A. There was no record of any credit transactions under the name of [redacted]

5. On 15 July 1949, Mr and Mrs [redacted], [redacted]. were interviewed and stated they have been neighbors of SUBJECT since 1943. SUBJECT is an excellent neighbor, has caused no trouble in the community and devotes considerable time to community projects. SUBJECT is emotionally high strung, egotistical and a genius when it comes to the fundamentals of radio and electronics. SUBJECT has no real occupation but is a musician by trade. [redacted] devotes most of his time to research work in radio, electronics, astronomy, radar and photography. SUBJECT has built a small telescope to study astronomy, has made a television set and numerous other items. [redacted] recently wrote a scientific article for a nationally known magazine (name unknown) which was read by someone (name unknown) at [redacted] University. As a result of this article SUBJECT was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from [redacted] University. Informants disclosed that the name [redacted] was devised by [redacted] to impress people and that he conducts no business under this name.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-23	DATE 17 August 1949
REPORT MADE BY LYNN C. ALDRICH	
REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB	
PERIOD 7,20,21 June, 15,18,19 July 49	
OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
STATUS RUC	

TITLE [redacted]

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Rpt of Invest by SA THOMAS F. DOYLE, Jr., DO 5, Wright-Patterson AFB, file #5d-24-27, dtd 19 May 49.

SYNOPSIS

Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Arizona Corporation Commission checked with negative results. Credit Bureau record attached as Exhibit A. City directories and telephone directory checked. Mr and Mrs. [redacted] neighbors, stated SUBJECT is excellent neighbor, caused no trouble, is emotionally high strung, egotistical and a genius in fundamentals of radio and electronics. SUBJECT is musician by trade, has no steady job and devotes all of his time to research. SUBJECT wrote scientific article for nationally known magazine and received honorary Doctor of Science degree from [redacted] University for this article. [redacted] was name devised by SUBJECT to impress people with his importance. SUBJECT conducts no business under this name; enjoys a good reputation in community and is a loyal American. Mrs [redacted] another neighbor, disclosed SUBJECT is a good neighbor and has caused no trouble in community. SUBJECT is musician by trade, but devotes his time to research in electronics, astronomy, radio and photography. SUBJECT wrote thesis on astronomy and was offered an honorary scholarship by big University in east (name unknown). SUBJECT has no close friends or associates, and informant knew no information concerning the origin of [redacted] Files of T-1 reflected the report of interview and observations of Agent. Local agencies checked with negative results.

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photograph includes the tops of some trees and a telephone pole. Mr. [redacted] stated that he developed the negatives himself. He still had the negative of the first photograph (Exhibit III), but he could not find the negative for the second photograph.

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George Fugate, Jr., Special Agent, CIC-ADC-4AF

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Investigation of "Flying Discs"
2 September 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

On 29 August 1947 in the presence of S/A Brower (FBI Office, Phoenix, Arizona) [redacted] was interviewed at his residence at [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, in connection with investigation of the "Flying Discs". Mr. Rhodes stated that on the afternoon of 7 July 1947 immediately following a local thunderstorm, at about 1600 hrs., he was walking from his home toward his workshop (located approximately 100ft. directly back of the house) when he heard a noise in the east which sounded to him very much like the approach of a jet airplane, possibly a P-80. He stopped and looked to the east but saw nothing for several seconds. A few seconds later, however, an object appeared from the north-east. The object seemed elliptical in shape with a diameter of 20-30ft. At first sight, it appeared to be at about 5000ft., traveling about 400 to 600MPH. Its color was grey, which made it blend into the clouds and difficult to see at a distance. As soon as it appeared in the north-east, the object spiraled downward reaching a level of about 2000ft. at the end of its second spiral, and then started upward into the west at an angle of 45 degrees, disappearing into the cumulus clouds which appeared to be at about 5000ft. at that time. The object was visible from the time of its appearance in the north-east to its disappearance into the west about 60 seconds. In spite of the fact that a noise was heard prior to the appearance of the object, while in view, it produced no audible sound. The tail of the object had two points on the outside area, visible as it made its two left-to-right circles, which had an approximate radius of 1/4 to 1/2 miles. The object had what looked like a cockpit canopy in the center extending toward the back and under the object. The cockpit did not protrude from the surface but was clearly visible with the naked eye. The object was not revolving on its own axis. It had no discernible landing gears nor propellers. It appeared to have an excellent air foil (tapered from wing tip to wing tip). Mr. [redacted] stated that it is possible that he did not hear the object while it was in sight because of the rustling of tree leaves set up by a wind velocity of 10-15MPH. He also stated that the first sight of the object caused him to think it might be the Navy's new Flapjack plane illustrated on the cover of the May 1947 issue of "Mechanix Illustrated". He later altered his opinion because the object appeared to have no landing gears and no propellers, and the Navy ship is illustrated as having both. [redacted] stated that immediately after the object had started into its first spiral he ran to get his camera, which he kept loaded and set at all times for the purpose of taking candid action shots of his family and which he kept right inside the door of the workshop. By the time he returned with it, the object had completed one circle and had started on its second. At the same time he called to his wife who was in the house, but by the time she arrived in the back yard the object had disappeared. [redacted] stated that he managed to take one photograph of the object while it was at its lowest point (about 2000ft.) (Exhibit I) and another just as it turned out of its second spiral and started upward. (Exhibit II). The second

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

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SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.
ATTENTION: AC of AS-2

Attached MOIC is forwarded your office in compliance with letter Headquarters Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field, New York, subject as above, dated 7 July 47.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WILLIAM F. TURNER,
CWO, U. S. Army,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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MOIC Aldrich 14 Jul 47 (dup)

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS,
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,
ARIZONA.

14 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 8 July 1947, this Agent obtained pictures of unidentifiable objects, (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. [redacted], Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 7 July 1947. The Subject objects flew at unconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. [redacted] home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 620. The photograph (Exhibit 1) was taken as the object passed in front of Mr. [redacted] and Exhibit 2 as the object turned towards Mr. [redacted] The height of the object was estimated at 1000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentifiable objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this office of objects seen by military personnel.

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Lynn. C. Aldrich, Special Agent, EIC - AAF, FDTRC

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FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS WEEK I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MR

[redacted] PHOENIX ARIZONA

REGARDING MORE AND BETTER PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OBJECT

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MCIAXO-3/JCB/ew

FROM: AMC

DATE: 8 June 1948

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence Div
Intelligence Dept.
NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TO: [redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

CLASS:

TELETYPE NO. MCIAXO-6-1. REQUEST ANSWER BY GOVERNMENT COLLECT TELEGRAM AS TO WHEN ANSWER TO LETTER THIS HQ DATED 26 MAY CAN BE EXPECTED. DIRECT ANY REPLY TO TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MCIAXO-3.

C. G. OR C. O.	CONTROL OFFICE	MAINTENANCE	P & T	SUPPLY	BUDGET & FISCAL	OTHERS

COORDINATION

[redacted]

Laboratory and Observatory
[redacted] Chief of Staff
Phoenix, Arizona

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11 May 1948

Report of Trip to Holloman Air Force Base, 5 - 6 May 1948

1. The primary purpose of this trip was to interview Dr. [redacted], representing the Watson Laboratories, who was temporarily on loan to Holloman Air Force Base. Upon arrival, it was learned that Dr. [redacted] had returned to the Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, N. J. A teletype sent from Holloman Air Force Base stating that Dr. [redacted] would not be available for interview did not reach Hq, AMC in sufficient time to postpone the visit. However, it was learned that Dr. [redacted] would be at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. on or about 11 May 1948 for an indefinite period of time.

2. A civilian, Mr. [redacted] who works in the same laboratory with Dr. [redacted] had also seen the unidentified flying object while in the presence of Dr. [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] was interviewed with the following stated results:

a. The object definitely was not a balloon.

b. The object appeared round and shiny, at great altitudes and moved at a high rate of speed.

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3. Mr. [redacted] promised to send in a detailed report through channels, together with the report of another civilian who also witnessed the phenomenon.

4. It was also learned that a Lt Markley who works in the Radar Laboratory at Holloman AF Base has, on several occasions in the past, witnessed on his scope unidentified flying objects at high altitudes, moving at a very high rate of speed. Lt Markley was not available for interview; however, a request for a detailed report of these observations was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base.

5. Lt Colonel James C. Beam and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding proceeded to Phoenix, Ariz. to interview Mr. [redacted] and follow up on the report and photographs submitted by him some months ago. Although Mr. [redacted] is currently employed as a piano player in a night club, his primary interest is in a small but quite complete laboratory behind his home. According to his business card, this laboratory is called "[redacted], and [redacted] is referred to as the "[redacted]. Mr. [redacted] appeared to be completely sincere and apparently is quite interested in scientific experiments. Mr. [redacted] stated he was an aircraft recognition instructor during the last war, and that in his opinion, the object sighted definitely was not a wind-blown object. He reiterated that the object was not less than 2000 ft. away and that it was not much more than 2000 ft. away unless he had greatly underestimated its size. Mr. [redacted] pointed out where he had stood when he took the pictures of this flying object and indicated the exact paths of approach and departure of the object. He added that when the object turned directly away from him, he observed what appeared to be one large opening or vent across the entire trailing edge. Mr. [redacted] promised to send in another more detailed report, incorporating this observation.

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6. Mr. [redacted] also mentioned having seen a series of photographs taken by another civilian in Phoenix, Ariz. on approximately the same day. He promised to investigate this phase and to forward a set of these photographs to this headquarters if they are available. Mr. [redacted] permitted the ordinary box type camera with which he took his pictures to be brought to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for examination.

JAMES C. BEAM
Lt Colonel, USAF
Project Officer

Concurred in:

ALFRED C. LOEDDING
Technical Assistant
Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 40

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1. Date 7 July 1947
2. Time 1600
3. Location Phoenix, Arizona
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observor [redacted] Arizona
7. Place of observation 37° 27' N 112° 3' W
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 2,000 ft to 5,000 ft
12. Speed 400-600 MPH
13. Direction of flight ~~N/SX~~ NE to West
14. Tactics Spiraled down from 5000' to 2000 ft and then ascended at 45° angle
15. Soumd Noise like jet on approach - no sound heard while in view
16. Size 20-30 ft
17. Color grey
18. Shape elliptical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Cumulus clouds
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Photos (2)
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (Over)

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Object appeared elliptical in shape and had a diameter of 20-30 feet. When first seen it was at about 5,000 ft and traveling from 400 to 600 MPH. Its grey color rendered it difficult to perceive at a distance as it blended with the clouds. Although a jet-like noise was heard prior to the object's appearance no audible sound was produced while it remained in view. The tail of the object had two points on the outside area, visible as it made its two left-to-right circles which had an approximate radius of 1/4 to 1/2 miles. The object had what appeared to be a cockpit canopy in the center which extended toward the back and beneath the object. The "cockpit" did not protrude from the surface but was clearly visible with the naked eye. The object did not revolve on its own axis. It had no discernible landing gears nor propellers. It appeared to have an excellent air foil (tapered from wing tip to wing tip). Mr. [redacted] thought that the 10-15 MPH wind velocity which caused a rustling of tree leaves might have made it impossible for him to hear any noise connected with the object. He also stated that he thought the object was the Navy's new "Flapjack Plane" but altered his opinion since the object seemed to have no landing gears and no propellers. (The Navy ship is illustrated as having both). [redacted]managed to take one photograph of the object at its lowest point (about 2000 ft) and another as it turned out of its second spiral and started upward.

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Request for Additional Information on Camera ([redacted] Incident #40)

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1. Reference is made to inclosed copy of "Memorandum for the Officer in Charge", dated 14 July 1947, pertaining to pictures taken by Mr. [redacted].

2. It is requested that action be taken to obtain the information listed below so that it will be possible to determine the size of the object:

a. Name of the camera used.

b. The exact frame size.

c. Focal length of lens and "F" value used.

1 Incl
Memo dtd 14 Jul 47 (in dup)

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Technical Assistant
Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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Incident No. 40 — 7 July 1947, 1600 hours, Phoenix, Airzona.
One observer witnessed an elliptical, flat, gray object, measuring 20-30 ft across, flying 400-600 MPH, spiraling downward to 2000 ft from 5000 ft, then ascending at a 45° angle into an overcast. Observer ran into a garage where he obtained a Kodak Brownie 120 box camera, and snapped two pictures; one negative, and a print of the other, are contained in project files. The negative displays a small apparently flat object rounded on one end, and pointed on the other. The object appears to have a hole in the center. The image is in stark contrast with the background of clouds. From the print, the object appears to be jet black with sharp outlines. Four expert photographers concur in the opinion that the image is of true photographic nature. However, they disagree with each other as to the possibility of filming such an occurrence under the conditions described. Considering the object was grey as described, and at a distance of 2000 feet, it seems unlikely that it would appear pure black on the print. In subsequent correspondence to the reporter of this incident, the observer refers to himself as [redacted] the letterhead of which lists photography among one of its specialities. Yet, the negative was carelessly cut and faultily developed. It is covered with streaks and over a period of six months, has faded very noticeably. An OSI agent discovered that a letter by this observer was published by Amazing Stories magazine early this year. In this letter he stated that he had been interviewed by two Federal agents, had given them pictures of "flying discs" and that the pictures had not been returned. He requested the advice of the magazine as to how to proceed to sue the Government. This individual is aware of the whereabouts of these pictures, but has never requested their return. There are other undesirable aspects to this case. The observer's character and business affiliations are presently under investigation, the results of which are not yet known. Dr. Irving Langmuir studied subject photographs, and after learning of the prior passage of a thunderstorm, discounted the photographed object as being merely paper swept up by the winds.

AIC Opinion: In view of the apparent character of the witness, the conclusion by Dr. Langmuir seems entirely probable.

TO MCIAXS FROM MCIS DATE 21 Mar 49 COMMENT NO. 3. (Con'd)

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of a soft ball batter in which a shadow of the ball and bat on the ground are separated by approximately 4 inches and the image of the bat and ball are in contact. In the case of the Rotary type shutter another type of distortion is introduced due to the wiping action of the shutter aperture. This distortion makes it quite probable for the elongration of the tail as shown on one of the exhibits of the attached report. The camera which took this photograph being a box camera had a rotary wiping type shutter.

b. In clarification of comment in sub-paragraph b, paragraph 2, Comment No. 2, the following explanation is given: In the photographic processes it is quite possible to increase the contrast of the finished product over the original visual contrast of the original object by increasing developing time of the negative and printing that negative on a hard or contrasty paper. As stated in the report by Mr. [redacted] the object being grey blended with the grey overcast cloud. It also appears that the underneath side of the aircraft or object in question not being lighted by the sun is, therefore, in shadow and would not reflect as much light to impress it's image on the film as would the clouds which are diffusing the light from the sun. The photographic contrast is obtained through the processing means outlined above.

Guy S. Kidwell

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N/C

for LEWIS C. GUST
Chief, Science Survey Office
Intelligence Department

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SUBJECT: Identification of Subject Matter (a[illegible])

TO: MCIT
ATTN: Mr Gust

FROM: MCIAXS — 29 Mar 49 — COMMENT NO. 2

1. The results obtained in Comment 1 were made before your office received the camera in question. It is, therefore, requested that additional comment be forwarded giving results of the completed examination.

2. Clarification is desired on the following points:

a. Par 1a Comment 1. The conclusion as a result of relations between the "tail" of the image, distortion due to shutter, speed of object and shutter speed.

b. Par 1b Comment 1. The subject is stated as having low visual contrast whereas in the contact print the contrast is very great.

2 Incls
1. Photographs
2. Cy of Rpt
by S/A Fugate, Jr

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR
Lt Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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MCIAXS — MCIS — 21 Mar 49 — 3.

1. In reference to sub-paragraph a of paragraph 2, Comment No. 2, the following explanation is given:

a. There are various types of shutters utilized in cameras. The three (3) present types are the Between the Lens type, Focal Plane type and Rotary type. The distortion produced by these respective shutters are indicative of the type with which the camera is equipped. In the case of the Between the Lens type shutter, which starts opening from the center to the maximum aperture and closes in the reverse manner, the distortion would be only along the axis of travel of the object being photographed. In other words blur resulting from this type of shutter would produce no distortion along the axis normal to the direction of travel of the object. In the case of the Focal Plane shutter, for an object traveling in the same direction as the aperture of the curtain, the distortion can be either that of elongation or for shortening of the image dus to the traveling of the aperture with the direction of the image or against the direction of the travel of the image. For an object traveling at an angle to the direction of travel of curtain aperture, the distortion becomes two-fold along the axis of direction of the object and also an axis normal to the travel of the object. Classic examples of this are the distortion of straight propeller blades when photographed with a focal plane shutter. The blades are apparently bent. Another example is in the case

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:
#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

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altitude and azimuth Mr. [redacted] camera was pointed at the time of his two exposures and the approximate time interval between exposures. Physical data like these are absolutely essential if we are to get anywhere in any basic physical explanation of these incidents.

There remains the strong possibility that the entire incident is spurious, and the invention of an excitable mind. This strengthens the need for reinvestigation; if spurious, this fact should be highlighted and even publicized, to quench enthusiasm for the irresponsible reporting of "saucers" and like objects.

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Incident #40 — Phoenix, Arizona — 7 July 1947

No astronomical explanation seems possible for the unusual object cited in this incident.

This case is especially important because of the photographic evidence and because of the similarity of these photographs to the drawings by [redacted] (incident #17). The two incidents are separated by slightly more than two weeks, and, of course, they occurred in different localities. It is, however, perhaps more than coincidence that these two best-attested, entirely independent cases should agree so closely concerning the shape of the object and its maneuverability.

The present investigator would like to suggest that this incident, #40, being one of the most crucial in the history of these objects, be reopened for investigation. The actual camera used by Mr. [redacted] should be examined, and the original negatives preserved. Since, from the size of the image on the photograph, we can have an accurate estimate of the angle subtended by the object, this in connection with what appears to be a fairly reliable estimate of the distance, can give us an estimate of the forces and accelerations involved in the trajectory described by Mr. [redacted]. (It is unfortunate that a competent investigator was not dispatched at once to "reenact the crime" with Mr. [redacted] and to obtain sketches of the trajectory, etc., before details faded from his memory.) It would be important to know at what

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With 170 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Fitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "G" and "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M.

212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, that probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Mt. Rainier incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally discredit the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

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111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

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SUBJECT Identification of Subject Matter (as per sample)

TO MCIA FROM MCIT DATE 19 Feb 48 COMMENT NO. 1

1. Reference is made to the films taken by Mr. [redacted] (Incident #40) which were forwarded for examination. The following data were derived from a study of the specimen:

a. It is concluded that the image is of true photographic nature, and is not due to imperfections in the emulsion, or lack of development in the section in question. The image exhibits a "tail" indicating the proper type of distortion due to the type of shutter used, the speed of the object and the fixed speed of the shutter. This trailing off conforms to the general information given in the report.

b. The report states the object was seen at approximately 2000 feet at the time of exposure. The observer also reports being able to see clearly a canopy or enclosure. The visual acuity of an average person would allow for this perception, but certainly not much further as the subject had low visual contrast, being gray against a gray sky. If we can establish the distance from camera to subject, we will have quantity #1. The report states that a 620 camera was used, indicating several possibilities, since the 620 is nomenclature for the spooling and width of the film we may have negatives $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$", $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{1}{4}$" and $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$". The sample submitted had been cut and it was not possible to establish the exact frame size. The $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$" size was ruled out, leaving $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{1}{4}$" and $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$". If it were the former, then the focal length of the lens would be 4", and using 2000 feet as the approximate subject distance and the image size at 7/64", we have an approximate size of 44 feet as the diagonal of the object. Now if we choose the latter value of 5" for focal length, we have an approximate value of 55' for the diagonal. Points of measurement are indicated from x to x on Exhibit "A".

c. It should be pointed out, the need for more detail in reports is brought out in this report. A summary would suggest the following points:

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Analysis

Preliminary analysis of the negative and prints leads me to doubt the story told by Mr. [redacted]

Judging from the dimensions, the negative was exposed in a simple camera of the box type, which usually has a fixed focus (about 10 feet), fixed shutter speed (about 1/25 of a second) and a simple lens of the Meniscus type. Because of the above mentioned facts, it is unreasonable to assume that sharp outlines such as appears on the negative, could be secured from an object at 2,000 feet, traveling 400 to 600 mph.

Furthermore, according to the story the object (flying craft) was painted gray to blend in with the clouds. But, even if the object would be painted jet black, under the circumstances described, to obtain a contrast such as appears on the negative is also very doubtful.

On all of the prints, excepting the print marked "exhibit A", judging from the outlines, the object has a rotating motion (revolves around its center) instead of a forward motion, contradicting the version stated by Mr. [redacted]

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This Case Includes

Two (2) negatives and

Four (4) prints. 8"x10"

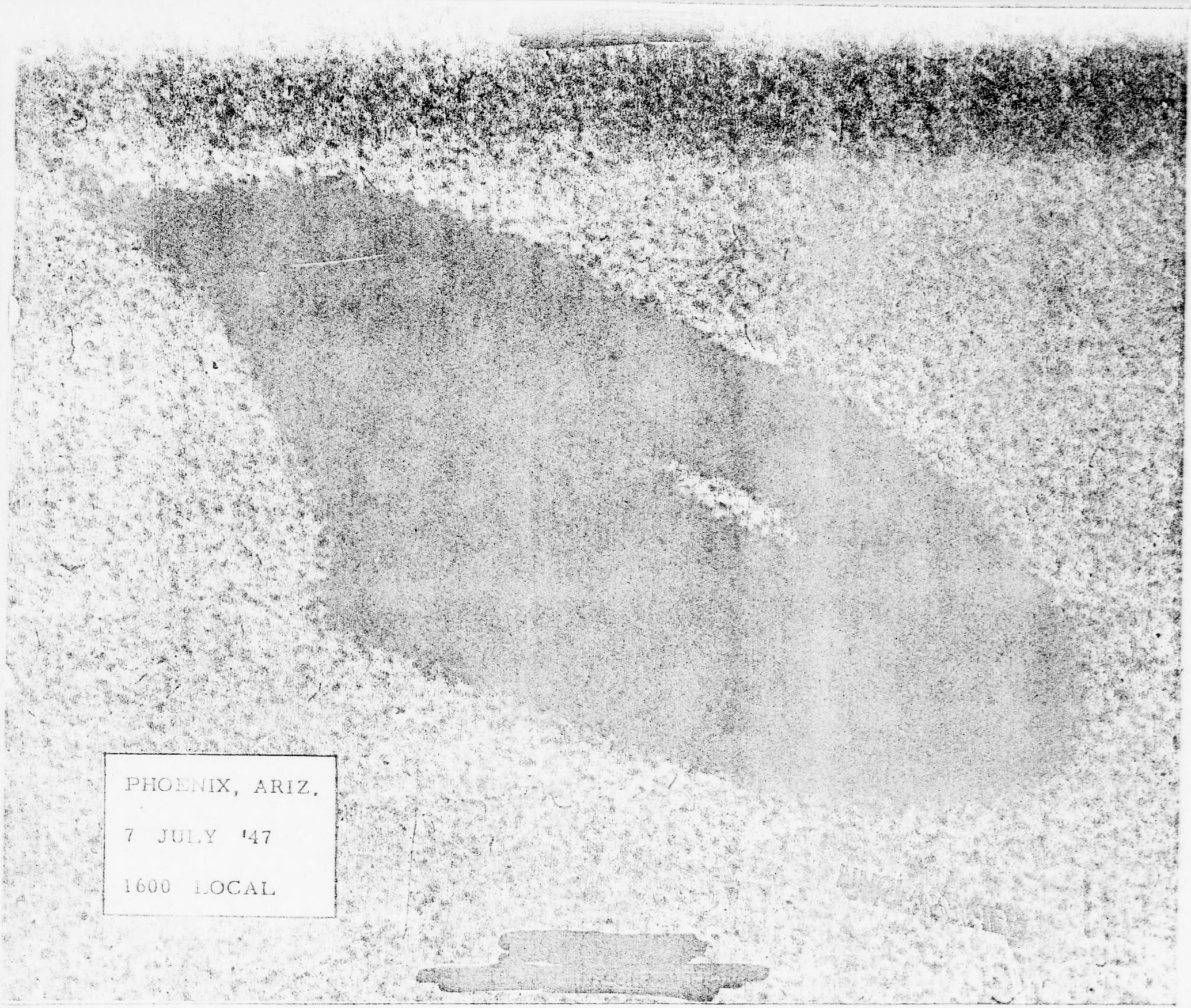
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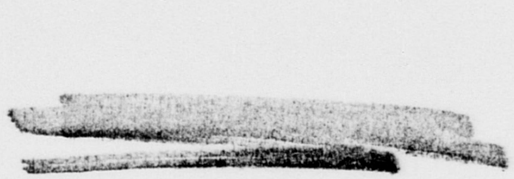
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