

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>7 January 50 08/0415Z  | 2. LOCATION<br>Corona, New Mexico   |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Military  | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Astro (METEOR)  |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One  | Evaluated as a Meteor observation.  |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>10 Seconds   | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br><br>When first sighted it was at 45 deg. Object descended at approximately 60 deg angle from horizon to a position just above horizon caused by the mountain range where it leveled out and traveled approximately 10 deg East, at which time it dropped behind the mountain range out of sight. First appearance of object was yellowish white. Object appeared to be more orange than originally with a trail of flame projecting out to its rear or opposite the direction it was traveling. When it reached position where it leveled out it became a bright blue-green in color and remained that color until it passed out of sight. Round ball shaped. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual  |   |
| 7. COURSE<br>Descending to East  |   |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |   |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |   |



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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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FILE NO: (24-8) - 14

19 January 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA  
Sighted by Capt ~~REDACTED~~,  
~~REDACTED~~, Holloman AFB, at 2215  
Hours, 7 January 1950.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

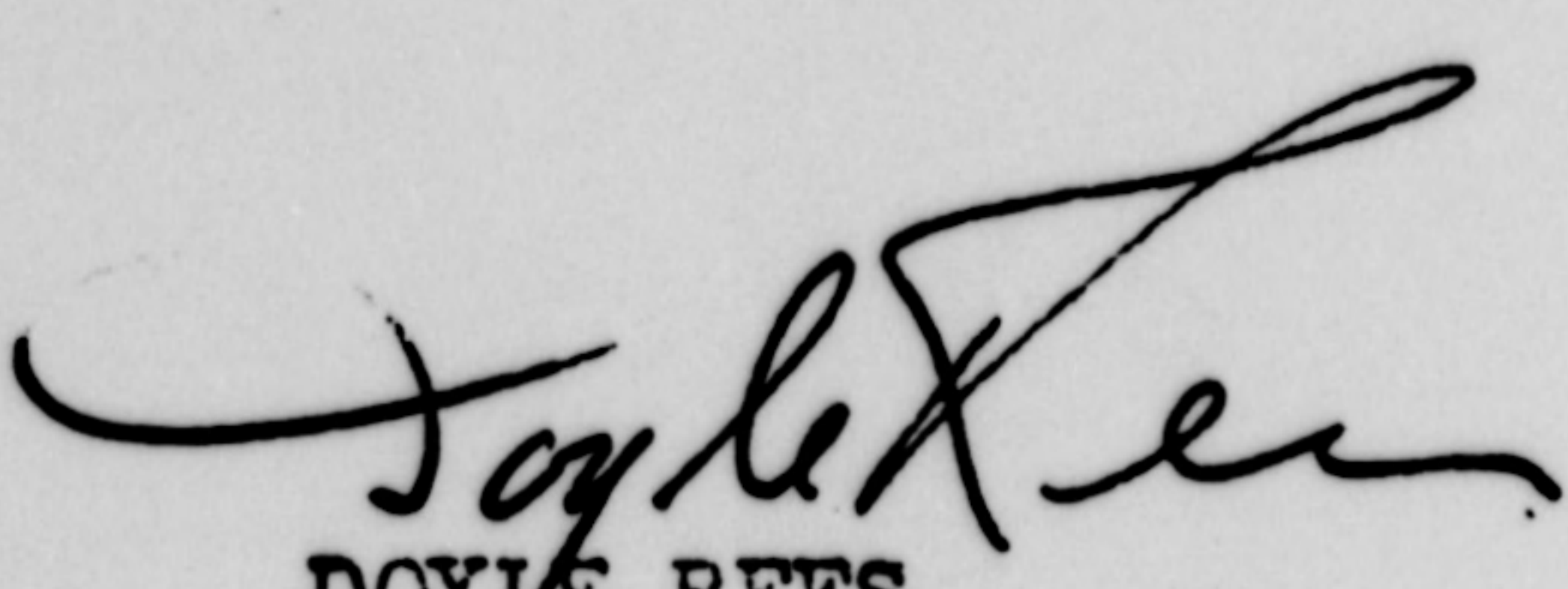
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Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAX ~~AF~~

1. Reference is made to previous reports of sightings of unidentified aerial objects in the West Texas-New Mexico-Arizona area.

2. Attached are two (2) copies of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent ~~REDACTED~~, this office, dated 19 January 1950, subject as above.

3. Investigation of incidents of this nature is continuing in this district and copies of future reports will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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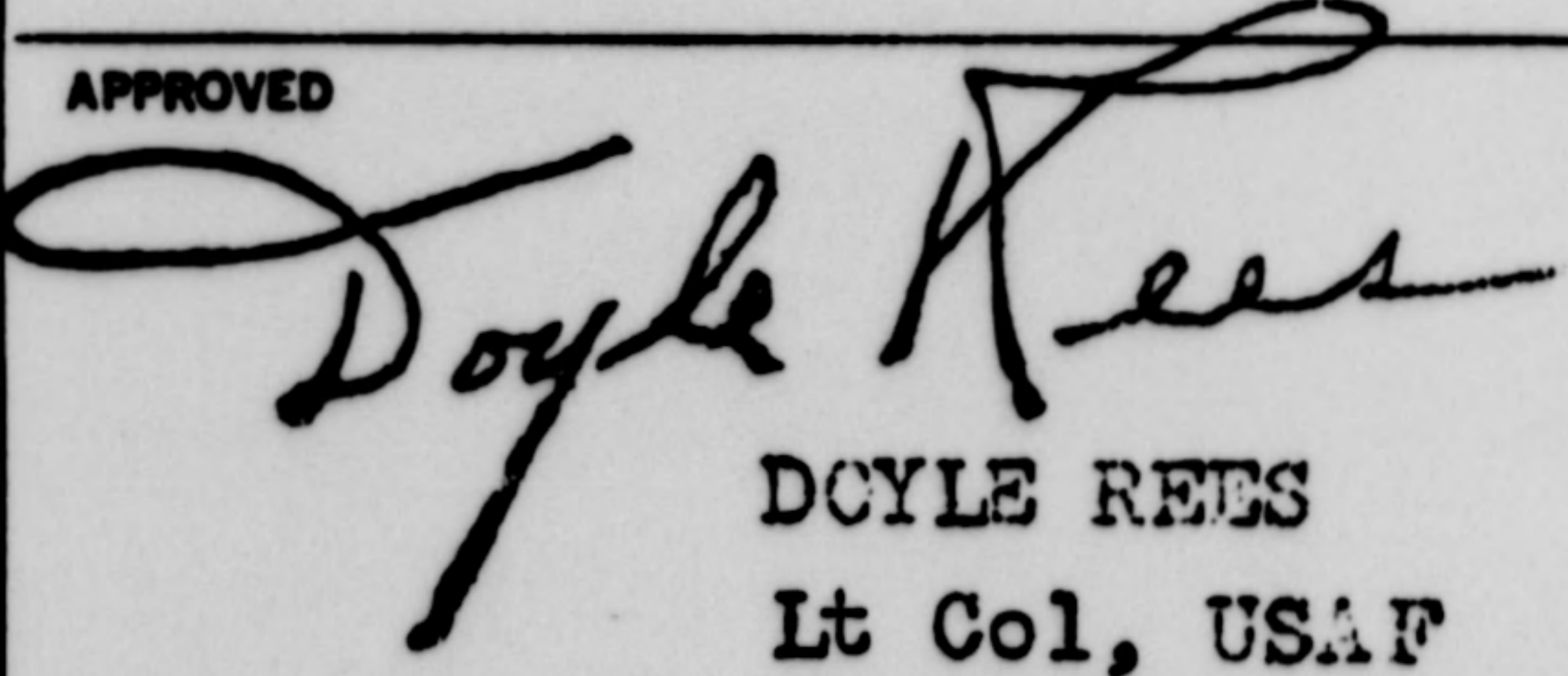
  
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| <b>UNITED STATES AIR FORCE</b><br><b>THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b><br><b>OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS</b><br><b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>  |   | <b>UNCLASSIFIED</b><br>(24-8) - 14              | <b>DATE</b><br>19 January 1950                               |
| <b>TITLE</b><br>UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA<br>Sighted by Captain [REDACTED],<br>[REDACTED] Holloman Air Force Base at<br>2215 hours, 7 January 1950.   |   | <b>REPORT MADE BY</b><br>RUSSELL C. WOLACK, JR. | <b>REPORT MADE AT</b><br>17TH DG, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico   |
|  |   | <b>PERIOD</b><br>10 January 1950                | <b>OFFICE OF ORIGIN</b><br>17th DG, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico |
|  |   | <b>STATUS</b><br>CLOSED                         |  |
| <b>CHARACTER</b><br>SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft.   |   |   |  |
| <b>REFERENCE</b><br>AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.   |   |   |  |
| <b>SYNOPSIS</b><br><p>This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Captain [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon, at 2215 hours, 7 January 1950. [REDACTED] was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.</p> |   |   |  |
| <b>DISTRIBUTION</b>  |   | <b>ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO</b>                 | <b>FILE STAMP</b>  |
| CG, AIC 2<br>HQ OSI 2<br>CO, HOLLOMAN AFB 1<br>(Info copy)<br>FBI, ALBUQUERQUE 1<br>(Info copy)<br>FILE 2  | Commanding General<br>Air Materiel Command<br>Wright-Patterson AFB<br>Dayton, Ohio<br>ATTN: MCIAXO-3<br><br>APPROVED<br><br>DOYLE REES<br>Lt Col, USAF<br>District Commander. |   | UNCLASSIFIED   |



**DETAILS:**

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1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. Captain ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Assistant Motor Maintenance Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 10 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

- a. Date of sighting: 7 January 1950
- b. Time of sighting: 2215 hours.
- c. Where sighted: From ground, traveling in automobile, south of Corona, New Mexico.  
34° 13' North Longitude  
105° 35' West Latitude
- d. Number of objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
- f. Distance of object from observer:
  - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable.
  - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon:  
When first sighted - 45°.  
Object descended at approximately 60° angle from horizontal to a position just above horizon caused by the mountain range where it leveled out and traveled approximately 10° East, at which time it dropped behind the mountain range out of sight.
  - (3) Altitude: Undeterminable.
- g. Time in sight: Approximately 10 seconds.
- h. Appearance of object:
  - (1) Color: First appearance was yellowish white. During its travel downward at 60° angle, object appeared to be more orange than originally with a trail of flame projecting out to its rear or opposite the direction it was traveling. When it reached position where it leveled out it became a bright blue-green in color and remained that color until it passed out of sight.
  - (2) Shape: Round - ball shaped.
  - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
  - (4) Size: It appeared to be the same size as a cup 6" in diameter at arm's length.

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- i. Direction of flight: Was traveling from Southwest to Southeast.
- j. Tactics or maneuvers: None, other than the ones described above.
- k. Evidence of exhaust: None
- l. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sight.
- m. Lights: The object itself was a light.
- n. Support: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: Object's tail of fire could possibly be the result of its mode of propulsion.
- p. Control and stability: Good
- q. Air ducts: None visible.
- r. Speed: Object descended at approximately the same speed as a fast jet fighter. However, it seemed to slow down upon leveling off over the crest of the mountain.
- s. Sound: No sound audible.
- t. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind a mountain range.
- u. Notes relative to observer:

- (1) Name: Captain ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- (2) Address: Officers Quarters, Holloman AFB
- (3) Occupation: ~~Assistant Manager, Maintenance~~, Holloman AFB.
- (4) Place of business: Holloman AFB
- (5) Pertinent hobbies: None
- (6) Ability to determine: Average
- (7) Reliability of observer: Reliable
- (8) Former sightings: Observer has noticed objects prior to this instance but had assumed that they were some natural phenomenon and of no significance.
- (9) Witnesses:  
Mr. Warren Ratliff, Manager of Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., at Carrizozo, N.M.  
- Reliable.

3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that they had no radar in operation at the time of this sighting. Further check with the Base Weather Station revealed

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that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Check with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman Air Force Base, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the sighting.

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