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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) 3

24 February 1950

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT,
Sighted at Albuquerque, New Mexico
7 February 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous reports concerning sightings of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent ERNEST M. HUBBARD, of this office, dated 23 February 1950, our file (24-8) 3, relative to an incident of this nature.

3. Investigation of unidentified aerial objects is continuing in this District, and copies of all future reports of such sightings will be forwarded for your information.

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District Commander

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Angle of elevation from horizon: Unknown.
Direction from observer: Estimate 10 degrees south of aircraft.
Direction of flight: Flash appeared across sky from East to West.
Tactics or maneuvers: None - flat projectory.
Evidence of trail or exhaust: No exhaust - trail from East to West suddenly disappeared.
Effect on clouds: No clouds visible.
Luminosity: Extremely bright.
Apparent means of support: None apparent.
Projections: None visible.
Speed: Aircraft was heading 260 degrees, altitude of approximately 10,000 feet, traveling approximately 210 miles per hour, and flash appeared to travel 5 or 6 times as fast as aircraft.
Sound: None heard.
Odor: None
Time in sight: Estimate 2 to 4 seconds.
Manner of disappearance: Disappeared suddenly by completely fading out.
Notes relative to observer: Received Air Force training in celestial navigation. Knows main celestial bodies, and main stars for direction. Is able to shoot "fixes" on stars.

4. M.M.MUNN, Colonel, 143A, Reserve Activities Division, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, who was Pilot of the aircraft mentioned in paragraph 3 above, was interviewed on 17 February 1950 and verified the information as given by Captain ARMSTEAD and set out in paragraph 3 above.

5. On 9 February 1950, Special Agent ROBERT R. JOHNS, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Holloman Detachment, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, JR., Chief of Security Operations, Los Alamos, New Mexico, were contacted by phone concerning subject fireball. Neither had any information concerning this fireball, but advised they would notify this Headquarters of any information received. To-date, no information has been received from either Special Agent JOHNS or Mr. NEWBURGER concerning this matter.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon verbal information received from Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who, on 8 February 1950, advised that an unidentified aerial object was sighted at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 7 February 1950.

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. On 16 February 1950, EDWARD S. BEUNSKOLE, Cpl, AF-13287295, and ROBERT W. POUND, Cpl, AF-15258332, Hq, 17th District Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, were interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of Sighting: 1955 hours, 7 February 1950.
Point of Observation: In front of Base Theatre, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Number of Objects: One
What attracted attention to object: Unidentified person called attention to it.
Color of object: Reddish-Green.
Size of object: Twice size of evening star.
Shape of object: Apparently round-elongated trail.
Apparent construction: Unknown.
Distance from observers: Unknown.
Angle of elevation from horizon: Estimated 40 to 45 degrees.
Direction from observers: South southeast
Direction of flight: South southeast to East
Tactics or maneuvers: None - Straight line of flight
Evidence of trail or exhaust: No exhaust - bright reddish-trail.
Effect on clouds: No clouds.
Luminosity: Very bright.
Apparent means of support: None apparent.
Projections: None visible.
Speed: About same as falling star.
Sound: None
Odor: None
Time in sight: About 4 to 6 seconds.
Manner of Disappearance: Faded out in atmosphere.

3. On 16 February 1950, SETH A. ARMSTEAD, Jr., Captain, 12947A, Reserve Activities Division, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, was interviewed and offered the following information:

Time and Date of sighting: Between 1945 and 2000 hours 7 Feb 1950.
Point of observation: While flying as co-pilot in aircraft between Tucumcari, N. M. and Kirtland AFB. Was flying over Guerro CAA Auxiliary Airport near Otto, N.M.
Number of objects: Apparently one. Saw flash which lit up cockpit.
What attracted attention to object: Brightness and when cockpit lit up.
Color of object: Fireball white.
Size of object: Did not see object, flash only.
Shape of object: Unknown.
Apparent construction: Unknown.
Distance from observer: Unknown.

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| REFERENCE None, this is an initial report | | | |
| SYNOPSIS Investigation predicated upon information received from Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Object sighted between 1950 - 2015 hours 7 February 1950. Colonel M. M. MUNN, Captain SETH A. ARMSTEAD, JR., Corporal EDWARD S. BRUNSKOIE, and Corporal ROBERT W. POUND were interviewed. Special Agent ROBERT R. JOHNS and Mr. SIDNEY NEWBURGER, JR., were contacted by phone. Results of interviews and phone call set out under DETAILS herein. | | | |
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