

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 February 59 2522 18/1210Z	2. LOCATION Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VEGA)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Observation of the Star VEGA at 45 deg elevation in the NE
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 44 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was first sighted on the horizon and continued in a straight ascent to an angular elevation of approximate 45 deg elevation when object disappeared from view. Appeared to be round for the first 45 minutes, and then gradually changed to the shape of an ice-cream cone. Color, white and orange.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Diminished out of sight	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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(9) Witnesses:

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M/Sgt William E. Royal, AF-20433639
Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB

M/Sgt Rayburn F. Gotzinger, AF-19018173
3023 Base Service Squadron, Holloman AFB

3. This object was sighted by the observers as they were leaving the main gate of Holloman Air Force Base. The object remained in view in the north-eastern part of the sky at all times until they arrived at Oscura, New Mexico. This trip was made on U.S. Highway No. 54. The observers stated it definitely was not a star, and further, they stated it could not have been the morning star as they kept the object in view even after the sun arose. During its slow ascent, the object gradually began to take on a pointed shape at the bottom of the object, giving it the appearance of an ice-cream cone. The observers advised that the lower part of the object slowly swung back and forth in the manner of a pendulum and would occasionally reflect the light of the sun.

4. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, Operations & Projects Section, Electronics & Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, at the White Sands Proving Ground Research Branch and the Base Weather Squadron, Biggs AFB, and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting. There were no planes in the air from the local civilian airports at that time nor were there any official flights in the air from Holloman AFB or to Holloman AFB.

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i. Direction of flight: From horizon to an angular elevation of 45° . Traveled at an angle of 45° from the earth in a straight line with a heading of 10° from true north.

j. Tactics or maneuvers: Climbed in a straight line. No maneuvers.

k. Evidence of exhaust: None

l. Although there was an overcast in the western part of the sky, the object was sighted in a clear section with no clouds present.

m. Lights: Object itself appeared to be a very bright light, and as the sun arose occasionally reflected the light of the sun from the lower half of the object.

n. Support: None visible.

o. Propulsion: Undeterminable.

p. Control and stability: Appeared to have good control.

q. Air ducts: Undeterminable.

r. Speed: Undeterminable.

s. Sound: None

t. Manner of disappearance: Object diminished in size to such a degree that observers ceased looking at it.

u. Notes relative to observer:

- (1) Name: Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, AO-341535
- (2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB
- (3) Occupation: Air Provost Marshal, Holloman AFB
- (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
- (5) Pertinent hobbies: Fishing and hunting
- (6) Ability to determine: Above average
- (7) Reliability of observer: Very reliable
- (8) Former sightings: None

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DETAILS:

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

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2. Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR, M/Sgt WILLIAM E. ROYAL, and M/Sgt RAYBURN F. GOTZINGER were interviewed on 20 February 1950. All information obtained was approximately the same and is reported as follows:

- a. Date of sighting: 18 February 1950
- b. Time of sighting: 0510 hours MST and remained in sight until 0654 hrs MST when object diminished to such a degree in size that observers ceased looking at it.
- c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base, and was in view at all times during trip from Holloman AFB to Oscura, New Mexico. Object was approximately due northeast of the base.
- d. Number of objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None.
- f. Distance of object from observers:
 - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable, however object appeared to be a minimum of approximately 50 miles.
 - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: Object was first sighted on the horizon and continued in a straight ascent to an angular elevation of approximate 45° when object disappeared from view.
 - (3) Altitude: Undeterminable.
- g. Time in flight: One (1) hour and 44 Minutes.
- h. Appearance of object:
 - (1) Color: White and orange.
 - (2) Shape: Appeared to be round for the first 45 minutes, and then gradually changed to the shape of an ice-cream cone.
 - (3) Apparent construction: Undeterminable.
 - (4) Size: Appeared to be the size of a coffee cup held at arm's length.

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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) - 18

27 February 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Major WILLIAM J. HAYNOR,
AO-341535, Air Provost Marshal, HAFB
between 0510 and 0654 hours MST on
18 February 1950.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

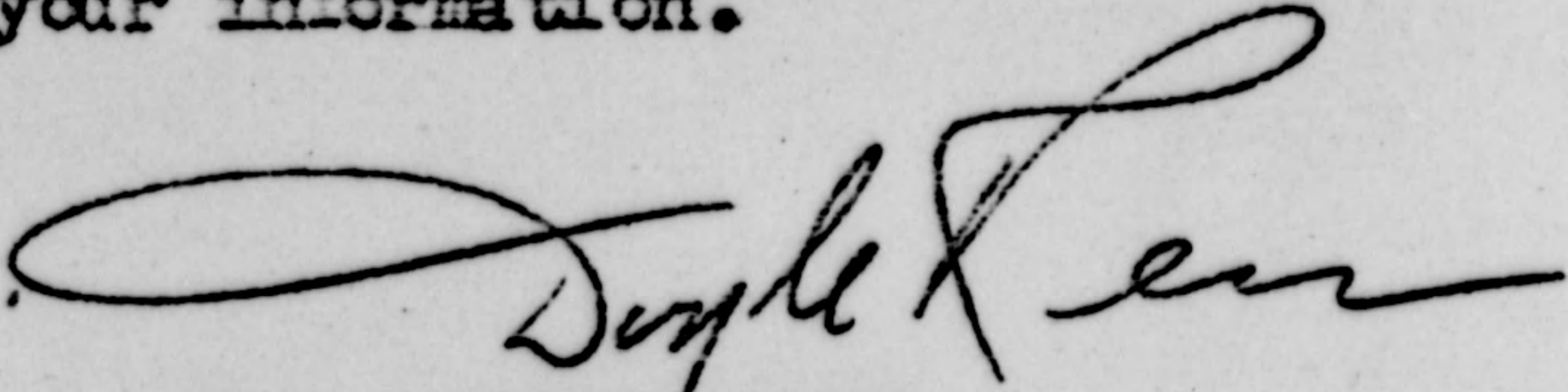
TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this District, relative to observations of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached for your information is a copy of the Report of Investigation by Special Agent ROBERT R. JOHNS of this office, dated 21 February 1950, subject as above.

3. Investigation of unidentified aerial objects is continuing and copies of future reports describing incidents occurring in this area will be forwarded for your information.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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