

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: <u>31 MARCH</u> <u>DA 1 Apr 52</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Contra Costa</u> <u>Richmond, Calif.</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>31/03/52</u> GMT <u>31/03/52</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING "Bright light" shape. Maneuvers no a/c could do. Data too nebulous		11. COMMENTS Report doubtful as to exact date. Object left streak of flame. Time 0930 31 March or 0930 1 April. F-89 in area on 31 March at 0131.

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HEADQUARTERS, 4702D DEFENSE WING
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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AFR 135-2

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

ATTN: MCIS

Commanding General, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

ATTN: Director of Intelligence

CC, AMC

1. Transmitted herewith AF Form 112 (dup) in accordance with ADCL 200-1, dated 11 April 1951.

2. Under the provision of AFR 205-1, Section II, paragraph 27 (a) dated 14 March 1949, as amended, classification may be downgraded to RESTRICTED upon removal of inclosure.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert J. Moffatt

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Port Chicago, Contra Costa, Calif		FROM (Agency) Hq, 4702D Defense Wing Hamilton AFB, California	
DATE OF REPORT 8 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 4 April 1952	EVALUATION F-6	
PREPARED BY (Officer) ELMER J. BROAD, Capt, USAF, DOI		SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Richmond, California	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADCL 200-1, dated 11 April 1951			
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.)			
<p>The following report was telephoned to this Headquarters on 4 April 1952 about 0900 hours by Mr. Omar Dottin, 800 23d Street, Apt 1C, Richmond, California.</p> <p>(a) Description:</p> <p>Shape: Round ball shape.</p> <p>Size: Could not estimate size. Mr. Dottin stated, "It seemed to be so very large I couldn't imagine."</p> <p>Color: A big light and very bright in color.</p> <p>Number: One object.</p> <p>Formation: None.</p> <p>Aerodynamic features: None identified.</p> <p>Trail or exhaust: Left a streak of flame.</p> <p>Propulsion system: None identified.</p> <p>Speed and Maneuver: Mr. Dottin stated, "Looked like a bright light moving faster than any plane, making maneuvers a plane couldn't make".</p> <p>Sound: None noted.</p> <p>0 <u>INCLs.</u> Manner of disappearance: Continued northward over water.</p> <p>Altitude: Couldn't estimate. Mr. Dottin stated, "It was way up."</p>			
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(b) Time sighted: March 310930/Z and 31130/Z 1952 or April 010930/Z and 01130/Z 1952.
(c) Observation: Visual.
(d) Location: Mr. [REDACTED] was working at Port Chicago Naval Yard at the time he observed the unconventional aircraft at:

38° 05' N
122° 02' W

over Suisun Bay, heading approximately 15° Easterly direction.

(e) Observer: Mr. [REDACTED], winch operator, Port Chicago Naval Yard.

Home address: [REDACTED]
Richmond, California

Estimate of Reliability:

Because Mr. [REDACTED] could not estimate the height or size of the object, and seemed to have very little knowledge of aerial dynamic theory, this report is classed as F-6.

(f) Weather & Wind: Source: Hamilton AFB, Weather Station:
Weather: 31 Mar 52 at 0130 - Clear - Ceiling & Visibility unlimited
Wind: N.W. 4 mph, calm
Weather: 1 Apr 52 at 0100 - 0430 - Clear - Ceiling & Visibility unlimited
Wind: Calm
(g) Meteorological conditions accounting for sighting: None.
(h) Physical evidence: None.
(i) Interception or identification action: None.

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Source: Depty of Operations,
(j) Local aircraft airborn at time: 28th Air Division, Hamilton AFB.

31 Mar 52 at 0131 hours: AF-89 on routine intercept.

Flight pattern: NW of Vallejo to
SW of San Francisco
into the ocean.

It is possible F-89 had afterburner
turned on.

0323 hours:

Schedule Air Force Line.

REMARKS:

Mr. [REDACTED] said that he had read in the San Francisco Call Bulletin that, upon sighting an unidentified aerial object, the observer should report the sighting to the nearest Air Force Base.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 1 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 0020

LOCATION: Port Chicago, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: MAXIMUM High

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: 360°

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Description resembles meteor except for erratic flight path.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Source reported large bright light moving faster than an aircraft and in an erratic flight path. Object left a streak of flame. [REDACTED]

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SPRING 1952 HASSELBACH, SAXONIA
OF G[REY] [REDACTED], NEAR MEININGEN, SWORE AN AFFIDAVIT BEFORE A

(CRAMP P 158)

2 WITNESSES

JUDGE AS FOLLOWS.

I WAS RIDING HOME ON A MOTOR CYCLE, WITH MY ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER
ON THE PILLION, WHEN A TIRE BURST NEAR THE VILLAGE OF HASSELBACH.

AS WE WERE PUSHING THE MACHINE TOWARDS HASSELBACH, GABRIELE POINTED TO

SOMETHING ABOUT A HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-YARDS AWAY. AT FIRST SIGHT IN THE HALF-LIGHT, I TOOK IT FOR A YOUNG DEER.

I LEFT MY MOTOR CYCLE BY A TREE WHILE I APPROACHED THE *DEER* CAUTIOUSLY.

I WAS NOW ABOUT SIXTY-YARDS FROM IT.

I THEN REALISED THAT MY FIRST IMPRESSION HAD BEEN INCORRECT. THE THING I HAD NOTICED WAS REALLY TWO APPARENTLY HUMAN FIGURES NOW ABOUT FIFTY-YARDS FROM ME.

THEY APPEARED TO BE CLOTHED IN A KIND OF SHIMMERING METALLIC SUBSTANCE, AND WERE BENDING DOWN AND STUDYING SOMETHING ON THE GROUND.

I WORMED MY WAY TO WITHIN ABOUT THIRTY FEET OF THEM. PEERING OVER A SMALL RIDGE, I NOTICED A LARGE OBJECT, WHICH I JUDGED TO BE ABOUT FORTY TO FIFTY FEET ACROSS, THOUGH IT WAS HARD TO SAY EXACTLY. IT LOOKED LIKE A HUGE WARMING PAN.

THERE WERE TWO ROWS OF HOLES ALONG THE SIDES, ABOUT A FOOT IN DIAMETER. EACH ROW WAS ROUGHLY A FOOT-AND-A-HALF FROM THE NEXT.

OUT OF THE METALLIC OBJECT ROSE A BLACK CYLINDRICAL *CONNING TOWER* ABOUT TEN FEET HIGH.

I WAS NOW ALARMED BY A CALL FROM MY DAUGHTER, WHO HAD REMAINED SOME DISTANCE BACK. THE SOUND MUST HAVE REACHED THE TWO FIGURES, FOR THEY RUSHED BACK TO THE OBJECT, CLAMBERED RAPIDLY UP THE SIDE OF THE CONNING TOWER AND DISAPPEARED INSIDE.

PREVIOUSLY I HAD NOTICED THAT ONE APPEARED TO BE CARRYING A LAMP ON HIS CHEST. THE LAMP FLASHED ON AND OFF AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

THE OUTER EDGE OF THE *WARMING PAN* IN WHICH THE HOLES WERE SUNK, NOW STARTED TO GLOW.

THE COLOR AT FIRST SEEMED GREEN, THEN CHANGED TO RED. AT THE SAME TIME I HEARD A SLIGHT HUM. AS THE GLOW AND THE SOUND INCREASED, THE *CONNING TOWER* WAS RETRACTING INTO THE CENTER OF THE *WARMING PAN* AND THE WHOLE OBJECT ROSE SLOWLY FROM THE GROUND.

FROM THE SWIRLING EFFECT OF THE GLOWING *EXHAUST*, I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE WHOLE OBJECT WAS SPINNING LIKE A TOP.

IT SEEMED TO BE RESTING ON THE CYLINDRICAL PIECE WHICH HAD SUNK THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE OBJECT AND WAS NOW PROTRUDING FROM THE BOTTOM AND STANDING ON THE GROUND.

THE *WARMING PAN* WITH ITS GLOWING OUTSIDE RING OF FLAME, WAS NOW SOME FEET OFF THE EARTH.

THEN I NOTICED THAT THE WHOLE OBJECT WAS RISING SLOWLY FROM THE EARTH. THE CYLINDER ON WHICH IT HAD RESTED HAD NOW DISAPPEARED INSIDE THE CENTER AND REAPPEARED AGAIN THROUGH THE TOP.

THE RATE OF ASCENT NOW BECAME MUCH GREATER, AND AT THE SAME TIME MY DAUGHTER AND I HEARD A WHISTLING SOUND, RATHER LIKE THE NOISE MADE BY A FALLING BOMB, BUT NOT NEARLY SO LOUD.

THE OBJECT ROSE IN HORIZONTAL POSITION, SWERVED AWAY TOWARDS A NEARBY VILLAGE AND DISAPPEARED, STILL GAINING HEIGHT OVER THE HILLS AND FOREST TOWARDS STOCKHEIM.

SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AREA LATER TOLD [REDACTED] THEY HAD SEEN SOMETHING WHICH THEY TOOK FOR A COMET. ONE, A SHEPHERD, GEORG LINKE, WHO WAS ABOUT A MILE-AND-A-HALF AWAY, SAID HE THOUGHT A COMET HAD BOUNCED OFF THE EARTH.

A SAWMILL WATCHMAN TOLD HERR [REDACTED] HE HAD SEEN WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A *LOW FLYING COMET* FLASH AWAY FROM THE HILL WHERE HERR LINKE SAW THE OBJECT.

AFTER APPEARING BEFORE THE JUDGE, HERR [REDACTED] SAID, *I WOULD ALMOST HAVE BELIEVED THAT MY DAUGHTER AND I HAD DREAMED THE WHOLE EPISODE WERE IT NOT FOR ONE THING.

*WHEN THE THING HAD GONE, I WENT TO THE PLACE WHERE IT HAD BEEN STANDING. I FOUND A CIRCULAR DEPRESSION, EVIDENTLY FRESHLY MADE, WHERE THE EARTH HAD BEEN DRIVEN DOWN.

*THIS WAS EXACTLY THE SHAPE OF THE *CONNING TOWER*. I REALIZED THEN THAT I HAD NOT BEEN DREAMING.*

INFORMATION ONLY
15 Mar 52

IRAN

Luminous flying object over Iran

There have been many sightings reported of unknown objects observed on the Soviet-Iranian border and the following represents a cross-cut of the sighting:

15 Mar 52 Description: Luminous object 3 meters long moving with extraordinary speed appeared and disappeared 30 to 40 times after 2000 hours. (Comments: It is unlikely that this was caused by meteors)

y in the Sky May 5, 1952
HAVE YOU HEARD N.Y.C.

From editorial page of BOSTON TRAVELER

By Bill Schofield

This is bargain day in the flying saucer department, and you're getting two stories for the price of one—the first from a resident of western Massachusetts and the second from Navy Secretary Dan Kimball.

Personally I don't care how many people believe stories like these, or how many snicker at them. But as far as I'm concerned, I'll continue to collect them and catalogue them and puzzle over them with an open mind until somebody comes up with a hard-fact explanation of all the weird things that have been going on in the skies during the past five years. So far, nobody has been able to do this.

When and if they do, I'm convinced it will be one of the biggest news stories of all time.

For the first of today's incidents, then, let's go westward to the town of Greenfield, where Dr. Albert Baller sighted three big flying spheres traveling at fantastic speed one day last February.

This time the story is told by Charles T. Earley, a 35-year-old tap and die worker, who was startled half out of his wits on the afternoon of March 30 by a visit from a pair of flying rings.

It was a sunny afternoon, cloudless and windless, and Earley was in his backyard burning leaves at about 3 P. M., when he heard a sound overhead like the rushing of a heavy breeze.

"I looked up and saw this thing coming down from the top of the sky," he says. "It was coming at terrific speed. At first it looked a little smaller than the moon. It was so bright I thought it might be a falling star. It was shining like chrome."

"IT CAME DOWN FAST and stopped about 1500 feet overhead. It was like a big whirling ring 30 feet across and I could see the blue sky through its middle. It hovered overhead for a second or two and then turned up on edge and I could see there were two rings instead of one. They looked to be about five feet apart and were not joined."

The rings, Earley says, then raced across the sky about one mile to the southwest. There they dropped back to the flat position again and then took off toward Sugarloaf Mountain, following the contour of the earth. Nearing Sugarloaf, they banked and hesi-

tated for a moment—then shot skyward and vanished at unbelievable speed.

"They shot straight up so fast they just blurred out of sight," Earley says.

So much for Greenfield. Now listen to Secretary Kimball.

THE CABINET MEMBER told his story to an audience of Navy officers and air cadets a couple of weeks ago at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. He may have

expected it would stop there, but since he made no such request, and since nothing was said about his remarks being off the record, I'll take the liberty of repeating his report.

On a recent flight across the Pacific, he said, he was flying at night from Pearl Harbor to Guam. Another plane, with additional members of his party, was trailing several miles behind on the same course.

Kimball stressed the fact that he has the utmost faith and confidence in the pilot who was with him that night—a pilot who has flown him for thousands of miles over a period of years.

Somewhere out over the dark Pacific, he said, the pilot came back to the cabin visibly excited and reported that a flying saucer had appeared out of nowhere, had flown abeam the secretary's plane for some distance, and had just raced ahead and shot up into the sky and out of sight. He and the co-pilot had both watched the phenomenon, he said. He asked if he should radio a report of the incident to Pearl Harbor.

Kimball advised him not to, pointing out that Pearl Harbor probably wouldn't believe the story. Instead, the secretary suggested sending a message to the plane astern and ordering them to keep a sharp lookout for any unusual sights.

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, the second plane radioed excitedly that a flying saucer had just come down and flown alongside the wing tip, then had shot ahead and vanished into the sky.

Shakespeare had it right: "There are stranger things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."



1 - 15 APRIL 1952 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Apr 1	Moody AFB, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Other (OLD REPORT)
2	Washington, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Other (CONTRAILS)
2	Lake Meade, Nevada	[REDACTED]	BALLOON
2	Texas Area	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
2	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED] (METEORS)	Other (LENS FLARE)
3	Benson, Arizona	Multiple	BALLOON
3	Cayuga Lake, New York	Ott	Astro (METEOR)
5	Duncanville, Texas <u>(CASE MISSING)</u>	Military (RADAR)	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Phoenix, Arizona	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
5	Miami, Florida	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
6	Okinawa <u>(CASE MISSING)</u>	Military	AIRCRAFT
6	Temple, Texas	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
7	Memphis, Tenn; Walnut, Miss	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
7	Macon, Missouri	Air Visual	
7	St Louis, Missouri	Civilian	INSUFFICIENT DATA
9	Shreveport, Louisiana <u>(CASE MIS)</u>	Military	BALLOON
9	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
9	Medford, Massachusetts <u>(CASE MISSING)</u>	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
9	Lackland AFB, Texas	Military	Astro (METEOR)
10	Ada, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Point Hope, Alaska	Civilian	AIRCRAFT
12	North Bay, Ontario, Canada	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
13	Moriarty, New Mexico	Military	BALLOON
13	Biloxi, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
13	Waco, Texas	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
14	LaCrosse, Wisconsin	Central Airlines	UNIDENTIFIED
14	Memphis, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
15	Battiest, Oklahoma <u>(CASE MISSING)</u>	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
15	Santa Cruz, California	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
15	Wuchita, Kansas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
15	Ottumina, Iowa	[REDACTED]	