

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>2 Sep 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Riverside, California</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2345 PDT</u> GYT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ SURFACE VISUAL ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>4 civilians</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE <u>-</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Blue, red, yellow color. Shape - Star like.</u> <u>Erratic maneuvers.</u>				11. COMMENTS	

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. MAFB-5-ENDTER	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting		
AREA REPORTED ON Southern California	FROM (Agency) 807th Air Base Group, March Air Force Base	
DATE OF REPORT 10 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 September 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) E. D. H. Maddox, Lt Colonel, USAF	SOURCE Civilian	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) RF Ltr 200-5 dated 29 April 1952		

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.)

1. Description of unidentified Flying Object:
 - a. Star-like in appearance.
 - b. Color: Blue, red, and yellow.
 - c. Number of objects: One (1).
 - d. Speed estimated to be slower than the normal meteor.
 - e. The object moved erratically from left to right and up and down.
2. Time of the sighting was 2 September 1952 at 2345 hours PDST.
3. A visual observation of the object was made by four (4) civilians from the surface.
4. Location of observers: Riverside, California, which is located nine (9) miles north of March Air Force Base. The object was located approximately 45° east of the North Star and about 30° above the horizon.
5. Unidentified flying object was reported by Mr. [REDACTED] Avenue, Riverside, California. The reliability of the observation is unknown. No observing instruments were available.
6. Sky conditions were clear and unlimited. Wind velocity and direction is unknown.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-8-43	DATE 21 October 1952
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object over Los Alamos, New Mexico 3 September 1952		REPORT MADE BY S/A ARTHUR W. WATTS	1m
		REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.	
		PERIOD 21 October 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS <i>3 SEPT 52</i> <i>Los Alamos, New M.</i> Investigation initiated by District Commander upon receipt of information concerning the observation of white light which moved slowly and erratically over Los Alamos, New Mexico. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS, DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DOD DIR 5200.14 Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of the information in this report to persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only by those expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.			
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APPROVED <i>Richard S. Borden</i> <i>Capt USAF</i> JAMES C. BORDEN Lt Col, USAF District Commander.		UNCLASSIFIED	

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by [REDACTED], Director, Security Division, Los Alamos Field Office, Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial light.

2. On 3 September 1952, Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], Inspectors, U.S. Atomic Energy Protective Force, Los Alamos, New Mexico, reported the sighting of a moving white light travelling in a Westerly direction -- the light varying in density from "very dim" to "near glaring". The light approached from the East -- stopped, then proceeded South at about two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) miles per hour. The light was observed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for approximately three (3) minutes. Color, size, shape, or odor given off by light not known. No exhaust trail was noted. The light appeared to approach observers from the East, stop, then proceed Southward -- stopping occasionally. Also witnessing the light was [REDACTED], S-Site employee. Actual time of sightings 2215 and 2245 hours, 2 September 1952, by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively. Point of sighting, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Mr. [REDACTED] remarked that approximately three (3) minutes after the light disappeared toward the South, the same procedure of appearance, stopping, and then proceeding Southward by a similar light occurred.

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