

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE  17 Dec 52	2. LOCATION  SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	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 <span style="font-size: small;">Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown</span>
3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 17/1515PST 17/2315Z GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	5. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6. SOURCE  Scientific Personnel	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS  two
9. COURSE  N	10. COMMENTS  <p>1. Apparently well qualified personnel are in disagreement about objects performance but all agreed they were not conventional aircraft. Did the observers actually observe the jet a/c in the area?</p> <p><i>INSUFF. DATA STATEMENTS AGREE</i></p>	11. COMMENTS

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF  
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, ~~DAYTON~~, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

25 February 1953

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects in  
San Diego, California on 17 December 1952  
by U. S. Naval Employees

TO: Commanding General  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio  
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Attached for your information and any action deemed appropriate are two copies of "Spot Intelligence Report" from the 18th OSI District, addressed to Director of Special Investigations, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C., dated 19 February 1953, subject as above.
2. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in this matter.
3. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

*D. G. North*

D. G. NORTH  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
AF DEPOT, BOX 310, MAYWOOD, CALIF.

19 February 1953

AIRMAIL

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects in San Diego, California, on 17 December 1952, by U. S. Naval employees

TO: Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SOURCE: Between 1515 and 1525 hours, 17 December 1952, four members of the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego 52, California, sighted two flying objects from their place of employment which they concluded were definitely not conventional flying aircraft.

2. DETAILS: This District Office is in receipt of a first indorsement from the District Intelligence Officer, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, accompanied by a letter of transmittal from the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory, which has as inclosures the statements of four employees of the laboratory concerning their sighting of two unconventional flying objects between 1515 and 1525 hours, 17 December 1952.

3. The sightings were made by C. F. ALTHOUSE, Electronic Seisantist; H. W. VOLZENG, Electronic Scientist; HATE WADDINGTON, Electronic Mechanic; and A. J. HOPKINS, Electronic Scientist, from Room 1061, Building 33, of the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory.

✓ 4. Weather conditions were described as mostly cloudy, with several rain squalls to the South and East. There were other jet aircraft in the area.

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5. The speed of the two objects was described as being from the speed of present day jet aircraft to at least five times that speed or 1500 miles per hour. (?)

6. The shape of the objects was described as cigar shape or disc on edge. One felt it presented a circular surface towards the viewer. One described the objects as being round shape, well defined at edges.

7. With the exception of one who stated one object appeared quite dark, all stated the objects emanated bright light, but not dazzling.

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8. The size of the objects varied from an opinion of small to very large.

9. The direction of the objects was considered to be in a generally northern direction, somewhere over the Western end of North Island.

10. Height was estimated by two viewers as approximately 500 feet.

11. No smoke, vapor or flame was noted emitting from the objects. Their course of flight was described as being without smoothness, given to sudden alterations in direction. The flight of the jets in the area was described as being smooth, no turbulence apparently being present.

12. ACTION: No action by this District Office taken or contemplated.

Incls:  
4 Statements

ARTHUR T. CAMERON  
Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

cc: Air Tech. Int. Center  
ATTN: ATIAA-2C  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

cc: DO #5 (AIR MAIL)

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