PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 May 1955	2. LOCATION Van Nuys, California	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/1935Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 or 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE north
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Extreme delta, Silver. Seemed to roll while in flight. High speed. Rolled out of sight.	11. COMMENTS Possible a/c.	

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/UNCLASSIFIED/665ACWS 074-Y PD UFOB. 1. A. EXTREME DELTA. B. JET FLYING HIGH. C. SILVER. D. ONE. E. SEEMED TO ROLL WHILE IN FLIGHT. F. NEGATIVE. G. NEGATIVE. H. NEGATIVE. I. NEGATIVE. 2. A. HIGH SPEED. B. VERY HIGH. C. NORTH D. ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT. E. OVERHEAD. F. FOUR TO FIVE MINUTES. G. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. NEGATIVE. C. NEGATIVE. 4. A. 191935Z MAY 55. B. CLEAR WITH SLIGHT HAZE. 5. A. EJBE 2913. B. VAN NUYS. 6. [redacted] SUN VALLEY, CALIF., WRITER. 7. NEGATIVE. 8. NEGATIVE. 9. NEGATIVE. 10. NEGATIVE. 11. NEGATIVE. 12. NEGATIVE.

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COUNTRY: USA	REPORT NO. 10-UFOB-8-55	DATE AVAILABLE

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON: VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, USA	FROM (Agency): Flight 1-6, 16026 ATSS

DATE OF REPORT: 23 MAY 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION: 19 MAY 1955	EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Office): WILLIAM M CONNOR 2ND LT USAF	SOURCE: [redacted]

REFERENCES (Cite by number, date, source, type, etc., as applicable):
TX Msg, 669th AC&WRON, FORT HUACHUCA, CALIFORNIA, DTG 192050Z MAY 55

SUMMARY: (Brief, concise, mimeograph of report. Check for accuracy, completeness, and relevance. Do not include new or additional information.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Carma Kekenna, 11917 Rialto Street, Los Angeles.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Reports.

PART THREE: Comments of Reporting Officer.

II. SUMMARY: The sighting made at VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, (OTHE 2913) at 191935Z May 1955 was determined to have been caused by any one of a number of jet aircraft flying in the vicinity at the time of the sighting. The premise that it could have been a delta wing type aircraft was discounted after checks with military installations in the area utilizing this type aircraft. Although no individual aircraft could be singled out to be the cause of the sighting, the fact that there was aircraft activity at the location and time of the sighting, plus the fact that there were no reports of unusual objects by pilots flying in the area at the time, confirms the conclusion as mentioned above.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 2ND LT WILLIAM M. CONNOR AO 3015272
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OBSERVATION REPORT	REPORT NO.	PART ONE
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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA.

Age: 18.

Occupation: Poet.

Education: Not determined.

Qualifications: No previous experience as a member of the Ground Observer Corps. Lacks experience in dealing with unusual airborne activity.

II. REMARKS: Poor. In contrast to report given to Commander, 669th AC/WRON, POPE BUILDING, CALIFORNIA, in which it was stated that UFOB was an extreme delta-wing silver jet flying very high, a phone call to Miss McKenzie revealed that the UFOB was not necessarily a delta wing aircraft, that it might have been a very large object flying very high or a small object flying low. Miss McKenzie was alone at the time of the sighting. No other persons reported seeing this object.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE at the time of sighting (191952Z May 55) was in VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, USA (EGBE 2913). SOURCE described object as being one silver delta-wing jet flying at a very high rate of speed at a very high altitude. Object was traveling from SOUTH to NORTH and seemed to roll while in flight. SOURCE had object in sight approximately four or five minutes until the object disappeared directly overhead. There was no evidence of trail or exhaust. The weather was very hot and sunny with a slight haze.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with Flight Operations at Edwards Air Force Base was made for aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. Negative results.

2. A check with Flight Service at March Air Force Base was made for aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. Negative results.

3. A check with Miramar Naval Air Station was made for aircraft in the area at the time of sighting with negative results.

4. A check with Convair Plant #12 at Palmdale, California was made for aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. This plant had no aircraft in the air all day.

5. A check with Flight Operations at the Lockheed Air Terminal was made to determine if any aircraft from that station was in the area at that time. The Lockheed Air Terminal is located at Burbank, California (EDBE 3913). Flight Operations reported that jet air traffic over VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA from the Lockheed Air Terminal is very heavy. Jet traffic from the Lockheed Air Terminal to points WEST use a check point at VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. Flight Operations reported jet traffic in the area at the time of sighting. Jet pilots in the area at the time of sighting reported nothing unusual.

6. A telephone conversation with SOURCE at 2021302 May 55 revealed the following:

a. The object was not necessarily delta winged, but rather appeared to have no definite wingspan whatever.

b. It flew with swooping movements similar to those a bird might use.

c. It could have been either a small object at a low altitude or a large one at a great altitude.

d. It somewhat resembled an R-9J6 type aircraft which fly regularly from the San Fernando Valley Airport (EDBE 3113), the one discrepancy being that the object appeared to be completely silver, even at a seemingly great distance, whereas the R-9J6 type aircraft appear to be of a darker color.

e. Although the object moved with motions similar to that of a bird, SOURCE stated that she was positive it was not a bird.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that subject sighting was caused by some type of "conventional" jet aircraft for the following reasons:

a. No delta-wing type aircraft could be placed in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.

b. Besides being close to the San Fernando Valley Airport, from which F-94Cs operate, the vicinity in question is also a check point for aircraft operating out of the Lockheed Air Terminal at Burbank, California.

c. Flight Operations at the Lockheed Air Terminal stated that aircraft were operating in this particular vicinity at the time of the sighting and if any unusual objects had been present, they certainly would have been reported.

d. When contacted via telephone on 20 May, SOURCE stated that object could have been any type aircraft.

William M. Connor

WILLIAM M. CONNOR
2nd Lt USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur. In the opinion of preparing officer that sighting was probably caused by some type of "conventional" jet aircraft.

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UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE

19 May 1955

2. LOCATION

Van Nuys, California

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 19/1935Z May 1955

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

- [x] Ground-Visual
- [ ] Ground-Radar
- [ ] Air-Visual
- [ ] Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

Four to Five (4-5) Minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One (1)

9. COURSE

Due North

12. CONCLUSIONS

- [ ] Was Balloon
- [ ] Probably Balloon
- [ ] Possibly Balloon
- [ ] Was Aircraft
- [x] Probably Aircraft
- [ ] Possibly Aircraft
- [ ] Was Astronomical
- [ ] Probably Astronomical
- [ ] Possibly Astronomical
- [ ] Other _____
- [ ] Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- [ ] Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One (1) silver, delta wing, object seemed to roll while in flight at a very high altitude and at a great rate of speed.

11. COMMENTS

Upon investigation of Flight 1-C, 4602d AISS, the reliability of the witness was deemed poor. Source was not at all positive the sighted object was delta winged. The conclusions of the investigating authority were that the object was a jet aircraft of the "conventional" type.

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