PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 22 March 1957	2. LOCATION: Trinidad	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 2018 GMT 23/0003Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: one	9. COURSE: maneuvered

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object appearing as a solid with red light on top, yellow light to left and green light on right flex over valley with appearance of hovering and changing speed. Speeds to 120 mph.

11. COMMENTS

As a/c approaches or goes away from observer while in varied maneuvers it will appear to stand still. Nothing in letter to indicate that this was anything other than a light a/c flying over the city. Speeds, maneuvers, lights, duration and general description consistent with this analysis.

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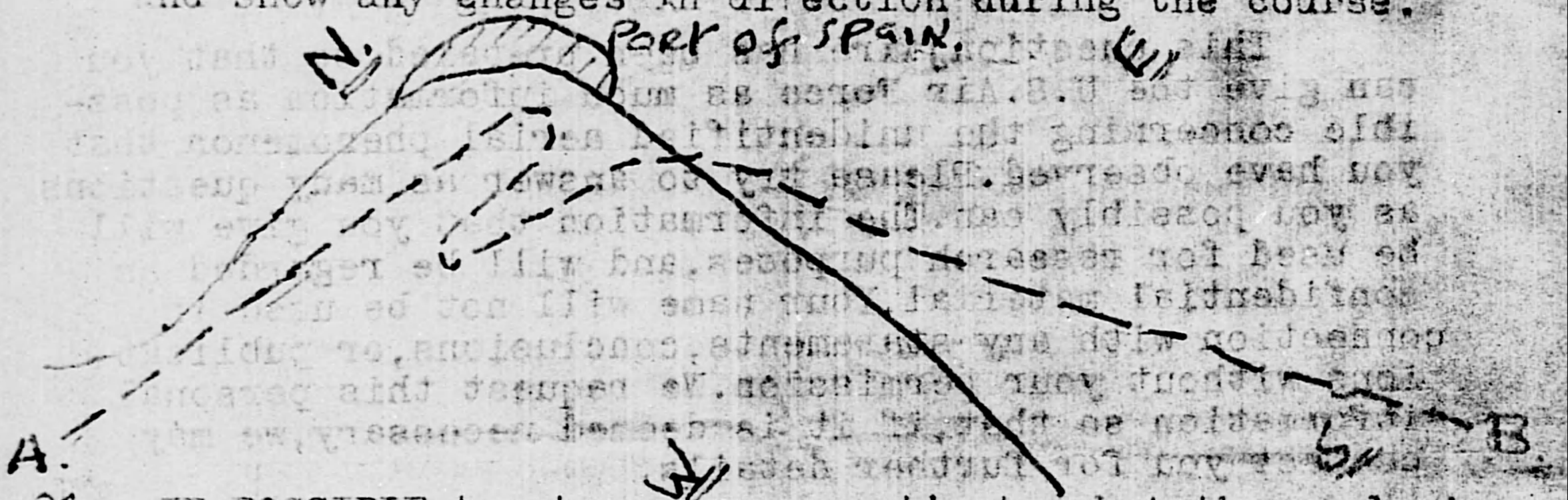
or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. 55 ft. 11 in.
If estimated or calculated, give method of deduction.
Method Use of Similar Triangles and Ratio formula: The figure given is for an object 4 miles away.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects, held in the hand and at abbut arms length?

(Circle One):
a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
(e.) Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

22. Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer in question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? It turned off to the south; apparently (Object) speeded up considerably and disappeared in the low range of hills.

7. If you saw the object during [redacted], or [redacted] where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. If you saw the object at ~~night~~ NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):
a. None
b. A few
(c) Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One)
a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
(c) No moonlight-pitch d'
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?
(Circle One): a. Yes (b) No c. Don't remember
note: The body was not, but the lights were.

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?

(Circle One): a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
(c) A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other _____

11. Did the object:
a. Appear to stand still at any time?
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
c. Break up into parts or explode?
d. Give off smoke?
e. Change brightness?
f. Change shape?
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

(Circle one for each question)

a. (Yes) No Don't know
b. (Yes) No Don't know
c. Yes (No) Don't know
d. Yes (No) Don't know
e. Yes (No) Don't know
f. Yes (No) Don't know
g. Yes (No) Don't know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): (Yes) (No) Don't know. If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: as it disappeared behind the low hills to the south of Prof Sjon

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

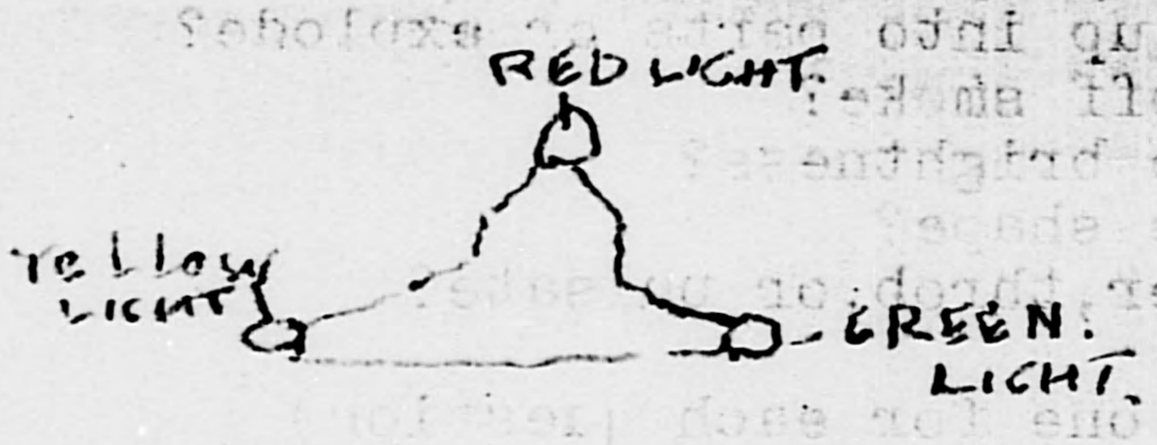
(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't know. If you answered YES, then tell what it moved ~~behind~~ in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One). (a) Solid? b. TTansparen c. Don't know.

15. Did you observe the object through ~~any of the~~ anything? If so, what? By naked eye.

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object
a. Sound It's engine was powered by jet engine.
b. Colour yellow, green, red light.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label ~~the~~ and include in your sketgh any details of the object that you saw, suchbas wingw, protrusions, etc. and especially exhaust trails or vapour trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction in which the obje object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:
(Circle One). a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

Other Faintly coloured black against a black sky.

20. Draw apicture that will show the motion that the object

Form "A"

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionjaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S.Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed.Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can.The information that you give will be used for research purposes,and will be regarded as confidential material.Your name will not be used in connection with any statements,conclusions,or publications without your permission.We request this personal information so that,if it is deemed necessary,we may contact you for further details.

+ 3 45

1. When did you see the object? 2. Time of day: 20 Hr. 18 Mins.

2 Day 3 Month 1957 Year (Circle One)A.M.or P.M.

3. Time Zone: (Circle One). a.Eastern b.Central c.Mountain d.Pacific e.Other (Circle One). a.Daylight saving. (b) Standard.

TRINIDAD.

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

—— Port of Spain, TRINIDAD.
Nr'st P'stl Addr. City or T'n. State,Country.

Additional remarks: Travelling to Icelandish from m/s Boraine (K.N.S.M.) by motor launch

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. — Hours 5 Mins . Secs

5.1 Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a.Certain c.Not very sure
(b) Fairly certain d.Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of light
b. Full daylight (e) No trace of light
c. —

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw. Opaque metal alloy of some sort. Between 50 and 100 ft. diameter, about 10 or 15 ft. thick in center. Resembles a narrow rimmed, deep plunged (?) [illegible] lid, set on top of a wide, shallow TH saucer, or dessert [illegible] dish (

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One). a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other In L of Spain Lobby

26. Were you (Circle One):

a. IN the buiness section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other In a bowling lane

27. What were you doing at the time you sawvthe object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was walking to the dockside about 4 mile
Tar or otherwise, I was looking toward the
when several started pointing and yelling
simultaneously said they saw a flying
saucer. Upon the third UFO sighting, to the south,
at this third sighting, I did look toward
their direction.

28. If you were moving in an automobile or other vehicle at the

Sputnik an inter stellar origin (Ramsbottom-Isherwood.)

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

from 15 m.p.h. to 120 m.p.h. m.p.h.

41. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

If you answered YES, how far away would you say it was?

1320 to 2640 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself.

NAME [redacted]
Last name First name Middle name

ADDRESS c/o British Guiana Rice Development Corp. George Town, B.G.

TELEPHONE NUMBER —

What is your present job? _____

Age _____ Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

Council School; then Scholarship to boarding Grammar School

42. Date you completed this questionnaire.

25th March 1957.

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

This is the first report.

Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses.

Unable to do so as they do not wish to be involved with (the ridicule of) flying saucers.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 If you answered YES, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other ones?

First time seen but like this, but differing UFO's seen at other times.

38. ~~In your opinion what was the object and what might have caused it?~~

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Having made enquiries of R.A.F. and Civil authorities, I come to the conclusion that the objects seen differed from anything known or recognised by them. I personally believe it to be [illegible]

time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving?(Circle One)

a. North ⓒ East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 8 to 10 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?
(Circle One) Yes (No)

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?(Circle One)

a. North c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast (d.) Southeast (f.) Southwest h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?(Circle One)

a. North e. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast (d.) Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing in angular directions try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North, and also the number of degrees, it was upward from the horizon.

31.1 When it first appeared.
a. From true North 230 degrees.
b. From horizon 30 DEGREES

31.2 When it disappeared.
a. From trie North 150 degrees.
b. From the horizon 5 or 6 degrees.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS(Circle One)
ⓐ Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND(Circle One)
ⓐ No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER(Circle One)
ⓐ Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain

34.4 TEMPERATURE
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b. Cool
ⓒ Warm
d. Hot

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a. From true North 330 degrees.
b. From horizon 30 DEGREES

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b. From the horizon 5 to 10 degrees.

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1115 PST GMT 23/0718Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 hours 45 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 - 1st 6 - 3rd 3 - 2nd	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One object. Round 1½ feet in diameter, color green, object seemed to throb and pulsate & change shape occasionally. No sound, object sharply defined alternately, and did not have a tail. A shiny aluminum pole like pole appeared at times atop object. Later two small red objects appeared and still later five red objects appeared.

11. COMMENTS

See case file. Objects were stars and lights on barn.

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Regarding the Oxnard case, again I raise my perennial question --- didn't any of the many people concerned have binoculars or a camera? This always seems to be the case!

The astronomer you consulted apparently did not have a good starchart because while it is so that Arcturus was in the eastern sky, Castor and Pollux were certainly nowhere around but far in the western skies! It would be my opinion that the primary contender in this case was the star Vega, which at that time was low, very low, on the northeastern horizon and rose to a fair height by 3:30 a.m. Still it is always difficult for me to understand how so obvious an object like a bright star can possibly cause so much confusion on the part of several people. If it were only one observer, then anything can happen, but I am always amazed that people are so easily confused, in this case seven police officers!

The trajectories or trails of the objects sighted certainly matched the diurnal paths of the star Vega and other stars in its vicinity. This makes it all the harder to understand how some of the observers could ascribe fast motion and "speeding up" to this sighting. Your point is well taken, if these things move rapidly and speeded up, why were they in sight so long!

C.N.A.I 4. A. [redacted] 25 MARCH 1957. B.NIGHT. 3.34 DEG 19 MIN NORTH,

118 DEG 39 MIN WEST. C.A.INITIAL REPORT BY MRS. [redacted] LT.

OTT, O.D., OXNARD REPORTS WOMAN HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR. RELIABILITY

POSSIBLE COLORED BY EMOTIONAL STRAI

. OTHERS ALL MEMBERS OF STATE

POLICE OR COUNTYS HERRIFFS OFFICE. RELIABILITY SHOULD BE SOUND.

MRS. [redacted] DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CALIF.

[redacted], [redacted] EAST CLARA, VENTURA HIGHWAY. [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted] STREET, OXNARD, CALIF. [redacted]

[redacted]

A.CLEAR BUT NO MOON. B.SURFACE, W/5KTS,

REPEAT ABOVE LINE

[redacted] STREET, OXNARD, CALIF. [redacted]

[redacted] CALIF, [redacted] SANTA ROSA, SAN SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. 7.

A.CLEAR BUT NO MOON. B.SURFACE, W/5KTS, C,[illegible]/FT, 350/15KTS,

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UCLAS "69OPS [illegible]-Y PD UFOB PD 1. A.SPECIAL TO OVAL. B.PIN AND PEA. C.ONE LARGE GREEN AND FOUR SMLL RD. D.FIVE. E.VARYING. F.N/A. G.NONE. H.NONE. I.RED OBJECTS SEEMED CENTERED AROUND THE GREEN AT VARYING SPEED AND FORMATION. 2. A.OBSERVER AROSE FROM BED TO ANSWER PHONE AND SIGHTED UFOB UPON GLANCING FROM BEDROOM WINDOW. B.[illegible] DEG ABOVE HORIZION, GENERALLY NE. C.VERY HIGH 75 TO 80 DEG, WEST. D.GREEN OBJECT REMAINED HIGH, BUT RED OBJECTS DESCENDED VERY LOW. AT THE APPEARANCE OF THE INTERCEPTORS OBJECTS CONVERGED AND ACCELERATED TO EXTREME ALTITUDE.E.MOVED WEST, SPEED MODERATE, VERY HIGH. F.ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS. 3. A.GROUND VISUAL. B.N/A.

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INFO CY: 4602D AISS, FLT 1-C, OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA RJWPJB

(UNCLASSIFIED) FROM AFOIN-4E4 3-398-E

REFERENCE TT MESSAGE 69-OPS 090-Y FROM COMDR 669, ACWRON, PORHUE, CALIFORNIA. RE UFO SIGHTING OBSERVED NIGHT, 0800Z, 23 MARCH 1957 BY MRS. [redacted] OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE PUBLICITY, NUMEROUS WITNESSES, AND POLICE AND SHERIFF BROUGHT IN ON CASE, REQUEST PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. REQUEST BRIEF SUMMARY OF FINDINGS BY TT MESSAGE.

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COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 27/3/57
Dr. Henry A. Miley

AFOIN-4E Amt DATE 3/27

DATE 27 | TIME 0935

MONTH MAR | YEAR 1957

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFOIN-4E4

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature if required): Captain G.T. Gregory

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SIGNATURE: Robert E O'Connor

TYPED (or printed) NAME AND TITLE:

ROBERT E. O'CONNOR
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173 REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

2.U.I.I.IED. 3.ZERO. 4.NONE. 5.NONE. 6.AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED 4 BLOODSTONE ALPHA, FRONT PAGE WHISKEY, BSA SWANNY CONTROL, NEGATIVE CONTACT ALTHOUGH REPORTED IN MERGE WITH UFOB TWICE.7PW, ART CONTROL PASS TO TOWER VISUAL, NEGATIVE CONTACT ALTHOUGH ALSO REPORTED IN MERGE WITH UFOB. 10. MODERATE IN L.A. AREA. 11. BOTH BLOODSTONE ALPHA FLIGHT AND FRONT PAGE WHISKEY FLIGHT THOROUGHLY SEARCHED THE AREA IN QUESTION, BUT WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE UFOB. NEITHER PILOT SAW THE SIGNAL LIGHTS OF THE POLICE. THE POSSIBILITY

OF ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFIED RADIO BEACON CANNOT BE ENTIRELY DISCOUNTED DESPITE THE REPORTED MOBILITY OF THE OBJECTS IN QUESTION. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, GROUND OBSERVERS REPORTED VISUAL SIGHTINGS ON BOTH THE INTERCEPTORS AND THE UFOB. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT ON ONE OCCAISION, MRS. [redacted] REPORTED THAT A PALE GREEN BEAM OF LIGHT HAD EMITTED EARTHWARD FROM THE LARGER SPHERE WHICH SHE ALTERNATELY DESCRIBED AS RESEMBLING "THE CANOHY OF A HLICOPTER" AND "A PLANET". NO RADAR PICKUP OF THE UFOB WAS EVEER ESTABLISHED MRS. [redacted] AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, MADE THE INITIAL SIGHTING AND CALLED LT. [redacted] AT OXNARD, WHO, IN TURN, ALARMED AT HER EMOTIONAL CONDITION, ALERTED THE HIGHWAY PATROL. POLICE OFFICERS

RRIVING AT MRS. [redacted] HOME ALSO SIGHTED THE UFOB AND COORDINATED WITH ART CONTROL TO AID IN THE ATTEMTTED INTERCEPTION. KENNETH R CLARDK, 1ST LT USAF, DUTY DIRECTOR. 12. NONE PD

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FROM: AFOIN-4E4 9C40354

PART I - REFERENCE OUR MESSAGE AFOIN-4E4, 3-398-E DATED 27 MARCH 57 REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF OXNARD CALIFORNIA INCIDENT OF 23 MARCH, AS REPORTED ON TT-MSG 69-OPS-Y FROM COMDR, 669 ACWRON. NO DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CASE RECEIVED AS YET; ONLY COMMENT IN YOUR UFO SUMMARY WITH STATEMENT WAS ASTRONOMICAL. THIS INCIDENT RECOGNIZED BY THIS CENTER AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS IN THAT IT COULD GIVE AIR FORCE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY, IF EXPLOITED BY FANATIC OR DIE-HARD "FLYING SAUCER" PROPONENTS. THIS NOW DEFINITE [redacted] POSSIBILITY, WITH RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM [redacted], NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON UFOS, DEMANDING FULL DETAILS AND ANSWERS TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OXNARD INCIDENT NOT SUPPORTED BY INFORMATION IN FILE.

OFFICIALLY, THIS INCIDENT DOES NOT WARRANT ACTION REQUIRED, BUT [redacted]ABILITY TO SLANT MATERIAL AND CREATE UNWARRANTED TROUBLE FOR AIR FORCE, HIS STOCK IN TRADE FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS,

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ENCODED Initials [illegible] Time 1700Z Checked By [illegible]

ENCODED Initials [illegible] Time 1700Z Checked By [illegible]

[redacted]

DATE	TIME
13	1600
MONTH	YEAR
MAY	57

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFOIN-4E4

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature if required): Capt G. T. Gregory

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SIGNATURE [signature]

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR. 5200.10

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173 REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 48, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

REQUIRE NO COMMENT. PRESUME DETAILS, FINDINGS OR AF112, IN SUPPORT OF UFO SUMMARY CONCLUSION, IN PREPARATION. HOWEVER, NOW REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION OF DETAILS AND PERTINENT FACTS SURROUNDING THIS CASE AS REQUESTED IN TT-3-398-E, SO THAT THEY MAY BE FORWARDED TO HQS USAF, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIAL REPLY TO [redacted] COMMITTEE.

PART II - IN ADDITION TO ANSWER THIS COMMITTEE'S CHARGES, COMMENTS TO FOLLOWING DESIRED SPECIFICALLY:

a. OUR UFO REPORT, 69-OPS-Y, REFERENCED ABOVE, STATES FOUR AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. HOWEVER, [redacted] CLAIMS FOUR UFOS CONTACTED.

b. DO NOT KNOW SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, BUT [redacted] ALLEGES DETAILED REPORT PREPARED BY OXNARD PILOT DESCRIBING ONE UFO, ALSO ITS SPEED ESTIMATED AT 3600 MPH.

c. WERE THERE ANY CLASSIFIED PILOT'S AND RADAR REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT AS CLAIMED? IF SO, AND NORMALLY AF REPORTS OF SUCH NATURE MIGHT BE, THROUGH WHAT MEANS OR SOURCE DID [redacted] RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION, INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE BREACH OF SECURITY?

d. NOT CLEAR, AND SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, REPORT ON OBSERVER: RISES FROM BED, GLANCES OUT OF WINDOW, SEES OBJECT HIGH IN SKY, OBSERVES FOR 1½, REPEAT 1½ HOURS, THEN GETS HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR.

e. WAS LT. OTT, APPARENTLY OFFICER ON DUTY, WHICH OBSERVER CONTACTED, FOLLOWING LOCAL PROCEDURES IN ALERTING HIGHWAY PATROL AND AF INTERCEPTORS WITHOUT FIRST A/TD TAKING ACTION TO CHECK THE INCIDENT

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FROM:

COMDR ATIC

FURTHER, IN VIEW OF HIS ADMITTED KNOWLEDGE OF HER EMOTIONAL CONDITION? THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME SUBJECTIVITY ON THE PART OF THIS OFFICER.

HQS USAF CANNOT BE SUPPLIED WITH DETAILS AND ANSWERS TO ABOVE WITHOUT FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 14/5/57
Dr. Henry A. Miley

AFOIN-4E H K Gilbert DATE 14/5/57
Col H. K. Gilbert

AFOIN-4X1 A F Arcier DATE 15/5/57
Mr. A. F. Arcier

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 475 PD REFERENCE YOUR AFOIN 4E4 IC40354 PD

FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED CLN SOURCE [redacted] CMM

RELIABILITY QTE POSSIBLY RELIABLE UN QTE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING

CLN QTE SOURCE AROSE FROM BED TO ANSWER TELEPHONE PD WHILE ON PHONE

SOURCE OBSERVED UNUSUAL GREEN OBJECT IN NORTHEAST SKY AT ABOUT TEN

DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON PD OBJECT SEEMED TO THROB AND PULSATE PD

NO SOUND PD OBJECT ALTERATELY AHAD AND DID NOT HAVE A TAIL PD SHINY

ALUMINUM LIKE PLE APPEARED AT TIMES ON TOP OF OBJECT PD OBJECT

WAS SEEN TO MOVE AT GREAT SPEEDS AND ALSO TO REMAIN STATIC PF

OBJECT SEEN FOR FIVE HOIR FORTY FIVE MINUTES PD UNQTE BADED ON THIS

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INFORMATION EVALUATION WAS ASTRONOMICAL

INFORMATION EVALUATION OF "WAS ASTRONOMICAL" WAS IVEN THIS SIGHTING

PD FOLLOWING INFORMAITION IS QUOTED FROMSUPPLEMENTARY ENVESTIGATIVE

REPORTS ON AF FORM 112 CLN THE 669TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING

SQUADRON LOCATED ON SANTA ROSA ISLAND WAS CONTACTED AND THE CONTROLLER

ON DUTY ON THE NIGHT OF 22/23 MAR FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION PD STATION OPERATIVE DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF SIGHTING

PD ONLY ONE PAINT WAS NOTED THAT NIGHT CMM FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE

SIGHTING WAS REPORTED PD CHECK WITH BASE OPERATIONS OXNARD AFB

DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING CLN TWO F-89 AIRCRAFT CMM OXNARD BASED CMM

WERE RETURNING FROM A FLIGHT IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA WHEN INFORMEN

BY THE CONTROLLER OF THE 669TH ACWRON OF OBJECTS IN AREA PD AIR

CRAFT WERE THEN VECTORED TO THE AREA OF SIGHTING PD A SEARCH FROM

ONE THOUSAND FEET ON UP WAS CONDUCTED PD AIRCRAFT REPORTED NEITHER VISUAL OR RADAR SIGHTING PD AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BASE AND NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN PD MR [redacted] CMM ASTRONOMER AT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLN ARTURUS WAS PRESENT IN THE NORTHEASTERN SKY SLIGHTLY BELOW A FORTY FIVE DEGREE ELEVATION DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING PD MR BEATTY INDICATED THAT ARTURUS WAS VERY BRIGHT PD LT OTT CMM DUTY OFFICER STATED THAT HE

CALLED SANTA ROSA ISLAND AND THEY SAID THEY HAS A PAINT IN APPROXIMATE AREA OF SIGHTING PD HOWEVER LATER CONTACT WITH RADAR SITE DID NOT SUPPORT THIS PAINT PD QUOTATION FROM STATEMENT OF LT OTT QTE ALTHOUGH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE GROUND OBSERVER REPORTED THE AIRCRAFT CLOSE TO THE OBJECTS CMM NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY THE AIR CREWS PD END QUOTE FROM REPORT THIS SIGHTING WAS DEKINATELY CAUSED BY STAR CMM PROBABLY STAR ARTURUS PD ALTHOUGH LT OTT SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT 669TH ACWRON WAS CARRYING STATIONARY PAING IN CAMARILLO AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CMM LT MARTIN CMM DUTY CONTROLLER ON NIGHT OF 22/23 MAR 57 CMM DENIED CARRYING A PLOT AT THIS TIME PD A LACK OF GROUND RADAR CONTACT CMM PLUS THE FACT THAT NEITHER AIRBORN RADAR NOR CREWMEMBERS OF F-89 INTERCEPTORS SAW ANY THING WOULD RULE OUT ANY UNUSUAL OBJECT PD THIS HEADQUARTERS REGRETS THAT YOUR CENTER DOES NOT HAVE AF FORM 112 ON SIGHTING PD SUBJECT REPORT WAS SENT FORM ADC HEADQUARTERS ON 26 APR 57 PD IN FUTURE THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL MAIL YOUR COPY OF REPORT PD SUBJECT REPORT WILL FOLLOW BY AIRMAIL PD REQUEST THE REPORT BE RETURNED WHEN YOUR CENTER RECEIVES A COPY

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SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object

MAY 13 1957

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	W/O INCL
Camarillo, California	Flight 1-C, 4602d AISS	4Bla.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
5 April 1957	22, 23 March 1957	5 Limited

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
FRANK H. MARECKI, Major, USAF	Mrs. [redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
669th OPS Ø9Ø-Y TT MSGT: Sqdn Guide 200-2, AFR 200-2.

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.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of Sighting and subsequent events by Mrs. [redacted] Camarillo, California

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying objects were observed visually from a point (EJBE 0615) northeast of CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA (EJAE 5513) for a period of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes on the evening of 22, 23 March 1957. The information in this report was obtained from the person seeing these objects and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of this sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: S/Sgt JOHN T FICKEN, AF 16371953

Frank H. Marecki
FRANK H. MARECKI
Major USAF
OIC, Flt 1-C, 4602d AISS

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PART ONE

I. SOURCE: Name Mrs [redacted]

Address [redacted] Drive, Camarillo, California

Age 36

Occupation Housewife

Education High School plus 2½ years of accounting

Qualifications None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE, wife of a UNITED STATES AIR FORCE captain who was a Staff Judge Advocate, was very cooperative although seemingly concerned about being ridiculed because of reporting the sighting. SOURCE seemed above average in intelligence. SOURCE answered all questions quickly and without hesitation. Sometimes answers given were very general and not at all specific. SOURCE reached conclusions quickly without a great deal of reasoning or judgement. SOURCE tended to underestimate by a large percentage. SOURCE was positive she had seen something unusual but under cross-questioning many contradictions, especially times at which certain events had taken place during the sighting, were noted. SOURCE had made a sketch of the object during the sighting but had misplaced it so that it was not available during the interview. SOURCE seemed excitable and possibly a little "jumpy." On night of sighting her young daughter had been slightly ill, and SOURCE was possibly a little upset as her husband was away on TDY. SOURCE balked at using colors when sketching the object for the interviewer. SOURCE was alert and had good powers of concentration. In view of the foregoing the information given below may be considered possibly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING AND EVENTS:

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1. At approximately 23/0718Z MAR 57 SOURCE arose from bed to answer the telephone. While on the phone SOURCE observed an unusual green object in the northeast sky at about ten (10) degrees above the horizon. The green object glowed fluorescently and was brighter than the surrounding stars.

2. SOURCE described the object as being round, but changing shape occasionally (See Incl #2) to that resembling a helicopter. Object was estimated to be about two and one half (2½) feet in diameter. SOURCE stated that at one time it appeared to be about the size of a quarter held at arm's length and at another time stated it appeared about the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length. Object seemed to throb and pulsate. There was no sound. Object was sharply defined. Object alternately had and did not have a tail. A shiny aluminum-like pole appeared at times on top of the object. Object was seen to move at great speeds and also to remain static. Sometimes it jumped around. The object gave off no smoke and did not appear to change brightness.

3. SOURCE described the glow from the object as projecting downward only. SOURCE stated that the light definitely did not shine upward and compared the suppression of the glow to that created by blackout paint.

4. At approximately 23/0725Z MAR 57 SOURCE telephoned the Officer of the Day, a personal friend, at OXNARD AFB and reported the sighting.

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5. At about 23/0830Z MAR 57 SOURCE observed two smaller red objects to the north of the green object and below the horizon formed by the LOS PASOS hills to the northeast of the observation point. The red objects were aligned horizontally and seemed to be jumping around. One object was continuously behind some trees about five hundred (500) yards away from the observation post and in front of the LOS PASOS hills which were about one and a half miles away. At this time both the green object and the two (2) red objects seemed to jump around. Upon arrival of interceptors from OXNARD AFB the red objects joined the green object and sped away in a direction up and to the east.

6. SOURCE made these observations from the kitchen of her home and also from the back porch. No optical instruments were used during the sighting. See Incl #1.

7. See Incl #3 for Statement by SOURCE.

3 Incls
1. Flight of Objects
2. Green Object
3. Statement of SOURCE

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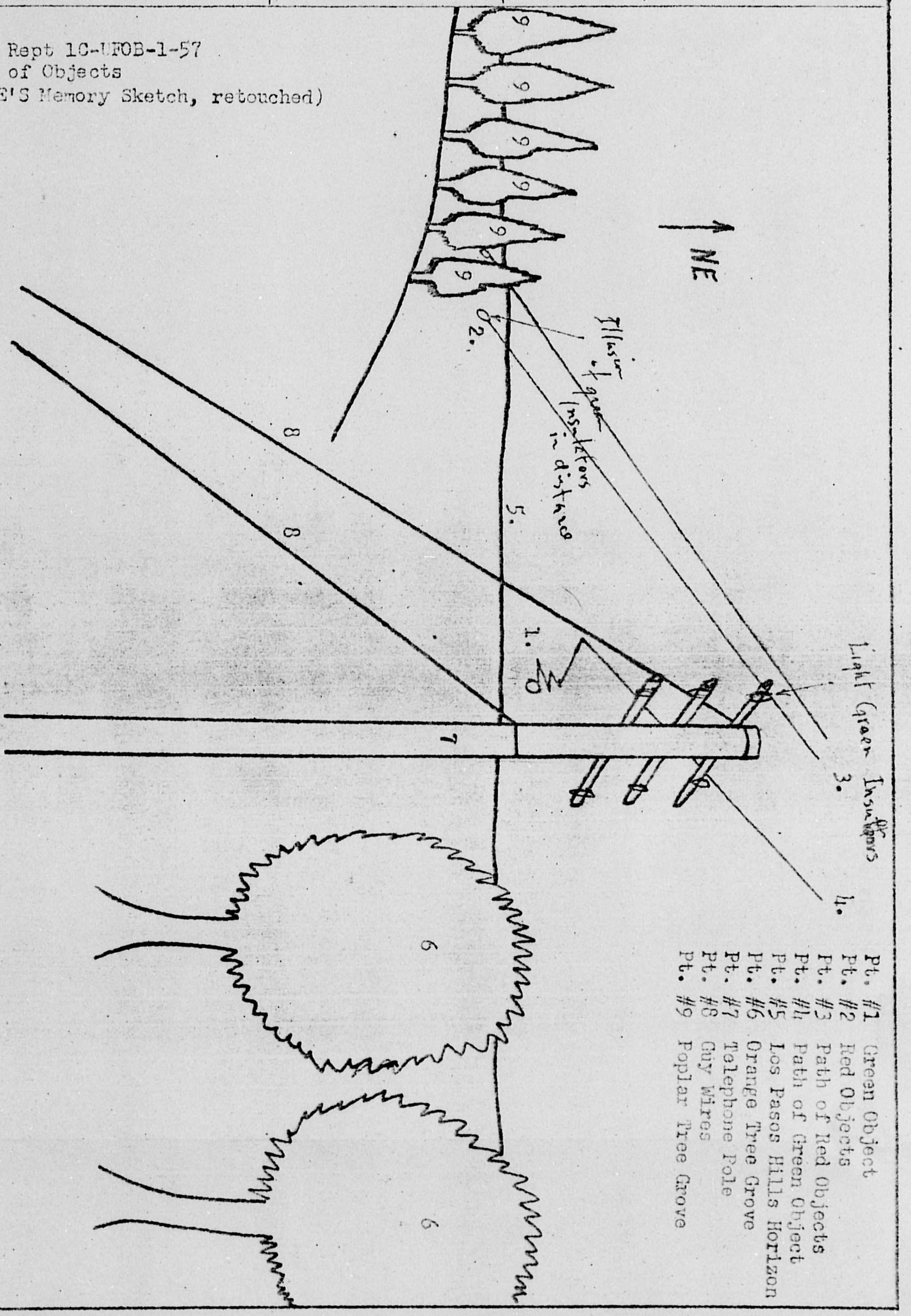
Flight of Objects
(SOURCE'S Memory Sketch, retouched)



Pt. #1 Green Object
Pt. #2 Red Objects
Pt. #3 Path of Red Objects
Pt. #4 Path of Green Object
Pt. #5 Los Pasos Hills Horizon
Pt. #6 Orange Tree Grove
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Pt. #8 Guy Wires
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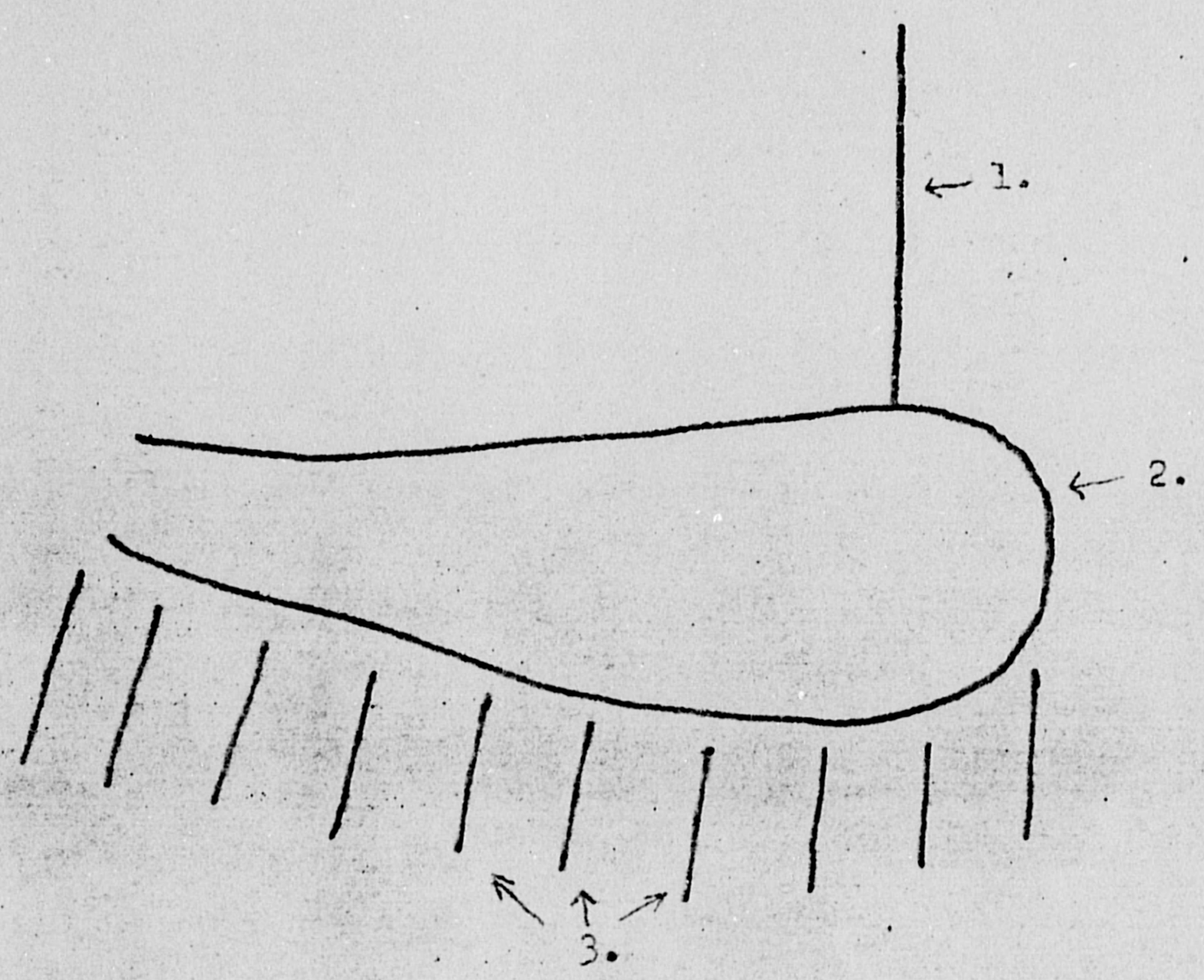
Green Object (SOURCE's Memory Sketch, retouched)

Pt.##1. "Shiny" pole, not continually visible
Pt. #2. Body of object
Pt. #3. Light rays shining down



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Statement by SOURCE

STATMENT

At about 11:15 P.M. 22 Mar. '57 Capt Linsley telephoned my home - I had just gone to bed. Answered My phone which is so located in our kitchen that in using it I look out the kitchen window facing East. I told Capt. Linsley "I'm sure I'm seeing my first flying saucer. Really [redacted] here, I'll call her" - We hung up and I called Oxnard Air Base at Capt. Linsley's suggestion. Carol & I watched the original 'green' light and subsequentley (sic) 2 red objects (lights) from 2 East windows until th[redacted](sic) found our house and arrived at 1:30 AM. I talked on the phone much of the 2 hr. interval to the O. D. at the Base - describing all the antics the green light performed and later the arrival of the 2 red "lights" The [redacted] (sic) arrived, talked on the phone - we all watched & looked until 3:30 AM, Mar 23, 1957.

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Richard A. Holm
RICHARD A. HOLM
WO, W-1 USAF
Certifying Officer

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PART TWO

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

1. 1st Lt Leonard E. Ott, Officer of the Day on the night of 22, 23 March 1957 at OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and a statement from him received. See Incl #2,

2. The 669th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron located on SANTA ROSA ISLAND, mailing address PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and the controller on duty on the night of 22, 23 MAR 57 furnished the following information. 1st Lt Edward R. Martin, two (2) years experience at the station, said that the station was operative during the entire time of sighting. Only one paint was noted that night, at 0245Z, or five (5) hours before the sighting was reported. The paint was noted only once, held for five (5) minutes, then dropped. No other paints were recorded during the night although Lt Martin stated that this AC & W site does not normally pay much attention to overland activity being primarily interested in over-water, inbound traffic. Vectored aircraft had reported no contact with the object.

3. A check with Base Operations, OXNARD AFB, disclosed the following: Two (2) F-89 type aircraft, OXNARD based, were returning from a flight in the LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, area at about 23/0930Z MAR 57 when informed by the controller of the 669th AC & W Squadron of the objects in the CAMARILLO area. Aircraft were then vectored to the area of the sighting. A search from one thousand (1000) feet on up was conducted. Aircraft reported neither a visual nor a radar sighting. Aircraft returned to base and no further action was taken.

4. A check with Detachment 9, 4th Weather Squadron at OXNARD AFB revealed the following:

Winds:	Surface	variable	5 kts
	6000 ft	050 degrees	10 kts
	10000 ft	315 degrees	50 kts
	16000 ft	335 degrees	50 kts
	20000 ft	325 degrees	65 kts
	30000 ft	315 degrees	70 kts
	50000 ft	275 degrees	60 kts
	80000 ft	Unk	Unk

Note 1

Temperature at 23/0900Z MAR 57 at the weather station was 43 degrees. Moonrise was at 23/0914Z MAR 57. There was no cloud cover and visibility was unlimited. There was a shallow surface base temperature inversion extending to one thousand (1000) feet.

5. Detachment 2, 4771st Ground Observer Corps, Pasadena Filter Center at PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and the following information received: The filter center received a telephone call from an Airman Delaney, an Airpoliceman on duty at the main gate at OXNARD AFB, reporting the object in the CAMARILLO area. Airman Delaney did not see the object and was simply making the call at the request of the Officer of the Day, Lt Ott. The filter center received no unusual sighting reports from the CAMARILLO area on the night of the sighting.

6. The observatories at MT WILSON and MT PALOMAR, CALIFORNIA, were contacted and a report of no unusual activity received.

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7. Traffic Officer Robert E. Reed of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, gave the following information: At approximately 23/0818Z MAR 57 he received a report from OXNARD AFB on the unusual sighting. Traffic Officer Reed along with Traffic Officer Danilo Chalif proceeded to the CAMARILLO area but missed the turn-off on Barbara Drive. They continued into SIMI, CALIFORNIA, and turned west beyond the LOS PASOS hills where they saw what they described as two red lights apparently sitting in a field on the LAWTON Ranch. The traffic officers found no one at home at the LAWTON Ranch and proceeded out to the field where they found a barn with one red light on each of four (4) corners. They reported this by radio to the station at VENTURA and then back-tracked until they found the SOURCE's home on Barbara Drive. Upon arrival of the F-89 interceptors in the area traffic officers Reed and Chalif with other officers (See below) attempted to vector the F-89's to the immediate area of the observation point by flashing their spot lights into the air. This was unsuccessful. During the entire time that Traffic Officers Reed and Chalif were in the area they saw nothing unusual. The objects in question as pointed out to the traffic officers by the SOURCE were identified by the traffic officers simply as stars with only the normal movement of their rise in the eastern sky. Traffic Officers Reed and Chalif left the area at approximately 23/1000Z MAR 57.

8. Traffic Officer Robert H. Winter and Traffic Officer James F. Willson of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, also received orders to investigate the sighting and also found the barn with the red lights on it. They arrived at the LAWTON Ranch at about 23/0820Z MAR 57. They then proceeded to Barbara Drive arriving at 23/0915Z MAR 57. Traffic Officers Winter and Willson also participated in the unsuccessful attempt to vector the F-89 interceptors to the area by spot lights. They reported seeing nothing unusual. There was no unusual sound or movement. The night was extremely clear and cool. Traffic Officers Winter and Willson were positive that there were only stars present and a little later the moon. They left the area at approximately 23/1000Z MAR 57.

9. Sgt Earl Watson of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, was not available for interview but his superior, Captain Howard Marsh, of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, had received the report on the sighting from Sgt Watson. Captain Marsh said that Sgt Watson's report corroborated the contents of the reports submitted by Traffic Officers Reed, Chalif, Willson, and Winter.

10. Deputy Sheriff Nickol Rouce of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was contacted and he submitted the following information: At 23/0757Z MAR 57 he arrived at SOURCE'S residence. Deputy Rouce observed from the same spot as SOURCE but saw nothing unusual. He identified the objects reported by the SOURCE as nothing but stars rising in the eastern sky at their normal rate. He described the weather as extremely clear, chilly, cloudless with the moonrise at about 23/0930Z MAR 57. There was a glow in the eastern sky from the North American Rocketdyne Plant at SIMI, CALIFORNIA, EJBE 1316, but Deputy Rouce said that it was not bright enough to affect the visibility to the northeast

11. Mr. Beatty, astronomer at San Bernardino Valley College, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, supplied the following information: A bright star, ARTURUS, was present in the northeastern sky slightly below a forty five (45) degree elevation during the time of the sighting. Two (2) lesser stars, POLLUX and CASTOR, possibly giving a reddish appearance, were also present in the northeastern sky just above the horizon at the time of the sighting. This information was taken from his files and the stars were not actually observed visually from the observatory during the night of the sighting.

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12. The North American Rocketdyne Plant at SIMI, CALIFORNIA, reported no unusual activity at the plant during the night of 22, 23 March 1957.

13. Deputy Sheriff Segura of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was also contacted but he stated that he had not taken an active part during the sighting. He was on duty as the switchboard operator at the Sheriff's Office in VENTURA, CALIFORNIA.

14. No physical evidence was found.

15. See Incl #1 for sketch of area of sighting and location of LAWTON Ranch.

determined that he was contacted by Lt. Ott

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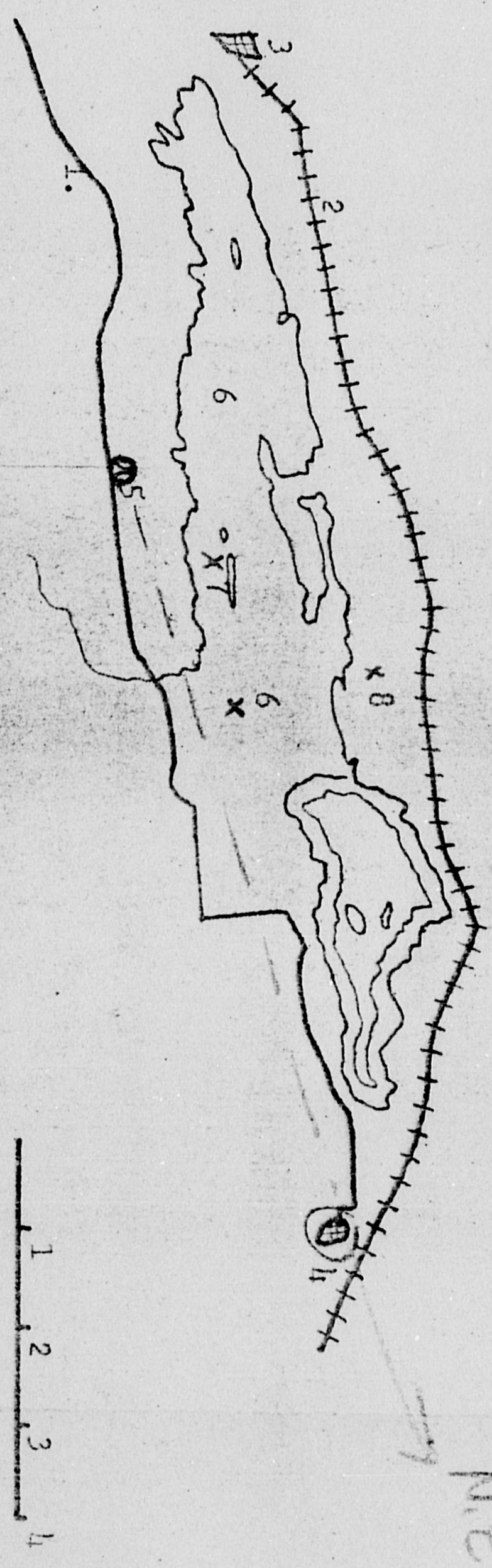
Sketch of Area of Sighting by Investigator
Overlay of Geological Survey Map, California, Camulos Quadrangle, Scale: 1:125000



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STATEMENT

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

22/23 March 1957

I received a report from Mrs [redacted] (Captain [redacted]s wife) at approximately 2320 hours 23 March 1957 that she had sighted an unidentified object in the sky due Northeast of her home on Barbara Drive in Camarillo.

I had no reason to question her veracity; however, I did joke with her for a few minutes as to what she had been drinking. She became most indignant, stating that a large green irridescent object approximately the size of a plastic cabin on a helicopter was orbiting and yoyoing Northeast of her home. She further stated that it seemed to be hovering over the North American plant at Simi.

I explained to her how temperature inversions can cause reflections and weird optical effects, and the conversation was terminated. Five minutes later, at approximately 2330 hours, I received another call from Mrs [redacted]. This time she stated that two red lights had joined the green light and were zooming past it horizontally at tremendous velocities.

I then called ART and asked if they were painting anything in that particular area. Lt Martin (Director at ART) reported affirmatively that they had a stationary object in approximately the area designated by Mrs Beaudoin. He stated that it was not a normal stationary object.

I then called Mr[redacted] and asked if she still saw the object. She stated that the green object was hovering high (she estimated 45 degrees off the horizontal due Northeast). At this time, she became very frightened, stating that the two red objects were on the deck and approaching very slowly. She asked that I call the local authorities and obtain help. — what for? anything else — clue? Terror?

I was unable to contact the Highway patrol due to some operator in the Oxnard exchange, so contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's office instead. They had a car in the area, and contacted it by radio. The Deputy in the car reported that he had also sighted the object and contacted another unit in Camarillo. This unit also reported the same object.

In the meantime, the Sheriff's office contacted the Highway Patrol, who dispatched a vehicle to the area. I arranged a conference call between Mrs [redacted] the Sheriff, the Highway Patrol, and myself. All police units reported the sighting and converged on Mrs [redacted]s residence. The Highway Patrol reported a red object or light was sitting in a field on the Lawton Ranch and requested two more cars to help him investigate. This turned out to be a barn with red clearance lights on the roof.

The Sheriff's department, meantime, had a car at Mrs [redacted] Deputy Sheriffs Segura and Rausch (sic) confirmed Mrs [redacted] report in every detail. The objects had by then multiplied to one green and five red objects. All were in motion in an arc of (sic) the horizon of about 20 degrees, and constantly changing altitude. The red objects were extremely low, and the green object extremely high. ART called and

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stated that they had a scramble underway and would ask the aircraft to check the area upon their return.

ART vectored the aircraft into the area and an attempt was made to orient them from the group of police at Mrs [redacted], on the ground. This was unsuccessful and the aircraft had to return to base due to lack of fuel. ISLAND then called and wanted a complete report, which I furnished them. They evidently had a report from the GOC. Two Navy aircraft were scrambled and ART turned control of them over to BLOODSTONE GROUND here at the alert center. These aircraft were vectored into the area, and then controlled by sight and sound by the group at Mrs [redacted], relayed over the radio at the alert center.

Although on several occassions (sic) the ground observors (sic) reported the aircraft close to the objects, no contact was made by the air crews. It developed at one time, though, that the objects accelerated vertically at tremendous velocities when the aircraft approached them. The entire operation was broken off at approximately 0300 PST with no sightings from the air. Mrs [redacted] then called ART and gave a description of the incident and objects so a formal report might be made.

The following police officers were in the area and reported the objects:

Robert H. Winter
6232 East Clara
Ventura, Calif.

Earl Watson
1950 Victoria St.
Ventura, Calif.

James F. Willson
345 Poplar
Oxnard, Calif.

Robert E. Reed
528 South Emma
Oxnard, Calif.

Don Chalif
1520 Santa Rosa
Santa Barbara

Also included were Deputy Sheriffs Segura and Rausch (sic) of the Ventura County Sheriffs Office.

LEONARD E. OTT
1ST LT USAF
Officer of the Day

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Richard A. Holm
RICHARD A. HOLM
WO, W-1 USAF
Certifying Officer

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PART THREE

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

1. The opinion of the Preparing Officer is that this sighting was caused by stars and probable optical phenomena for the following reasons:

a. The presense of a temperature inversion during the time of sighting could possibly have reflected the red lights of the barn over the LOS PASOS hills to the point of observation during the earlier portion of the sighting, which could explain the location of the objects below the horizon. It is probable that later on stars were confused for the original red light sightings.

b. Although SOURCE observed objects to be in movement, six (6) other people saw nothing to indicate that the objects were anything other than stars.

c. Although Lt Ott said in his statement that the 669th AC & W Squadron was carrying a stationary paint in the CAMARILLO area at the time of the sighting, Lt Martin, the duty controller on the night of 22, 23 March 57, denied carrying a plot at this time.

d. A lack of ground radar contact, plus the fact that neither airborne radar nor the crewmembers of the F-89 interceptors saw anything, would probably rule out any known object being in the area.

e. The presense of three (3) bright stars in the northeastern sky at the time of the sighting was confirmed by an astronomer.

f. The contradiction of the number of objects originally reported by the SOURCE to the Officer of the Day at OXNARD AFB and the number reported to the investigator during the interview lends credence to the fact that the SOURCE was probably upset and confused during the sighting.

Frank H. Marecki

FRANK H. MARECKI
Major USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with Reporting Officer that this sighting was caused by stars. It is felt that the radar paint, in no way, is connected to the visual sighting. Therefore, the evaluation of the Approving Officer is "Was Astronomical."

Concur

JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Information for Mr. Edward J. Ruppelt

SAFIS-3, ATTN: Major Tacker 23 May 1957

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4Ehs/Maj R. J. Friend/jb/69216/Bldg 263

1. The objects sighted over Arkansas City, Kansas on the night of 12 July 1956 were reported to have been investigated by a B-47. The crew reported the objects were waste gas torches in a nearby oil field.

2. The objects sighted over Camarillo, California, Onward AFB area, on the night of 22 and early morning 23 March 1957, were thoroughly investigated. Source pointed out the lights to several investigators from the state highway patrol, and was informed by them that the lights were stars with their normal movement and rise in the eastern sky. There was also a barn with four red lights on it northeast of observers location. This sighting was attributed to the stars, the four red lights, and light reflecting off of green insulators on a nearby telephone pole.

Report

GORDON C. HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

Robert J. Friend Major
Recd 4E4g 27 May 57
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Vincent A. Rothman Col. USAF
27 May 57

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Report on Oxnard UFO Case - 22 March 1957

AFOIN-X1 22 May 1957

AFOIN-4 1

1. Reference is made to telephone discussions 20 May 1957, between your office and Capt Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verablly during these discussions.

2. This case, which has been given some attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force some adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of Oxnard AFB and the 4602d AISS, Headquarters ADC respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigations and radar search. The allegations are not supported by the facts.

3. In compliance with your instructions for providing Headquarters USAF with all case material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher levels, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF under AF 112, IR-1C-UFOB-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrols, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered thorough.

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4. Also attached is a suggested reply to the director of the committee mentioned above, which may be used in whole or in part. The director, Mr. [redacted] needs no introduction. His known ability for placing the Air Force in an unfavorable light is well known.

5. The report of the Air Force's investigation (IR reference above) which Mr [redacted] demands is unclassified, and supports our conclusions submitted to your office. However, the decision whether it should be released to this committee must come from Headquarters USAF. Accordingly, it is the opinion of this Center that any replies or statements regarding this case should be over the signature of higher levels, preferably the Office of Information Services.

6. In conclusion, it is the opinion of this Center that this case was improperly handled at its inception, and the unfortunate train of events which followed to give it this unwarranted attention, could have been avoided. The officer initially receiving the report should have contacted the nearby AISS unit, which was responsible for UFO investigations, instead of the local police and other civil authorities.

If inclosure 2 Is withdrawn (or not attached), the classification of this correspondence will be downgraded to [illegible] in accordance with [illegible], AFR205-1.

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1. TT Msg 3-398-S
2. TT Msg IC-40354 (T57-12799)
3. TT Msg 69-OPS
4. TT Msg AISOC-475
5. 1st Ind fr 4602d AISS w/1 Incl
6. Ltr fr 4602d AISS w/2 Incls
7. Suggested reply to ltrs

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CANADA
OXNARD CASE

(1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.

(2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point were made. Between the source's observing point and the object, was a shiny pole with three cross-bars. The objects were viewed through these cross-bars on it. The results of interplay of light on the insulators is obvious.

(3) Directly in the line-of-sight, as pointed out by source, and beyond the lights on the barn, was a very bright star, Arcturus, in the sky. This was corroborated by a professional astronomer in a local educational institute.

(4) The sighting was observed through a window. Again, the appearance of the red lights on the barn, with a bright-green appearing star in the background, observed through a maze of wires and insulators require no further comment.

(5) It is interesting to note that the objects reported were observed for over two hours, with apparently very little movement. Yet, no report of any unusual phenomena was received by other than the source reporting.

This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being identified as conventional objects or known phenomena. We, of course, cannot publicly comment on an important factor in any investigation, the source, their reliability, bliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

On the basis of the above, any attempt to attribute sinister overtones or imply menaces from the sky in connection with this incident is, in our opinion, totally unwarranted and not supported by the facts. This case does serve to indicate the thoroughness with which any UFO sighting is investigated, if promptly reported, a fact not often known to the general public.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Base sightings. Included was a statement by Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an AF captain stationed at the base. Just after midnight, Mrs. Beaudoin had telephoned the base to report what she described as a "brilliant, flashing red object" in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

Re-checking the CAA radar observations, Operator 1 found that the UFO seen by Mrs. Beaudoin and other witnesses was one of the four they had tracked.

"This sighting," he concludes, "was at exactly the same time as our radar sightings — 11:50 pm to midnight."

Immediately after NICAP's receipt of this radar report, a letter signed by the Director was sent to Colonel Carey, requesting copies of the Oxnard AFB radar report and the report by the jet pilot. On May 4, NICAP received an answer from the adjutant of the 414th Fighter Group at Oxnard, which stated that "the UFO's in question" were investigated by the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron (this squadron, which has headquarters at the Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, has investigative teams at all Air Defense bases. The team which investigated the Oxnard sightings came from Norton AFB, California).

A NICAP letter to the 4602d, at Ent Field, brought an official answer signed by Major John D. Taylor, Jr., Adjutant.

4602d Denies Release

"Current Air Force policy," Major Taylor stated, "is that the issuance of such information as you request can be made only by Headquarters, United States Air Force. Therefore, your letter to the Commander, 414th Fighter Group was forwarded, through channels, to Headquarters, USAF. Your letter of 8 May 1957 (a direct request to the 4602d for the reports) will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF."

After waiting eight days for word from the Pentagon, NICAP telegraphed a new request to Maj. Gen. Joe W. Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, USAF, who for several years has been the Secretary's official spokesman on UFO subjects (Copy of telegram and detailed request shown elsewhere in this issue).

In a letter to Representative Lee Metcalf, of Montana, General Kelly said insisted that UFO reports were not withheld from the press, and that information was supplied to the press on any sighting which had drawn national attention.

Since the Oxnard AFB sighting had been covered by press-wire stories, in hundreds of newspapers, this obviously came under General Kelly's policy declaration to Congressman Metcalf. To conform to this Air Force policy, the NICAP request was made by the Director, who is also Editor of the *U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR*.

To date, NICAP has received no answer to its two letters or the telegram to General Kelly (A public attack on NICAP was made by an unnamed Air Force spokesman, three days after the wire to General Kelly, but this may have been only a coincidence. NICAP does not believe that General Kelly was involved in the attack, which is described in full, in another part of the magazine).

Because of the obvious importance of the March 23 sightings, and the delay in receiving the 4602d Intelligence Squadron's investigation report, NICAP believes that its members should be acquainted with all the facts, including the names of several witnesses who apparently have been silenced.

For details of the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley reports, NICAP is indebted to Russ Leadabrand, columnist of the Pasadena *Independent*, who personally investigated the incidents, and also to Lee Pitt, aviation writer of the Los Angeles *Mirror-News*. Mr. Pitt obtained additional information from a Ground Observer Corps identification expert, Les Wagner, who has served as a volunteer with the Pasadena Air Filter Center for six years.

* * * * *

The first sighting on the night of March 23, or at least the first one listed, came from K. E. Jefferson, a Pasadena resident. At 9:55, Mr. Jefferson saw a brilliant, flashing object

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moving over Downey (about 5 miles southeast of Los Angeles). Between that time and midnight, similar UFO reports were made by many Californians in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Police switchboards in the area were flooded with hundreds of calls, indicating that probably several thousand people saw at least one UFO, perhaps more. During the latter part of this period, both official and civilian reports poured into the Pasadena Air Filter Center.

According to a statement given to Russ Leadabrand by the Filter Center C.O., Capt. Joseph Fry, the first official report came in at 11:10 p.m., at which time Captain Fry notified Air Defense HQ.

"Between 2310 (11:10 p.m.) and 2350," said Capt. Fry, "we had many reports. We had reports that indicated the UFO was orange-red, flashing a bright white light. Some of the callers stated they heard the sound of reports while they did. Others said the object [illegible]

But most [illegible] Filter Center [illegible] objects [illegible] One of the [illegible] Dewey Cron, who is permanently attached to the Center. Until he saw the object, he was merely skeptical about UFO's.

The second Filter Center observer was Les Wagner, whose regular job is that of a Mirror-News staff writer in charge of the [illegible] section. During his six years of GOC duty, Wagner has become an expert on aircraft identification.

While hundreds of people along Pasadena's Colorado Street were staring up at the Hanberg UFO, T/Sgt. Crow and Wagner also watched it and talked about the area. Their combined observations covered a period of more than an hour. The two had already been baffled [illegible]

Near midnight, the wave of UFO reports increased. It was just after [illegible] when Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an Oxnard AFB captain, telephoned the base tower from her home in Camarillo Heights. Mrs. Beaudoin, who is familiar with aircraft types,

FOUR SAUCERS OVER CALIFORNIA AT SPEEDS UP TO 3600 M. P. H., REVEALED IN RADAR REPORT CERTIFIED BY NICAP BOARD MEMBERS

Oxnard AFB Tells NICAP Intelligence Investigated UFO's; AF Silent On Findings

CERTIFICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE NICAP BOARD OF GOVERNORS

"I certify I have seen the signed reports dated April 22 and May 18, 1952, describing the radar tracking of four UFO's at speeds up to 3600 miles per hour."

(Signed) *Reverend Albert Baller, Robbins Memorial Church, Greenfield, Massachusetts.*

Dr. Earl Douglass, author of the syndicated column, "Strength For The Day," Princeton, New Jersey.

Frank Edwards, Radio and TV newscaster, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Col. Robert B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, Director, Command and General Staff Dept., 4157th USAR School, Baton Rouge, Iowa.

Reverend Leon Le Van, New Jerusalem Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Professor Charles A. Maney, Head of the Department of Physics, Defiance University, Defiance, Ohio.

Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, United States Navy, Retired, Elliott, Maine.

The report cited was signed by one of four control-tower operators in the Civil Aeronautics Administration all of whom tracked the four saucers at a large California airport. Since this case is directly linked with the strange UFO sighting at Oxnard Air Force Base, near midnight March 23, the operators will not be identified. However, NICAP emphasizes that no violation of security is involved, since there was no CIRVIS message (a report automatically classified under JANAP 146, Joint Chiefs of Staff instructions).

Four flying saucers, clocked over California at 3600 mph, were tracked by Civil Aeronautics control tower operators on the night of March 23, according to a signed report now in NICAP's possession. The radar report casts new light on visual sightings at Oxnard Air Force Base — at the same hour that night.

At the time, the C.O. at Oxnard, Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., stated that no UFO's had been picked up by his base radar. He also said that a jet

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pilot ordered to search the area had seen nothing, though airmen, police and other ground observers clearly saw a moving object which flashed a brilliant red light.

At least one of the four UFO's tracked by radar was almost directly over Oxnard Air Force Base at this time, according to the CAA control tower operator's signed report. (In the following account this radar expert will be called Operator 1).

The time was 2350 (11:50 p.m.). With several other CAA men, Operator 1 was on duty in the Municipal Airport control tower, ————, California.

"I was watching the radar scope," his report states, "when I noticed a target (blip of a moving object) about 15 miles northwest and moving northwest. At first I thought it was a jet, then I noticed it was moving much faster than anything I had ever seen on the scope. About 40 miles northwest it came to an abrupt stop and reversed course, all within a period of about three seconds.

"It then traveled back along its course for about 20 miles, reversed course again and disappeared off the scope at 50 miles (Our radar reaches out only 50 miles)."

Approximately five minutes later, Operator 1 reports, two more unknown objects appeared, also traveling at tremendous speed. This time, he quickly called on the other control-tower operators to help him track the UFO's.

30 Miles, 30 Seconds: 3600 M.P.H.

"These two disappeared off the scope in the same direction as the first," Operator 1 states. "We had time to clock their speed — 30 miles in 30 seconds. This figures out to 3600 miles per hour.

"A minute or so later, a fourth target appeared in the same area," the radar report continues. "It went off the scope at 3600 miles per hour. Our radar does not give the height of aircraft; however, they had to be at 10,000 feet or *lower*, because our radar's maximum height range is about 10,000 feet."

Next day, Operator 1 read a newspaper account of the Oxnard Air Force

Lt. Col Green,

I received a call from Capt. Gregory UFO project Officer at ATIC on May 20, 1957 re report of a UFO sighting at Oxnard, Calif on 23 March at 11 P.M. Capt. Gregory phoned this report in because it has stirred up considerable interest.

Brie fly here are the details:

1. A wife of an Air Force Officer a Mrs. [redacted] sighted an UFO near Oxnard Calif and clled the duty officer at Oxnard AFB.

2. The duty officer called the Air Police, Highway Patrol and local Sherriff all of whom converged on Mrs. [redacted] s home which naturally attracted the newspapers and curoisty seekers.

3. A preliminary investigation by the AISS of Norton AFB discovered these facts:

   a. Mrs [redacted] husband was on TDY and she was alone with a sick child.

   b. Her house is located in an isolated area and in one of the heaviest traveled air traffic areas in the U.S.

   c. Upon investigation it was found that by looking in the direction that the object was supposed to have been visable a combination of objects were seen to conform with the description given by Mrs. [redacted] They were a hugebarn with two red lights, a small telegraph pole with 3 cross bars, a very bright star (arsturus), in addition, several aircraft passed the area with standard red and green lights. It was determined that perhaps Mrs. [redacted] being in an emotional state thought she had observed an UFO.

4. Capt. Gregory pointed out that the duty officer at Oxnard AFB did not follow the correct procedures for handling this UFO sighting, if he had it would have been cleared up with out any publicity. The fact that he contacted the Air Police, Highway Patrol and Sherriff in stead of the AISS unit at Norton AFB was against regulation. This is being investigated and a report will be made later as well as a further report on this sighting. It also might be noted that Keyhoe has written several letters to ATIC about this.

[redacted]

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SUBJECT

False Charges by NICAP Regarding Air Force Findings on Oxnard and Other Cases

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TO: AFCIN-X1, Major Byrnes

DATE: 1 OCT 1957

FROM: AFCIN-4

COMMENT NO.: 1

COMMENTS *(Use reverse, if necessary)*

4E4/Capt G.T.Gregory/wm/6921

1. Attached for your information and whatever action deemed necessary, is a pre-release of the first report by the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), the outstanding critic and detractor of the Air Force regarding UFOs. Reference is made to a recent briefing given to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, in which the serious nature of NICAP as a cleverly organized instrument of rabble rousing and agitation, was presented in some detail.

2. Attention is invited to first page of the report. The charges leveled against the Air Force regarding the Oxnard incident are deliberately false. The results of the Air Force's investigations and findings were given to [redacted], as result of his persistent queries to General Kelly and the Commander, of Oxnard AFB, and the 1006th AISS. See attached copies.

3. With respect to a radar report allegedly given by a CAA control tower operator to NICAP, is refuted by the radar unit at Oxnard. However, if true, the seriousness of the matter is obvious: the propriety of a member of a government agency voluntarily submitting radar reports to an unofficial, biased organization. Possibly, this should be reported to the proper authorities.

AFH 0-86, Subj: False Charges by NICAP Re AF Findings on Onnard & Other Cases

4. Attention is also invited to NICAP's own UFO questionnaire, which is patterned after the one now in use by the Air Force. Reference page 23. The concluding questions indicate an element of "slant" or "leading" questions.

5. In the opinion of this Center the document merits close study and consideration, if for no other purpose than that of being forewarned and for taking appropriate steps with regard to any issue that may arise as result of subject charges.

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Captain, USAF
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(Suggested Reply to Correspondence from National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena dated 25 April and 10 May 1957)

22 MAY 1957
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National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letters of 25 April 1957 addressed to the Commander of Oxnard Air Force Base, and 8 May 1957 to the 4602d AISS, Air Defense Command, regarding a UFO recently reported near Oxnard, California has been referred to this Headquarters.

It is the policy of the Air Force to answer all letters on the subject, regardless of the intent, motives or objectives of the writer. We shall attempt to answer your questions and answers categorically, beginning with your letter of 25 April:

a. Radar units were operative during the entire period of the sighting. Any indications of unusual or unknown objects would have been immediately reported. Radar reports for the period in question indicated no unusual unknown phenomena.

b. Notwithstanding this, intercept action was ordered in the area in question. The two Air Force and two Navy aircraft found nothing, by radar or visually.

c. There are no classified reports regarding the pilot's findings.

With respect to your letter of 8 May 1957 please be advised of the following:

a. We are certain that, with your journalistic and military experience and background, you are aware that the names of sources, witnesses and principals cannot be disclosed, nor can their statements be revealed without their permission.

b. Investigations were made not only by the Air Force, but by local police, highway patrol, and sheriff's units. These independently converged on the area reported, and also investigated the source's immediate grounds.

c. Nothing unusual or sinister was found by these units. The following were disclosed, however:

(1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.

(2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point were made. Between the source's observing point and the object, was a shiny pole with three cross-bars. The objects were viewed through these cross-bars on it. The results of interplay of light on the insulators is obvious.

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This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being identified as conventional objects or known phenomena. We, of course, cannot publicly comment on an important factor in any investigation, the sources, their reliability, beliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

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Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

THE

U.F.O. Investigator

FACTS ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS)

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FOUR SAUCERS OVER CALIFORNIA AT SPEEDS UP TO 3600 M. P. H., REVEALED IN RADAR REPORT CERTIFIED BY NICAP BOARD MEMBERS

Oxnard AFB Tells NICAP Intelligence Investigated UFO's; AF Silent On Findings

CERTIFICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE NICAP BOARD OF GOVERNORS

"I certify I have seen the signed reports dated April 22 and May 18, 1957, describing the radar tracking of four UFO's at speeds up to 3600 miles per hour."

(Signed) ***Reverend Albert Baller, Robbins Memorial Church, Greenfield, Massachusetts.***

Dr. Earl Douglass, author of the syndicated column "Strength For The Day," Princeton, New Jersey.

Frank Edwards, Radio and TV newscaster, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Col. Robert B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, Director, Command and General Staff Dets., 403rd USAR School, Baton Rouge, Iowa.

Reverend Leon Le Van, New Jerusalem Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Professor Charles A. Maney, Head of the Department of Physics, Defiance University, Defiance, Ohio.

Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, United States Navy, Retired, Elliott, Maine.

The report cited was signed by one of four control-tower operators in the Civil Aeronautics Administration, all of whom tracked the four saucers at a huge California airport. Since this case is directly linked with the strange UFO sighting at Oxnard Air Force Base, near midnight March 23, the operators will not be identified. However, NICAP emphasizes that no violation of security is involved, since there was no CIRVIS message (a report automatically classified under JANAP 146, Joint Chiefs of Staff instructions).

Four flying saucers, clocked over California at 3600 mph, were tracked by Civil Aeronautics control tower operators on the night of March 23, according to a signed report now in NICAP's possession. The radar report casts new light on visual sightings at Oxnard Air Force Base — at the same hour that night.

At the time, the C.O. at Oxnard, Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., stated that no UFO's had been picked up by his base radar. He also said that a jet

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Panel of Special Advisers Also Announced

Important additions to the NICAP Board of Governors and its Panel of Special Advisers have just been made public, including several World War II officers, aviation authorities, an electronics engineer, three airline pilots,

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8 Point Plan Offered Air Force

In an unprecedented step the National Investigations Committee has just offered Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas an eight-point plan of cooperation to end the controversy over flying saucers.

NICAP made it clear that this would not be a secret arrangement with the Air Force, but a plan designed to assist in public understanding of the UFO problem. Acceptance by the Air Force would mean providing the Committee with all UFO sighting reports now labeled as "solved" for evaluation by the Board and the Special Advisers, with NICAP's conclusions given to the Air Force and the public. "Through our distinguished Board of Governors and Panel of Special Advisers, our growing membership in 46 states, and by virtue of our factual evaluation policy, the Committee has won the respect and support of many serious and reputable Americans," NICAP Director Keyhoe wrote the Secretary.

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ARMY RESCINDS CENSORSHIP ORDER AFTER NICAP PROTEST

An official Army censorship order which placed a tight clamp on UFO reports at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, was rescinded on May 10 after protests by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Fort Monmouth Headquarters explained that the secrecy provision had been included by mistake in interpreting directions from higher authority. It acknowledged that NICAP's action had caused the censorship section to be dropped from the revised order.

Signed by Col. Charles L. Olin, Chief of Staff, the original Ft. Monmouth order carried the following provision:

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Base sightings. Included was a statement by Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an AF captain stationed at the base. Just after midnight, Mrs. Beaudoin had telephoned the base to report what she described as a "brilliant, flashing red object" in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

Re-checking the CAA radar observations, Operator 1 found that the UFO seen by Mrs. Beaudoin and other witnesses was one of the four they had tracked.

"This sighting," he concludes, "was at exactly the same time as our radar sightings — 11:50 pm to midnight."

Immediately after NICAP's receipt of this radar report, a letter signed by the Director was sent to Colonel Carey, requesting copies of the Oxnard AFB radar report and the report by the jet pilot. On May 4, NICAP received an answer from the adjutant of the 414th Fighter Group at Oxnard, which stated that "the UFO's in question were investigated by the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (this squadron, which has headquarters at Hdqs. Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force base, Colorado Springs, has investigative teams at all Air Defense bases. The team which investigated the Oxnard sightings came from Norton AFB, California).

A NICAP letter to the 4602d, at Ent Field, brought an official answer signed by Major John D. Taylor, Jr., Adjutant.

4602d Denies Release

"Current Air Force policy," Major Taylor stated, "is that the issuance of such information as you request can be made only by Headquarters, United States Air Force. Therefore, your letter to the Commander, 414th Fighter Group was forwarded, through channels, to Headquarters, USAF. Your letter of 8 May 1957 (a direct request to the 4602d for the reports) will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF."

After waiting eight days for word from the Pentagon, NICAP telegraphed a new request to Maj. Gen. Joe W. Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, USAF, who for several years has been the Secretary's official spokesman on UFO subjects (Copy of telegram and detailed request shown elsewhere in this issue).

In a letter to Representative Lee Metcalf, of Montana, General Kelly had insisted that UFO reports were not withheld from the press, and that information was supplied to the press on any sighting which had drawn national attention.

Since the Oxnard AFB sighting had been covered by press-wire stories, in hundreds of newspapers, this obviously came under General Kelly's policy declaration to Congressman Metcalf. To conform to this Air Force policy, the NICAP request was made by the Director, who is also Editor of the *U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR*.

To date, NICAP has received no answer to its two letters or the telegram to General Kelly. (A public attack on NICAP was made by an unnamed Air Force spokesman, three days after the wire to General Kelly, but this may have been only a coincidence. NICAP does not believe that General Kelly was involved in the attack, which is described in full, in another part of the magazine).

Because of the unusual importance of the March 23 sightings, and the delay in receiving the 4602d Intelligence Squadron's investigation report, NICAP believes that its members should be acquainted with all the facts, including the names of several witnesses who apparently have been silenced.

For details of the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley reports, NICAP is indebted to Russ Leadabrand, columnist of the Pasadena *Independent*, who personally investigated the incidents, and also to Lee Pitt, aviation writer of the Los Angeles *Mirror-News*. Mr. Pitt obtained additional information from a Ground Observer Corps identification expert, Les Wagner, who has served as a volunteer with the Pasadena Air Filter Center for six years.

The first sighting on the night of March 23, or at least the first one listed, came from K. E. Jefferson, a Pasadena resident. At 9:55, Mr. Jefferson saw a brilliant, flashing object

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pilot ordered to search the area had seen nothing, though airmen, police and other ground observers clearly saw a moving object which flashed a brilliant red light.

At least one of the four UFO's tracked by radar was almost directly over Oxnard Air Force Base at this time, according to the CAA control tower operator's signed report (In the following account this radar expert will be called Operator 1).

The time was 2350 (11:50 p.m.). With several other CAA men, Operator 1 was on duty in the Municipal Airport control tower, ————, California.

"I was watching the radar scope," his report states. "When I noticed a target (blip of a moving object) about 15 miles northwest and moving northeast. At first I thought it was a jet, then I noticed it was moving much faster than anything I had ever seen on the scope. At about 40 miles northwest it came to an abrupt stop and reversed course, all within a period of about three seconds.

"It then traveled back along its course for about 20 miles, reversed course again and disappeared off the scope at 50 miles. (Our radar reaches out only 50 miles.)"

Approximately five minutes later, Operator 1 reports, two more unknown objects appeared, also traveling at tremendous speed. This time, he quickly called on the other control-tower operators to help him track the UFO's.

30 Miles, 30 Seconds: 3600 M.P.H.

"These two disappeared off the scope in the same direction as the first," Operator 1 states. "We had time to clock their speed — 30 miles in 30 seconds. This figures out to 3600 miles per hour.

"A minute or so later, a fourth target appeared in the same area," the radar report continues. "It went off the scope at 3600 miles per hour. Our radar does not give the height of aircraft; however, they had to be at 10,000 feet or *lower*, because our radar's maximum height range is about 10,000 feet."

Next day, Operator 1 read a newspaper account of the Oxnard Air Force

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moving over Downey (about 5 miles southeast of Los Angeles). Between that time and midnight, similar UFO reports were made by many Californians in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Police switchboards in the area were flooded with hundreds of calls, indicating that probably several thousand people saw at least one UFO, perhaps more. During the latter part of this period, both official and civilian reports poured into the Pasadena Air Filter Center.

According to a statement given to Russ Leadabrand by the Filter Center C.O., Capt. Joseph Fry, the first official report came in at 11:10 p.m., at which time Captain Fry notified Air Defense radar.

"Between 2310 (11:10 p.m.) and 2350," said Capt. Fry, "we had many reports. We had reports that indicated the UFO was orange-red, flashing a bright white light. Some of the callers claimed they heard the 'sound of reports' when the light flashed from the object."

But most observers, including the Filter Center personnel, described the object as showing a bright red light. One of the men was Air Force T/Sgt. Dewey Crow, who is permanently attached to the Center. Until he saw the object, he was openly skeptical about UFO's.

The second Filter Center observer was Les Wagner, whose regular job is that of a *Mirror-News* staff writer in charge of the air-movement identification section. During his six years of GOC duty, Wagner has become an expert on aircraft identification.

While hundreds of people along Pasadena's Colorado Street were staring up at the flashing UFO, T/Sgt. Crow and Wagner also watched it move about the area. Their combined observations covered a period of more than an hour. The two men admittedly were baffled.

Near midnight, the tempo of UFO reports increased. It was just after twelve when Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an Oxnard AFB captain, telephoned the base tower from her home in Camarillo Heights. Mrs. Beaudoin, who is familiar with aircraft types, positively described the UFO as a large, silent object, flashing a brilliant red light and maneuvering in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

F-89 Fails to Contact UFO

In rapid succession, other telephone calls — some from airmen attached to the base — confirmed Mrs. Beaudoin's report. Since the base already had an F-89 jet in the air, the tower radioed the pilot to intercept the UFO, if possible (The F-89 carries, besides the pilot, a radar operator specially trained for this type of interception).

According to the later report given to the press by Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., base commander, the F-89 crew was unable to make any contact, visual or radar. This attempted contact was timed at between midnight and 12:30. But at approximately the same time (12:22 a.m.) several eye witnesses on the ground reported sighting a strange flashing red object hovering near one of the Oxnard base runways.

Three of the witnesses were Ventura County deputy sheriffs from the Camarillo substation — Dick McKendry, John Mabery, and Robert Cowher. The three deputies patrolled in the Ventura-Camarillo area not only saw the UFO hover near the field, but also watched it maneuver swiftly about the valley until 1:37 a.m., when it quickly disappeared on a northern course.

Meanwhile, two policemen from Port Hueneme also had sighted the saucer and made a report, which was relayed to the Oxnard tower.

(At an unspecified time, a Navy interceptor also joined in the search for the UFO, according to the United Press. NICAP is attempting to identify the station from which the plane was sent.)

From the times and details given, it is not certain that all visual reports concerned the same UFO. It appears possible that witnesses may have seen two or more of the four UFO's tracked by the CAA control tower operators. If two or more objects were seen separately this could account for the varied reports of hovering, accelerations, and swift maneuvers. However, all these visual reports may possibly concern a single object which maneuvered at varying speeds near Oxnard AFB and the surrounding area.

Balloon Ruled Out

When the UFO was first sighted by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow and Les Wagner, in Pasadena, its slow movement caused Wagner to check on the possibility of a balloon with a new type of light (the combined visual and radar reports, covering tremendous speeds and maneuvers, now appear to rule out any such answer completely).

Following a Weather Bureau suggestion, Wagner checked with the Atomic Energy Commission's test site in Nevada. The AEC stated the last balloon launching at the site had been on March 21, and the balloon had been accounted for. In addition, a spokesman pointed out, their balloons do not carry lights of any kind.

A second check, with Edwards Air Force Base, ruled out the weather balloon answer. No weather balloons carry red lights, Wagner was told. Also, the balloons launched in the preceding 48 hours had been tracked to about 100,000 feet, where they automatically were destroyed.

Finally, the CAA also denied any connection with red-lighted balloon operations.

Though the UFO reports bore no resemblance to any known type of aircraft, even those still in the test stage, all aircraft operations in the area — military, civil and special testing — were quickly screened by the Air Filter Center, and this answer was ruled out.

Following Air Force Regulation 200-2, on the reporting of UFO's, the Pasadena Filter Center after the first verified UFO report, immediately notified Air Defense Command HQ at Colorado Springs, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the Directorate of Intelligence at the Pentagon and the nearest Air Defense base — Norton AFB, in San Bernardino. A team of Intelligence investigators from the 4602d Squadron unit at Norton was at once sent to Oxnard AFB.

Though this is standard procedure, and is well known to the HQ staff at all Air Force bases, no mention of the 4602d was made when Russ Leadabrand called the base at Norton. Major Thomas Bowers, Information Services Officer of the 27th Air Divi-

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sion, admitted they had received a number of civilian reports on the UFO.

"They came from Los Angeles, Pasadena, and eventually the Oxnard area," he told Leadabrand.

"Were you able to identify the object?" the columnist asked Major Bowers.

"Negative," Bowers answered. "We were not able to pick up the object on radar. No Air Force personnel saw the object (This contradicts the report by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow)."

He added that a full report of the sighting was being sent to ATIC. "I believe the Technical Intelligence people are working out of Wright-Patterson," he added.

Major Bowers' failure to mention the swift on-the-spot investigation by a 4602d team from his own base may have no real significance, since the Oxnard AFB adjutant did not hesitate to inform NICAP of this fact.

But except for this official admission to NICAP and the subsequent confirmation sent to NICAP by the 4602d Headquarters adjutant, no official information has been released since the incidents occurred.

Instead, several of the witnesses named have either refused to answer queries or their superiors have kept them from answering.

On April 25, NICAP wrote to Mrs. Beaudoin and asked for detailed information on the sighting. To date, there has been no reply.

AF Silences Sheriff's Men

On the same date, NICAP also wrote to the Sheriff of Ventura County, California, and requested that the three deputies named: McKendry, Murphy and Corshaw, be permitted to forward all possible details and also their personal opinions on their sighting. On May 15, NICAP received a reply from Sheriff William J. Suytar, stating that all the information they had on this sighting was turned over to the officials at Oxnard Air Force Base. It was evident that he had been ordered to neither furnish the reports NICAP had requested, nor permit his men to be interviewed by a NICAP representative in Ventura.

"We would be most happy," Sheriff Suytar told NICAP, "to cooperate in having these officers available for interview by any duly authorized military officer."

Once the Air Force gave him such an order, neither an admiral in the Navy, an Army general, nor even a high-ranking Air Force officer could interview the deputies without approval by AF Intelligence.

From the foregoing evidence, it appears that highly important facts about the March 23 California sightings are being withheld from the public.

This case is still being investigated by NICAP, but a complete analysis by NICAP's Special Advisers is not possible without the report of the 4602 Intelligence Squadron, now at Air Force Headquarters.

Pending AF action on NICAP's request for this report, under the policy stated by General Kelly, anyone in the United States with authentic information or personal knowledge of the facts is requested to send a report to NICAP — unless this would be an actual violation of military security.

NICAP UFO-report forms will be sent on request. Such reports will be kept confidential if so requested.

When additional verified information is received, whether on the actual sightings or on the Air Force investigation, this will be given to members, to Congress, and the press, either by special bulletin or through the *UFO INVESTIGATOR*.

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Colonel E. F. Carey, Commanding Officer.
Oxnard Air Force Base
Camarillo, California

Dear Colonel Carey:

As the Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, I am writing you in regard to a UFO sighting near Oxnard Air Force Base on March 23. We have been reliably informed that four UFOs were tracked by radar in this area, shortly after midnight on March 23. The indicated speeds were as high as 3600 mph.

We also have been informed that an Air Force jet fighter pilot under your command was vectored to intercept the UFO and that he later gave the Base operations and intelligence officers a detailed description of at least one of the UFOs.

The National Investigations Committee would appreciate receiving a copy of the pilot's report but also a copy of the radar report. For your information NICAP was established to collect, evaluate and publish authentic information on the subject of unidentified flying objects and we believe the March 23rd report to be in the public domain.

If the reports have been classified then I request - following the recent published suggestion by Representative Dom Rogg - that we be furnished the following information:

1. What is the classification of the reports?

2. By whom were they classified?

3. By what authority were they classified?

A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. The Committee will greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted] Major USMC (Ret.)
DIRECTOR OF NICAP

DEK:mk

10 May 1957

Director
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on Aerial Phenomena
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Dear Sir:

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Your letter of 8 May 1957 will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. TAYLOR, JR.
Major, USAF
Adjutant

Ltr From [redacted] (NICAP)
re this case

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May 8, 1957

Commander 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

We have received a letter from the 414th Fighter Group, Oxnard Air Force Base, stating that our letter of April 25th had been forwarded to your office for action, since your Squadron investigated the UFO's involved.

In our letter to Commanding Officer at Oxnard Air Force Base we asked for copies of the pilot's report and the radar operator's report on the unidentified flying object sighted over the air base early on March 22nd. In addition, I should like to request at this time a copy of the investigation by the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron, if this report is complete.

In the event the report is not completed, will you please advise me when it will be available? We should like to have a copy of the interrogation of the various witnesses involved and any other information connected with this case.

As stated in our letter of April 25th, to the C O at Oxnard AFB, we have documentary evidence of radar confirmation of the visual sighting reports.

I am making this request as a member of the press. I am editor of the NICAP magazine, published monthly at Washington, D.C., for the membership of this non-profit organization. In order that we may know when to schedule our story on this incident, will you please wire me collect at the above address, giving the date when you expect to mail this information?

The National Investigations Committee was organized to collect, evaluate and publish authentic evidence on UFO's and we shall greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Air Defense Command and your Intelligence Squadron in particular in informing the public regarding these sightings. In return we shall be glad to cooperate in every way possible. Our policy, which was once the policy of the Air Force, is to make public all the information we secure except the names of witnesses who request that they not be identified.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

DEK:RHC [redacted], Major USMC (Ret.) Director of NICAP

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b. Two Air Force F-89's which were in the air at that time, were ordered to make a search-intercept over the area. Two Navy aircraft also made a search. Nothing was found, radar or visually.

c. There are no classified reports regarding the pilot's findings.

With respect to your letter of 8 May 1957 please be advised of the following:

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OTHERS

Report on Unusual UFO Case - 22 March 1957

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22 May 1957

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1. Reference is made to telephone discussion 23 May 1957, between your office and Capt Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verbally during these discussion.

2. This case, which has been given much attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force much adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of Court AFB and the Chief Air Force, Headquarters USAF respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigation and other sources. The allegations are not supported by the facts.

3. In compliance with your instruction for providing Headquarters USAF with all material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher level, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF AFOIN-4A 112, IR-1C-UFOB-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrols, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered thorough.

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AFOIN-1 Re: Ltr, AFOIN-3, Subj: Report on Oxnard UFO Case, 22 March 1957

AFOIN-1A Attached is a suggested reply to the Director of the Committee above, which may be used in whole or in part. The director, Mr. Donald [illegible] needs no introduction. His known ability for placing the Air Force in [illegible] light is well known.

AFOIN-4AX1 2. The report of the Air Force's investigation (IR reference above) which [illegible] demands is unclassified, and supports our conclusions submitted to [illegible]. However, the decision whether it should be released to this [illegible] must come from Headquarters USAF. Accordingly, it is the opinion of [illegible] that any replies or statements regarding this case should be over the [illegible] of higher levels, preferably the Office of Information Services.

AFOIN-4X4 3. In conclusion, it is the opinion of this Center that this case was [illegible]ly handled at its inception, and the unfortunate train of events which [illegible] to give it this unwarranted attention, could have been avoided. The [illegible] initially receiving the report should have contacted the nearby AIRS [illegible] which was responsible for UFO investigations, instead of the local police [illegible] civil authorities.

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1. Ltr fr AFOIN-3
2. Ltr fr AFOIN-3 dtd 15 Mar 57
3. Ltr fr AFOIN-3 dtd 19 Mar 57 w/2 Incls
4. Ltr fr AFOIN AIRS w/2 Incls
5. Suggested reply to Keyhoe

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Signed
Maj. Gen. USAF
Director of Information

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Forward 25 Copies by NICAP Regarding Air Force Findings on Oxnard and Other Cases

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10 OCT 1957

Attached for your information and whatever action deemed necessary, is a [illegible] of the first report by the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), the outstanding critic and detractor of the Air Force regarding UFOs. Reference is made to a recent briefing given to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, in which the serious nature of NICAP as a clearly organized instrument of rabble rousing and agitation, was presented in some detail.

2. Attention is invited to first page of the report. The charges leveled against the Air Force regarding the Oxnard incident are deliberately false. The results of the Air Force's investigations and findings were given to Keyhoe, in response to his persistent queries to General Kelly and the Commander, of Oxnard AFB, [illegible] AIRD. See attached copies.

3. With respect to a radar report allegedly given by a CAA control tower operator, [illegible] indicated by the radar unit at Oxnard. However, if true, the seriousness of the matter is obvious; the propriety of a member of a government agency [illegible] submitting radar reports to an unofficial, biased organization. Possibly, this should be reported to the proper authorities.

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[illegible] Re Air Pleadings on Board a United [illegible]

[illegible] is also invited to NICAP's own UFO questionnaire, which is [illegible] now in use by the Air Force. Reference page [illegible]. The [illegible] indicate an element of "silent" or "leading" questions.

[illegible] opinion of this Center the document merits close study and co[illegible] for no other purpose than that of being forwarded and for taking [illegible] with regard to any issue that may arise as result of subject

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Stuyvat told NICAP, "to cooperate in making these officers available for interview by any duly authorized military officer."

Once the Air Force gave him such an order, neither an admiral in the Navy, an Army general, nor even a high-ranking Air Force officer could interview the deputies without approval by AF Intelligence.

From the foregoing evidence, it appears that highly important facts about the March 23 California sightings are being withheld from the public.

This case is still being investigated by NICAP, but a complete analysis by NICAP's Special Advisers is not possible without the report of the 4602 Intelligence Squadron, now at Air Force Headquarters.

Pending AF action on NICAP's request for this report, under the policy stated by General Kelly, anyone in the United States with authentic information or personal knowledge of the facts is requested to send a report to NICAP — *unless this would be an actual violation of military security.*

NICAP UFO-report forms will be sent on request, and names will be kept confidential if so requested.

When additional verified information is received, whether on the actual sightings or on the Air Force investigation, this will be given to members, to Congress, and the press, either by special bulletin or through the *UFO INVESTIGATOR.*

positively described the UFO as a large, silent object, flashing a brilliant red light and maneuvering in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

F-89 Fails to Connect UFO

In rapid succession, other telephone calls — some from airmen attached to the base — continued the Beaudoin report. Since the base already had an F-89 jet in the air, the tower radioed the pilot to intercept the UFO, if possible. (The F-89 carries, besides the pilot, a radar operator specially trained for this type of interception).

According to the later report given to the press by Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., base commander, the F-89 crew was unable to make any contact, visual or radar. This attempted contact was timed at between midnight and 12:30. But at approximately the latter time (12:22 a.m.), several eye witnesses on the ground reported sighting a strange flashing red object hovering over the Oxnard AFB runways.

Three of the witnesses were Ventura County policemen.

Meanwhile, the pilot of the F-89 had seen the object and made a report which was relayed to the Oxnard tower.

(At an unspecified time, a fourth interceptor also joined in the search for the UFO, but little is known about it. NICAP is attempting to learn the details from the plane's crew.)

Most witnesses, while describing the object as a light, were unable to estimate its size. It appeared to be at a considerable altitude, however, and moving at tremendous speed.

Other witnesses, however, reported that the object appeared to be relatively close to the ground and of large size. Several witnesses reported that the object was surrounded by a haze or mist which gave it a fuzzy appearance.

Most witnesses described the object as being round or oval in shape, but with numerous variations. Several witnesses reported that the object appeared to be tilted on its axis.

Almost all these visual reports may possibly be explained away as natural phenomena, but with numbers of witnesses, all these visual reports may be considered as valuable evidence.

Several witnesses reported hearing a humming noise as the object passed overhead.

Balloon Flights Out

When the UFO was first sighted by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow and Lee Wagner in Pasadena, the same movement caused Wagner to check on the possibility of a balloon with a new type of light (the combined visual and radar reports, covering tremendous speeds and maneuvers, now appear to rule out any such answer completely).

Following a Weather Bureau suggestion, Wagner checked with the Atomic Energy Commission's test site in Nevada. The AEC stated the last balloon launching at the site had been on March 21, and the balloon had been accounted for. In addition, a spokesman pointed out, their balloons do not carry lights of any kind.

A second check, with Edwards Air Force Base, ruled out their weather balloon movies. No manned balloons carry red lights, Wagner was told. Also, the balloons observed in the preceding 48 hours had been tracked to [illegible] feet, where they [illegible]

[illegible] the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI) [illegible] Air Force Base, to assume control of the [illegible] Colorado Springs, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the Directorate of [illegible] at the [illegible] nearest Air Defense base — Norton AFB, in San Bernardino. A team of intelligence investigators from the [illegible] once sent to Oxnard AFB.

Though this is standard procedure, and is well known to the UFO [illegible] an Air Force source, in addition to [illegible] was told that the base at Oxnard [illegible] Brigadier General Thomas Power, Director of Operations, Air Defense Command,

INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE REQUESTED IN TELEGRAM TO GEN KEYXX 21 May 1957 BY [redacted]

1. THE SIGHTING AT OXNARD AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, ON MARCH 23. THE OXNARD ADJUTANT HAS INFORMED US THAT YOUR 4602 AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON INVESTIGATED THE UFO'S, AND THE 4602D HAS REFERRED OUR REQUEST FOR THE REPORT TO AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 8th, 1957

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Colonel E. F. Carey, Commanding Officer
Oxnard Air Force Base
Camarillo, California

Dear Colonel Carey:

As the Director of the [illegible] Committee on Aerial [illegible] and sightings [illegible] have been [illegible] by radar [illegible] area, [illegible] shortly [illegible] March 23. The [illegible] speeds were [illegible].

We have been informed that [illegible] your command was [illegible] the [illegible] we have the [illegible] officers a detailed [illegible] this. ?

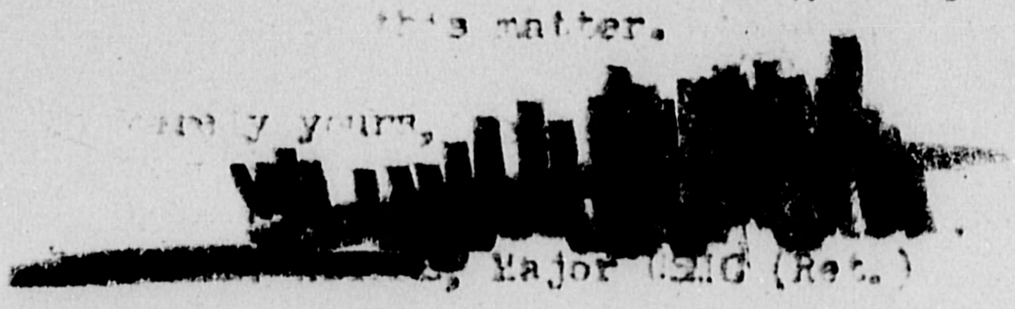
The National Investigations Committee would appreciate receiving a copy of the pilot's report and also a copy of the radar report. [illegible] information NICAP was established to collect, evaluate and publish authentic information on the subject of unidentified flying objects and we believe the March 23rd report to be in the public domain. ?

If the reports have been classified then I request - following the recent published suggestion by Representative John [illegible]38 - that we be furnished the following information:

1. What is the classification of the reports?
2. By whom were they classified?
3. By what authority were they classified?

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. The Committee will greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



[illegible], Major USAF (Ret.)
DIRECTOR OF NICAP