

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 April 49 15/2235Z	LOCATION El Paso, Texas	295
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (CLOUD)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Observers sighted a cigar-shaped object. It looked like white smoke. It was moving to the West. The object turned horizontally, elongated, and disintegrated.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		
7. COURSE West		
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

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INCIDENT NO. 295

1. Date of Observation 15 April 1949 Date of Interview 19 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1635
3. Place of Observation 40 miles ENE of El Paso, Texas, 31° 25' North, 105° 35 West
4. Position of observer Ground in auto
5. What attracted attention to object Shape and color of object
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size <sup>approx 15 ft dia</sup> Appeared 50' long
8. Color of object White as white smoke
9. Shape Cigar shaped
10. Altitude 7,000-8,000 ft. 30°
11. Direction from observer 270-300°
12. Distance from observer <sup>10</sup> 15 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) <sup>Straight up</sup> East to West
14. Time in sight 15 minutes
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Dull
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Was perpendicular in sky when first noted. Turned horizontally and elongate.
21. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object also see report of this incident in file 394
24. Weather Conditions Clear, visibility unlimited  
(See original report for complete weather data.)  
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Other (cloud)

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Subject: Report of Information Pertaining to Flying Discs (9 May 49)

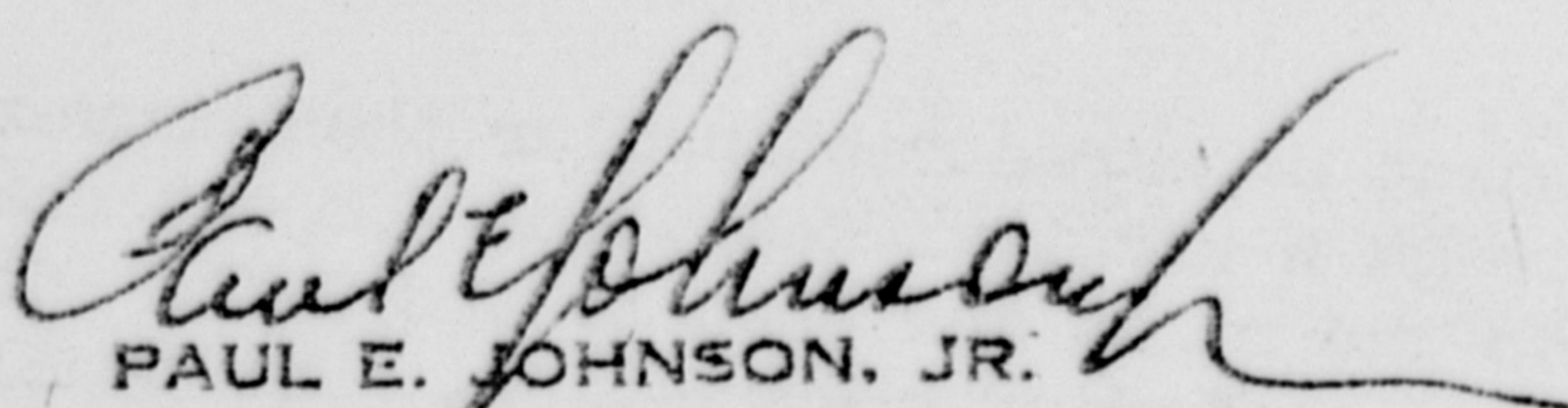
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HEADQUARTERS 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM, Biggs Air Force Base,  
Biggs Field, Texas 20 MAY 1949

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

1. Additional information requested in 1st Ind is inclosed.
2. Information shown on original report was obtained from Capt. E.J. Walsh Jr., USAF, assigned to Operation and Plans Division, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C. Capt. and Mrs. Walsh are not available for further questioning as they have returned to Washington.
3. Information on sighting of aerial phenomena as shown on second report was obtained from Mr. E.E. Miller.


FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1. Incl  
1. Rpt on Flying Discs  
(duplicate)

  
PAUL E. JOHNSON, JR.  
MAJOR USAF  
ADJUTANT

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Name and address of observer: Mr. ██████████, El Paso, Texas  
Mrs. ██████████ ) USAF OPR Hq USAF  
Capt. ██████████, Washington, D. C.

Occupation and hobbies:  
Mfg Branch Mgr.  
Housewife  
Officer, USAF

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Very Intelligent - Highest Character

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Object appeared rectangular then convex. When first sighted, it was rectangular in shape in a vertical position. Object changed position several times, slanting first to the right and then to the left. Object retained the same color throughout the entire period of observation. Eventually, the object became horizontal, and lost altitude, and then started to elongate, taking the appearance of a vapor trail until it disappeared. There were no rockets fired at White Sands Proving Ground on this date.

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Name and address of observer: UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED] El Paso, Texas  
Capt. [REDACTED], USAF, OPR, HQ. USAF, Washington, D.C.  
Mrs [REDACTED] Care Capt. [REDACTED] Same address

Occupation and hobbies:

Mr [REDACTED], Branch Manager, [REDACTED], Hobbies none  
Capt [REDACTED], USAF, Hobbies unknown.  
Mrs [REDACTED] Housewife, Hobbies unknown

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of  
observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

Personnaly known to interrogator for 5 years, very intelligenzt and  
of highest character,

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of  
sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other trans-  
parent material?

Mr. [REDACTED] wearing, green polaroid glasses.  
Not known if others wearing glasses.

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Eighth Air Force  
Carswell Air Force Base  
Fort Worth, Texas

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- 12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):  
15 miles
- 13. Direction of flight of object (s):  
East to West
- 14. Time in sight:  
Approximately 15 mins.
- 15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance):  
not known.
- 16. Sound and odor:  
None
- 17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):  
No trail
- 18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):  
Dull smoke color
- 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
none
- 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
Was perpendicular in the sky when first noted, turned horizontally and elongated.
- 21. Manner of disappearance:  
Disintegrated and disappeared.
- 22. Effect on clouds:  
No clouds near the object.
- 23. Additional information concerning object:  
None
- 24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
Clear and Bright.

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## UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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2. Exact time of observation (local) 1635 MST
3. Place of Observation:  
(Map Coordinates) 31°25' N 105°35' W
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:  
In rear seat of Automobile on Highway 80, approximately  
40 miles east of El Paso, Travelling west.
5. What attracted attention to object:  
Mr. [REDACTED] first noticed object. Attention attracted by  
its peculiar shape and color.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:  
One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb  
or fist at arms length):  
Appeared to be about 50 Ft. long, slender at first disintegrated  
as it elongated.
8. Color of object: Light Smoke
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Cigar shaped
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon,  
90° overhead):  
30°
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):  
When first seen? 10 o'clock When last seen? 10 o'clock

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Name and address of observer:

[REDACTED] El Paso, Texas  
Capt. E. [REDACTED], USAF, OPR, HQ. USAF, Washington, D.C.  
Mrs. [REDACTED] Care [REDACTED], Same address

Occupation and hobbies:

Mr. [REDACTED], Branch Manager, [REDACTED] Hobbies none  
Capt. [REDACTED], USAF, [REDACTED].  
Mrs. E. [REDACTED] Housewife, Hobbies unknown

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

Personnaly known to interrogator for 5 years, very intelligenzt and of highest character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Mr. [REDACTED] wearing, green polaroid glasses.  
Not known if others wearing glasses.

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Approximately 15 mins.
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Dull smoke color
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HEADQUARTERS  
97th BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM  
Biggs Air Force Base  
El Paso, Texas

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22 APR 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Wright Field, Ohio  
ATTN: ICIAKO

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In compliance with paragraph 3, SAC Regulation 200-5, 13 December 1948, the following report is submitted on an object sighted in the sky 15 April 1949:

a. Approximately 40 miles northeast of El Paso, Texas, 1630 to 1635 MST.

b. Clear visibility unlimited.


c. Mr. [REDACTED], Branch Manager, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] El Paso, Texas.  
Mrs. S. [REDACTED], Housewife, [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas.  
Capt. E. [REDACTED], USAF, Hq USAF, O.P.R., Washington 25, D.C.

d. None.

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f. 1. One.

2. Rectangular then convex. When first sighted it was of a rectangular shape in a vertical position. Object changed position several times slanting first to the right and then to the left. Toward the close of the sighting time the object took the following appearance  retaining the same color throughout. Eventually the object became horizontal and lost altitude and then it started to elongate, taking the appearance of vapor trails until it disappeared.

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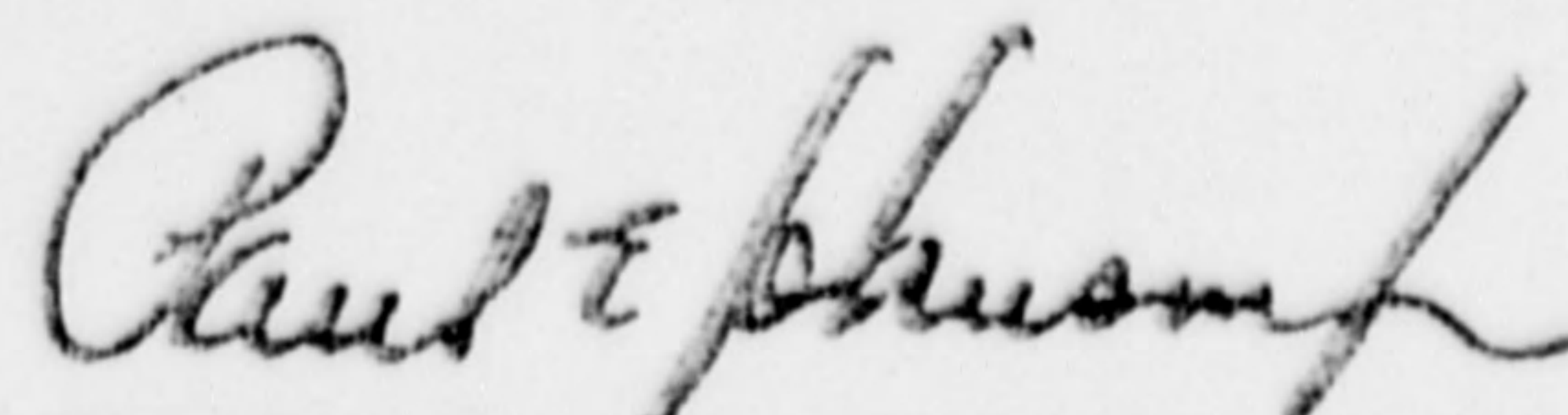
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3. Unable to tell because of inability to estimate distance from observers, appeared to be large.
4. White as white smoke.
5. Stationary
6. Not moving
7. Not moving except occasionally changing from a vertical to a slanting position, first right then left.
8. Unable to estimate accurately, approximately seven or eight thousand feet above ground.
9. None
10. None

g. There were no rockets fired at White Sands Proving Ground on this date.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

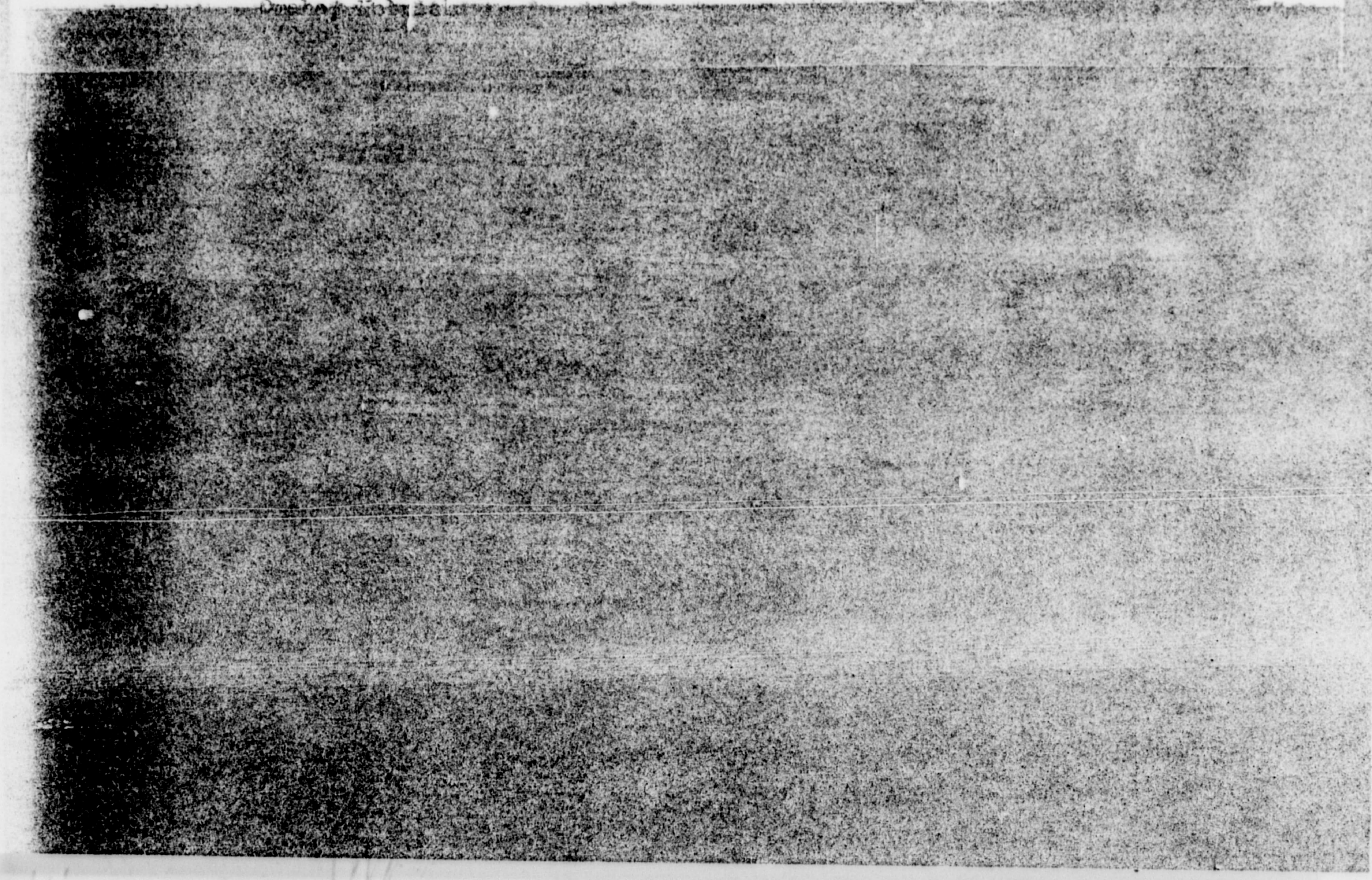


PAUL E. JOHNSON, JR.  
MAJOR USAF  
ADJUTANT

Info copies TO:

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Strategic Air Command  
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Basic Ltr, Biggs AFB, El Paso, Texas to CG, AMC, dtd 22 Apr 49, Subj:  
Report of Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

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MAY 9 1949

Hq, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

TO: Commanding Officer, Biggs AF Base, Biggs Field, Texas.

1. Additional information as outlined in the inclosed Guide to Investigation is desired regarding sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena reported by basic letter.

2. In view of the numerous balloon and other atmospheric research equipment now being launched from the Alamogordo, New Mexico area, special attention should be given to the General Section of the inclosed form.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Form, Guide to Investi-  
gation (1-4pgs)

*H. M. McCoy* C2 OSAF  
for H. M. McCoy  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Department

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GENERAL

1. Teletype Sequence of local weather conditions:  
Clear Temp 64.
2. Winds S-SW 9 Knots at Surface
 

18	"	"	5,000 Ft.
14	"	"	6,000 Ft
4	"	"	8,000 Ft
6	"	"	10,000 Ft
21	"	"	12,000 Ft
3. American Airlines Flight No 99 West Bound Scheduled arrive El Paso 440PM  
American Airlines Flight No 100 East Bound scheduled leave El Paso 405PM  
No other flights known.
4. Checked with White Sands Proving Grounds, Alamogordo AFBase and Ft. Bliss,  
White Sands had fired two small rockets at 0930 this date. Others checked  
had not sent anything aloft.
5. Object did not contact earth so far as known by observer.
6. Sketch attached.
7. Signed statement from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on file. / Signed  
Statements not obtained from Capt. and Mrs ~~XXXXXX~~
8. None.

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GENERAL

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2. Winds S-SE 9 Knots at Surface  
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6. Sketch attached.
7. Signed statement from M.E. Miller on file. / Signed  
Statements not obtained  
from Capt. and Mrs Walsh.
8. None.

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