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DATE OF INFO 12 Jan 1950  
 LOCATION 2400 N - 8520 W  
 SOURCE B-29 Crew  
 DATE OF REPORT 27 Jan 1950  
 TIME OF OBSERVATION 2325 EST  
 ALTITUDE Below 10,000'  
 SPEED 3,000 MPH  
 LENGTH OF TRACK 30 Min.  
 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial Radar  
 CHARACTER OF TRACK Apparently hovered  
 COMMENTS Radar operator in B-29 picked up unidentified object making "passes" at the B-29. No visual sighting was made although undercast  
any ATIC from 329 was 3/10 to 4/10. (Comment: Very probably interference or malfunction.)

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COUNTRY United States (Gulf of Mexico)		REPORT NO. <b>UNCLASSIFIED</b> (LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Radar Phenomena		
AREA REPORTED ON Gulf of Mexico	FROM (Agency) 307th Bombardment Wing (M)	
DATE OF REPORT 27 January 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 January 1950	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) REUBEN N. NORMAN 1st Lt., USAF	SOURCE 368th Bombardment Squadron 307th Bombardment Wing (M)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		

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.)

Personnel aboard a B-29 aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico noted in the radar scope three objects orbiting the aircraft from all quadrants with speeds estimated up to 3,000 miles per hour, no visual sightings were made.

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FROM (Agency) <b>307th Bombardment Wing (M)</b>	REPORT NO.	PAGE <b>2</b> OF <b>2</b> PAGES
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1. Observations noted from B-29 aircraft 1723, at 24°00'N - 85°20'W, while flying a course of 260°, time 2325 EST, 12 January 1950, weather clear above an under-cast, three objects were noted on the radar scope orbiting B-29 1723 from all quadrants. Objects were noticed by Radar Operator, Aircraft Commander, Navigator and Bombadier. The object was first sighted on a bearing of 330° traveling South. The object travelled across the scope in approximately 15 to 20 seconds on the 100 mile range setting. In a few minutes this object was joined by two others, which disappeared in a few minutes. At short ranges the object was large and well defined on the radar scope. The object would go off for about 100 miles, turn and come in as if for an attack, pass through the center of the scope (where it was lost), and emerge on the other side. The object remained in the radar scope for approximately 30 minutes, following the aircraft all the time. The radar operator switched ranges and picked up the object on the 20 and 50 mile setting. No surface vessels were noted on the scope during the incident. Twice the object came to within 20 miles of the aircraft and then apparently had the ability to hover, for the movement on the radar scope would cease for 5 to 15 seconds. The altitude of aircraft B-29 1723 was 10,000' pressure, flying straight and level at all times of observation. After altering course the object no longer appeared, but the radar was jammed for approximately 10 minutes and returned to normal after crossing over the coastline of Texas. NO VISUAL SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY THE CREW.

2. The speed of B-29 aircraft 1723 at the time of sighting is not known.

3. Radar was switched to the 20, 50 and 100 mile ranges.

4. First appearance was picked up with a bearing of 330°, moving across the 100 mile range of the scope in a matter of seconds, disappear and reappear at 020°, and 120° bearings at various times. Estimated speed of the object between 2,500 and 3,000 miles per hour.

5. Weather condition during sightings:

a. 2325 EST Clear above, 3/10 to 4/10 scattered clouds below at 6,000 feet. Outside air temperature plus 11 C.

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DATE OF INFO 13 Jan 1950

LOCATION Holloman AFB, N. Mex.

SOURCE Airman

DATE OF SIGHTING 13 Jan 1951

TIME OF SIGHTING 0605

APPEARANCE Starlike

IDENTIFICATION Same planet Venus

CHARACTERISTICS Apparently didn't change position

NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

REMARKS

Source observed object due north of the base 10°-15° above horizon. Object disappeared when daylight arrived. This is the third sighting reported by same observer in a week.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

DR/WEB/pc

File No: (24-8) - 16

27 January 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA

Sighted by [REDACTED],  
Holloman AFB, at 0605 hours, 13 January 1950  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district concerning the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached is one copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent Russell O. Womack, Jr., of this office, dated 13 January 1950, subject as above.

3. Copies of all future reports of sightings of this nature will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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Rpt of Inv, 13 Jan 50

*Doyle Rees*  
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Lt Col, USAF  
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

FILE NO. <b>(24-8) - 16</b>	DATE <b>13 January 1950</b>
REPORT MADE BY <b>S/A RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.</b>	
REPORT MADE AT <b>17th DO, Kirtland AFB</b>	
PERIOD <b>13 January 1950</b>	
OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>17th DO, Kirtland AFB</b>	
STATUS <b>CLOSED</b>	

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TITLE

**UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA**  
Sighted by Pfc J. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Holloman AFB  
at 0605 hours, 13 January 1950

CHARACTER

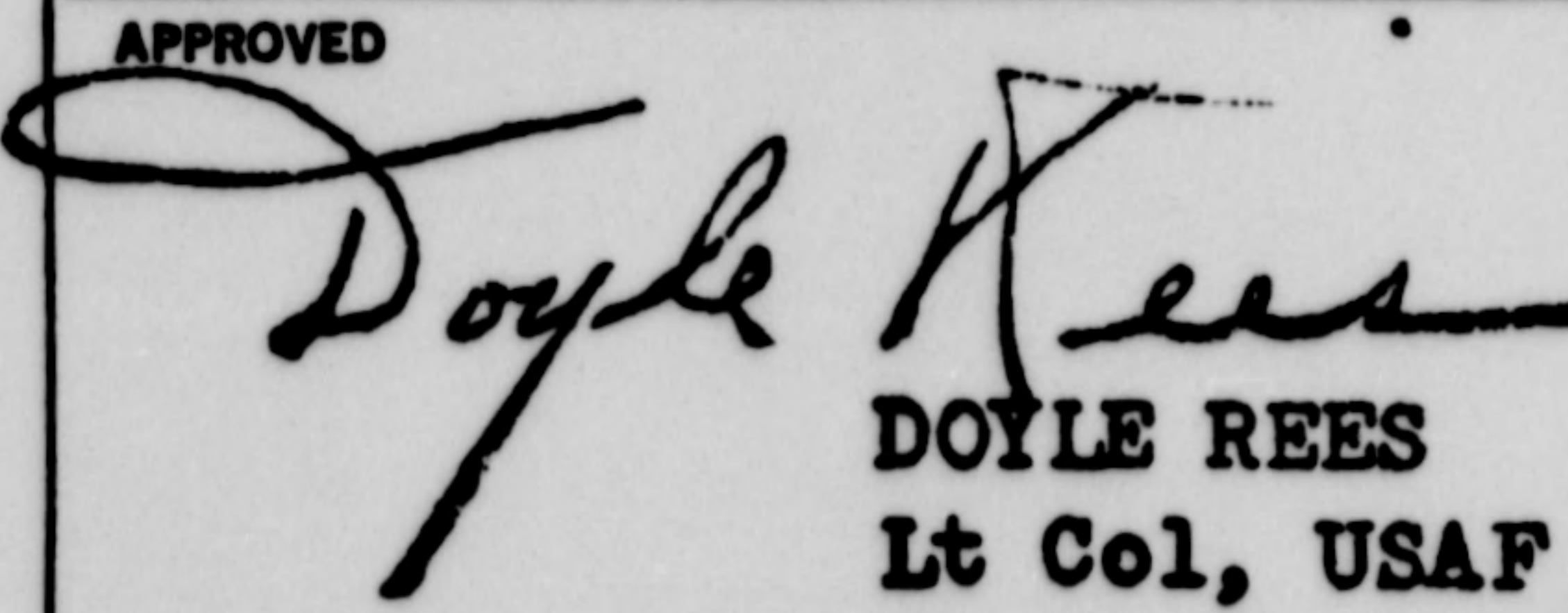
**SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft**

REFERENCE

**AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.**

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. [REDACTED]; File Clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon, at 0605 hours 13 January 1950. [REDACTED] was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 13 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

- a. Date of sighting: 13 January 1950.
- b. Time of sighting: 0605 hours 13 January 1950, at which time the object was in the same general vicinity in the sky as one sighted the evening before. Re: (24-8)-15.
- c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base. Object was approximately due north of base.
- d. Number of objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
- f. Distance of object from observer:
  - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable; however, object appeared to be further away from observer than the sighting of this observer at 1030 6 January 1950. Re: (24-8)-13.
  - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 10 to 15°.
  - (3) Altitude: Undeterminable, due to unknown size of object.
- g. Time in sight: Observer did not observe object for a very great length of time.
- h. Appearance of object:
  - (1) Color: Predominately white - very bright, comparable to Venus; changed erratically to green and red.
  - (2) Shape: Starlike shape; unable to determine specific shape.
  - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
  - (4) Size: Appeared to be about the same size as the planet Venus.

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- i. **Direction of flight:** Observer did not keep object in sight long enough to determine overall movement of the object. When sighted at 0605 on 13 January, the object had moved to the east a small number of degrees beyond the point where it was observed at 1900 the previous evening, (24-8)-15. Object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left in its general path of movement from east to west.
- j. **Tactics or maneuvers:** Object traversed a predominately level path; changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.
- k. **Evidence of exhaust:** None
- l. **Effect on clouds:** Although it was extremely cloudy in the west, east and south, there were no clouds to the north. The object was clearly visible in the north and had no effect on the clouds that were in the sky.
- m. **Lights:** Object itself was a light.
- n. **Support:** None visible.
- o. **Propulsion:** Unable to determine.
- p. **Control and stability:** Apparently poor.
- q. **Air ducts:** Unable to determine.
- r. **Speed:** Unable to determine.
- s. **Sound:** None
- t. **Manner of disappearance:** Object disappeared 0605, 13 January, due to the on-coming daylight.
- u. **Notes relative to observer:**
- (1) Name: [REDACTED]
  - (2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.
  - (3) Occupation: File clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office.
  - (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.

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- (5) Pertinent hobbies: None
- (6) Ability to determine: Average
- (7) Reliability of observer: Reliable.
- (8) Former sightings: Observer saw a like object on 6 January 1950, which object was reported by this agent, and also on the evening of the previous day, 12 January 1950.

(9) Witnesses:

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Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

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Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

3. This agent was unable to make an attempt to get a definite "fix" on the object due to the fact that it was not reported until after it had disappeared. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, the Operations and Projects Section, Holloman AFB, and the Research Branch at White Sands Proving Ground, and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting.

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