

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| <p>1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br/>30 June 1949 30/2330Z</p>   | <p>2. LOCATION<br/>Seligman, New Mexico</p>   |
| <p>3. SOURCE<br/>Civilian</p>   | <p>10. CONCLUSION<br/>Astro (METEOR)</p>  |
| <p>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br/>One</p>   |   |
| <p>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br/>8 Seconds</p>   | <p>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br/>Object was a dull grey but sharply outlined on a straight and level flight. No apparent sound of power from object.</p> |
| <p>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br/>Ground-Visual</p>   |   |
| <p>7. COURSE<br/>North</p>  |   |
| <p>8. PHOTOS<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>            |   |
| <p>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |   |

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION  
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of Observation 30 June 1949 Date of Interview 2 August 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1630 P.M. (MST)
3. Place of Observation: 29 Mi W and 14 Mi S of Seligman  
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
Standing out in open air
5. What attracted attention to object: Accidentally looked up
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Appeared  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter at 10,000' altitude when directly overhead plus 5-degrees West.
8. Color of object: Dull grey
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Circle
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon -  $0^{\circ}$  at horizon,  $90^{\circ}$  overhead):  $30^{\circ}$
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 7 o'clock
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Estimated 12 miles
13. Direction of flight of object (s): North
14. Time in sight: 8 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): 2000 mph or faster
16. Sound and odor: None noticed

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- 17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None observed
- 18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance): Dull - but sharply defined
- 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
None
- 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
Straight and level
- 21. Manner of disappearance: In a clear sky - went out of distance of vision.
- 22. Effect on clouds: No clouds in view - no haze etc.
- 23. Additional information concerning object: No apparent sound of power - has seen meteors - this not one - no reflection - otherwise vacant sky - area very sparsely populated for miles around.
- 24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Perfectly clear

Name and address of observer: ~~REDACTED~~

Occupation and Hobbies: Vet meat inspector with U. S. Department of Agriculture  
fishing - hunting - prospecting

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer  
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):  
Interviewee appears very well educated, steady and observant.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?  
No glasses - viewed with bare eyes which are said to be 20/20.

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

FILE NO.

24-3

DATE

10 August 1949

REPORT MADE BY

MELVIN E. NEEF, S/A

REPORT MADE AT

DO #17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD

2 August 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #17, Kirtland AFB

STATUS

PENDING

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
 Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Letter from DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

SYNOPSIS

Additional report of observation of anomolous flying object as of  
 30 June 1949. Details reported on form specified.

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Commanding General  
 AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 ATTN: MCIAXO-3

APPROVED

*Doyle Rees*  
 DOYLE REES  
 Lt Col, USAF  
 District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COMF  
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
HIGHLAND AIR FORCE BASE, WICHITA, KANSAS

BR:AMN:jpb

File No: 34-3

11 August 1949

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Chic.

ATTN: MCIAX03

1. Reference is made to Report of Investigation, this district, file and subject as above, dated 5 July 1949, and previous reports of investigation.

2. Attached are two (2) copies of Report of Investigation covering observations of an incident occurring on 30 June 1949.

3. This investigation is continuing, and leads are at present being developed with reference to additional sightings during the past month. Full reports will be forwarded as further information is developed.

*Doyle Dees*  
DOYLE DEES  
Lt Col, USAF  
District Commander

1 Incl: Rpt of Invest dtd  
10 Aug 49 (dup)

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Astro (meteor)

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5. What attracted attention to object: **Accidentally looked up**
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: **One (1)**
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): **Appeared 1 1/2" diameter at 10,000' altitude when directly overhead plus 5-degrees West.**
8. Color of object: **Dull grey**
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): **Circle**
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): **30°**
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): **7 o'clock**
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): **Estimated 12 miles**
13. Direction of flight of object (s): **North**
14. Time in sight: **8 seconds**
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): **2000 mph or faster**
16. Sound and odor: **None noticed**

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) **None observed**
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance): **Dull - but sharply defined**
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
**None**
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
**Straight and level**
21. Manner of disappearance: **In a clear sky - went out of distance of vision.**
22. Effect on clouds: **No clouds in view - no haze etc.**
23. Additional information concerning object: **No apparent sound of power - has seen meters - this not one - no reflection - otherwise vacant sky - area very sparsely populated for miles around.**
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: **Perfectly clear**

Name and address of observer: **Dr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~**

Occupation and hobbies: **Vet meat inspector with U. S. Department of Agriculture  
fishing - hunting - prospecting**

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

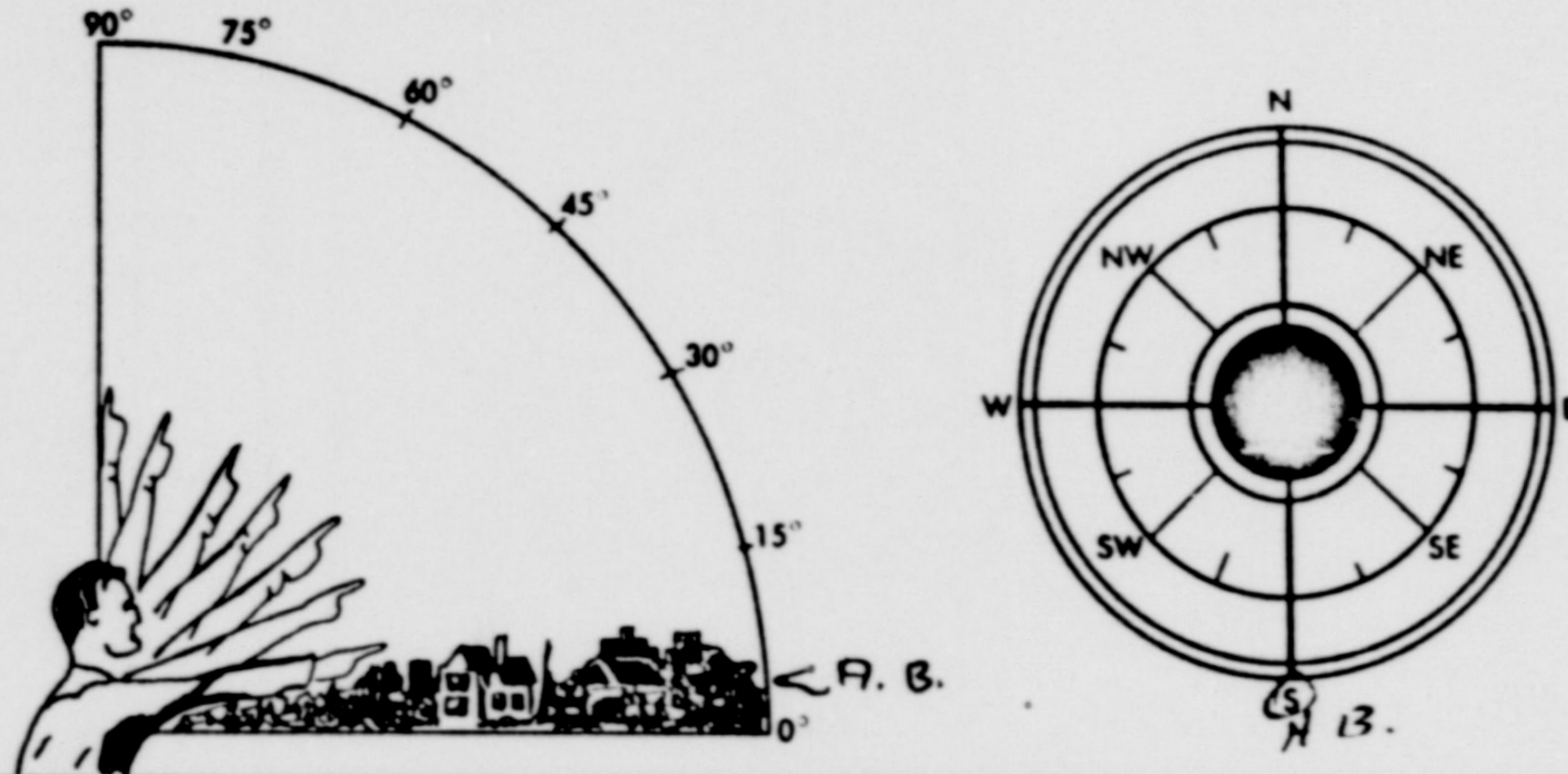
**Interviewee appears very well educated, steady and observant.**

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

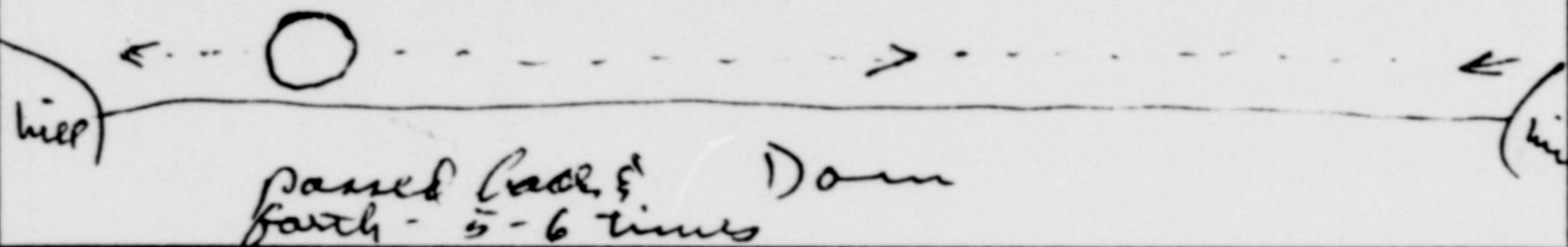
**No glasses - viewed with bare eyes which are said to be 20/20.**

# Official U.S. Air Force UFO form continued

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? one  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

no

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)  Yes  No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)  Yes  No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Dan DeBenedetto - Fresno, Calif.  
(son) " ?  
3rd party - name not known - I believe that his name was Lynch also - but not sure x

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Lynch Thomas Cody  
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 6977 Tanglewood Rd, San Diego 92111, Calif.  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 279-0673 AGE 48 SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I was being given the outing by Dan as a graduation present from Fresno State College in 1949 x

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Sund day - 1949 reported by  
Day Month Year  
D. DeBenedetto to Fresno Airport x

~~\_\_\_\_\_ phone~~  
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) Score - I think

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 4/5/67  
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

None

Dan & I have discussed it at various times & we had never heard of such a thing at the time & however, shortly afterward we heard many reports.

I feel this would be considered as having been reported by ~~D. [unclear]~~ in 1949.

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# OFFICIAL U.S. AIR FORCE UFO FORM

This was reported by [redacted] The same day we saw it to Fresno airport, Fresno, Calif., as an inquiry regarding balloon possibilities - answer was negative. It passed along length of dam several times. We had never heard of F.S.'s are UFO's at the time. Page 2

## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire 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. 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.

1. When did you see the object?  
 ? June 19~~50~~<sup>49</sup>  
 Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 5:30  
 Hours Minutes  
 (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 ?

4. Where were you when you saw the object?  
 Friant Dam Lake Milerton  
 Nearest Postal Address City or Town Fresno  
 State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 15 to 25  
 Hours Minutes Seconds  
 (Circle One): a. Certain b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? 4 members of party (fishing) saw it

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes  No  we discussed it during observation time

6. What was the condition of the sky?  
 Early DAY break  
 a. Bright b. Cloudy  
 NIGHT  
 a. Bright b. Cloudy

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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, 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 dark d. Don't remember

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

CLOUDS (Circle One):  
 a. Clear sky b. Hazy c. Scattered clouds d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):  
 a. Dry b. Fog, mist, or light rain c. Moderate or heavy rain d. Snow e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):  
 a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. As a light e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):  
 a. Brighter b. Dimmer c. About the same d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:  
 None

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

13. Did the object: (Circle One for each question)

|   |                                      |                                     |                                  |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| f. Change shape?                                | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

[redacted] still resides in Fresno where he owns a produce business; his son about 17 at the time and another person I can't recall name now. who owned an ice business in Clovis Calif, were along.

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?  
*rapidly took off westward beyond end of  
 Front dam behind hills*

15. 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: *hill when it left. Hill is west  
 anchor of dam*

16. 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  
 in front of: *behind it seems to me it dipped below  
 edge of dam*

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:  
 a. Sound *None*  
 b. Color *Grey, (similar to navy ships)*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?  
*Small spot*

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

*This is not in proportion*

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?  
 (Circle One)  Yes No *over dam*  
 IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? *slowly - 3-10 mph  
 it left rapidly*

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?  
 (Circle One)  Yes No  
 IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? *2 1/2 - 4 miles*

22. 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 (type)  
 e. At sea  
 f. Other *on Milton lake in  
 a small outboard boat*

23. Were you (Circle One)  
 a. In the business section of a city?  
 b. In the residential section of a city?  
 c. In open countryside?  
 d. Near an airfield?  
 e. Flying over a city?  
 f. Flying over open country?  
 g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:  
 24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)  
 a. North b. Northeast c. East d. Southeast  e. South f. Southwest g. West h. Northwest  
 24.2 How fast were you moving? *5-10* miles per hour. *slowly motor idling on slow  
 we were working on our  
 fishing gear at Estuary  
 lake from Marshall's  
 landing - up river*  
 24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?  
 (Circle One) Yes  No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?  
 a. Eyeglasses Yes  No  
 b. Sun glasses Yes  No  
 c. Windshield Yes  No  
 d. Window glass Yes  No  
 e. Binoculars Yes  No  
 f. Telescope Yes  No  
 g. Theodolite Yes  No  
 h. Other *None*

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.  
*Nothing I ever saw - other than  
 a round circular, metal, grey object  
 about 40' to 100' in diameter.*

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 376

1. Date of Observation 29 June Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2:21 PM
3. Place of Observation: 1/4 mile South Orlam, Ohio  
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:  
Ground.
5. What attracted attention to object: Speed of object
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):  
Larger than F-80
8. Color of object: Aluminum
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
of conventional F/C
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
@ cloud layer 2-4000 30-45°
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):  
When first seen? South West When last seen?
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): 3,000 when overhead
13. Direction of flight of object (s): SW - NE
14. Time in sight: 3-4 Seconds.
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): 120° in 3-4 Seconds
16. Sound and odor: No noise

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- 17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) *None*
- 18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):  
*Reflected*
- 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
*Conventional F/C*
- 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
*Level flight*
- 21. Manner of disappearance:  
*Disappeared in clouds*
- 22. Effect on clouds:  
*None*
- 23. Additional information concerning object:  
*Wings may have moved.*
- 24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
*Sunny, cloudy, 2000'*

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

*Radio Engineer - Gardening, Woodworking*

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

*appeared reliable*

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

*None.*

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
  - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
  - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle ( $180^{\circ}$ ), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
  - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
  - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
  - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airbourne, when object was sighted
  - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
  - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
2. Winds aloft report:

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:  
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.)

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

- a. Object
- b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
- c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
- d. Maneuvers
- e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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The following was taken from VA 47955, VA 105007:

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From: District Intelligence Officer  
Eleventh Naval District.

To: Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: Flying objects - unidentified.

Reference: (a) GIE Evaluation Slip (op av-32-11-159) 11-15017  
etc 6 July 1949, same subj.

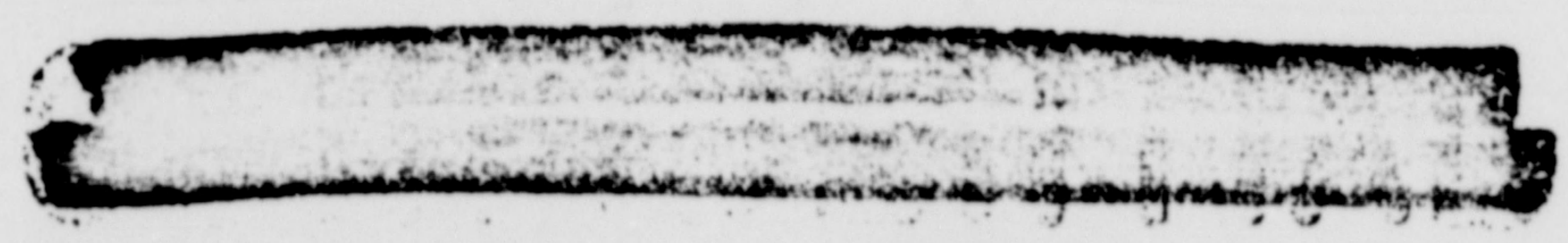
Enclosure: (A) Clipping from Los Angeles Times 30 August 1949  
"U. S. Officers Report Seeing Flying Disks".

1. In view of reference (a) comment that "Any additional info would be helpful", Enclosure (A) may be of interest.

T. J. SULTZ.

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Los Angeles Times

U. S. AIRCRAFT REPORT SEEING FLYING DISKS - by Martin Liles

White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., Aug. 20 -

Flying saucers--or at least mysterious flying "objects"--have been sighted by service personnel at this vital center of America's outer air research.

I talked with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, who reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight.

In all fairness, it must be pointed out that other officers and engineers at White Sands scoff at the reports and put them down to imagination, weather balloons, fuel traces in high-powered optical equipment, or possibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

Experienced Observers - Yet the men who gave these reports presumably are familiar with such possibilities and well acquainted with the appearance of balloons and planes and the quixotic results of staring at a fixed point in the sky for long moments.

One officer believes, sincerely, that the objects seen are space ships and declared that a ballistic formula applied to one observation through a photo theodolite showed the "ship" was 35 to 40 miles high--an "egg-shaped" craft of fantastic size and traveling at incredible speeds of three to four miles a second!

The observer in this case, he said, was tracking a balloon into the upper air when the object swept across the balloon's path and hovered for some 10 seconds--taking turns up to 22 times the force of gravity--before it disappeared. It had no visible means of propulsion.

Technician's Report - The enlisted technician reported seeing an object at 3:35 p.m., last June 11, as he was tracking the course of a V-2 test rocket in a 20-power elevation telescope, an instrument that can follow a missile to altitudes of 100 miles or more.

"I don't know what it was, but I had never seen anything like it before," he told me. "It seemed to be metallic, but I couldn't tell its size, its speed or its altitude. It would be impossible unless you knew one of the three factors."

He added he had informed his superiors of the incident and was told the next morning he had seen a "disk".

Weather Balloon? - A check of one officer elicited the response: "It was probably a weather balloon," but he declared the enlisted technician is considered "a reliable

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Enclosure (A) to  
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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
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Last Friday's object was seen by a senior officer shortly after 11 a.m. and reported to the unit commander. The observer was preparing for a missile firing and scanning the skies through binoculars.

"I don't know what it was, but it came out of the north in a shallow dive and turned west. No, I wouldn't guess at speed or size."

He declined to explain he is a "skeptic".

Proof for Skeptic - "Isn't seeing such a thing the best proof for a skeptic", he was asked.

"I should say it was," he smiled. "but I just saw something and reported it."

In all, some five reports have been made in the last six months, one officer said, with only one last year.

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# U.S. Officers Report Seeing Flying Disks

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WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N.M., Aug. 29 — Flying saucers—or at least mysterious flying "objects"—have been sighted by service personnel at this vital center of America's upper air research.

I talked with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, who reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight.

In all fairness, it must be pointed out that other officers and engineers at White Sands scoff at the reports and put them down to imagination, weather balloons, dual images in high-powered optical equipment, or possibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

#### Experienced Observers

Yet the men who gave these reports presumably are familiar with such possibilities and well acquainted with the appearance of balloons and planes and the quixotic results of staring at a fixed point in the sky for long moments.

One officer believes, sincerely, that the objects seen are space ships and declared that a ballistic formula applied to one observation through a photo theodolite showed the "ship" was 35 to 40 miles high—an "egg-shaped" craft of fantastic size and traveling at incredible speeds of three to four miles a second!

The observer in this case, he said, was tracking a balloon into the upper air when the object swept across the balloon's path and cavorted for some 10 seconds—taking turns up to 22 times the force of gravity—before it disappeared. It had no visible means of propulsion.

#### Technician's Report

The enlisted technician reported seeing an object at 3:35 p.m., last June 14, as he was tracking the course of a V-2 test rocket in a 20-power elevation telescope, an instrument that can follow a missile to altitudes of 100 miles or more.

"I don't know what it was, but I had never seen anything like it before," he told me. "It seemed to be metallic, but I couldn't tell its size, its speed or its altitude. It

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would be impossible unless you knew one of the three factors."

He added he had informed his superiors of the incident and was told the next morning he had seen a "disk."

#### Weather Balloon?

A check of one officer elicited the response: "It was probably a weather balloon," but he declared the enlisted technician is considered "a reliable man."

Last Friday's object was seen by a senior officer shortly after 11 a.m. and reported to the unit commander. The observer was preparing for a missile firing and scanning the skies through binoculars.

"I don't know what it was, but it came out of the north in a shallow dive and turned west. No. I

wouldn't guess at speed or size."

He hastened to explain he is a "skeptic."

#### Proof for Skeptic

"Isn't seeing such a thing the best proof for a skeptic," he was asked.

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