

Incident # 255

APIC NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INFO 17 Feb 1949

APIC NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION Albuquerque, N. M.

APIC NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE Engineering; Prof. & Others

DATE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE IN TO APIC \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF OBSERVING 1.00

COLOR brilliant white

SHAPE Elliptical

SIZE ---

SIZE Larger than Meteor

ALTITUDE ---

DIRECTION West to east then North finally South

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 6 Minutes

NO. OF REPORTS 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Came straight from West, then a slight climbing, turn to North and finally a sharp climbing turn to south.

SKETCHES \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft

APIC Form 309  
(Rev. 5-2)



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File 24-48

Subj: Unknown Aerial Phenomena

Time: 1757 17 Feb 49

Location: West of Albuquerque

Altitude: 6° above horizon

Color: red yellow

Time under observation: 6 to 9 minutes

Shape: elliptical

Size: Length - diameter of moon  
Width: 1/3 diameter of full moon

Direction: West to East climbing 3°

Tactics: Made definite turn to south

Observers: Civil Engineering Professor, Univ of N.M.  
Military Guards Sandia Base including Officer of Guard

Local sensitive installation concerned. Scientific personnel and equipment unavailable this office. Dr La Paz only consultant engaged full time academically Univ New Mexico. Request assistance and/or advice. Please reply.

Translation of Wire

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INFO OF AFB

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PHENOMENON ONE TIME ONE SEVEN FIVE SEVEN ONE ONE SEVEN FEB  
FOUR NINE ONE LOCATION WEST OF ALBUQUERQUE ONE SIX DEGREE  
ABOVE HORIZON SMOKE COLOR ONE RED YELLOW SMOKE DURATION ONE  
TO NINE MINUTES SMOKE SHAPE ONE ELIPTICAL SMOKE SIZE ONE  
LENGTH DIAMETER OF FULL BURN ONE WIDTH ONE ONE THIRD  
DIAMETER OF FULL BURN SMOKE TRAJECTORY ONE WEST TO EAST  
CLIMBING THREE DEGREE MADE DEFINITE TURN TO SOUTH ONE  
OBSERVERS ONE CIVIL ENGINEERING PROFESSOR UNIV OF NEW MEX  
ONE MILITARY GUARDS SANDIA BASE ONE INCLUDING OFFICER OF  
GUARD PD LOCAL SENSITIVE INSTALLATION CONCERNED PD  
SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT UNAVAILABLE THIS OFFICE  
PD DR LA PAX ONLY CONSULTANT ENGAGED FULL TIME ADJUDICATOR  
AT SANDIA NEW MEX PD REQUEST ASSISTANCE AND FOR ADVISE PD  
PLEASE REPLY

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FROM: CH IE 617-8 2/19 TO: WPAFB

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 CTR: OSI-2-11C Info of

INCLOSURES:  
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Incident no. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of Observation 17 Feb 1949 Date of Interview 16 March 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) Approximately 1800 hours
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 07 min N  
(Map Coordinates) 107 deg 47 min W  
Approximation within 2 min
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
At Chief's Rancho, Highway 66; outdoors.
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
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 a meteor.
8. Color of object: White Light
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Oval
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): N/S
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):  
Southwest; approximately 225 degrees.
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): N/S
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Vertical climb, then leveled off to a gradual ascent to the south.
14. Time in sight: N/S
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): N/S
16. Sound and odor: None

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- 17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)  
Faint trail of smoke, same color as body of object, lasted "Several seconds"
- 18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):  
Self-luminous
- 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
None
- 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
Vertical climb, then leveled off to gradual climb to south.
- 21. Manner of disappearance: Just went out suddenly.
- 22. Effect on clouds: No clouds in area.
- 23. Additional information concerning object: None
- 24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
Clear, slight trace of light remaining in western sky.

Name and address of observer: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Grants, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: Truck driver. Former police officer and guard \_\_\_\_\_.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):  
Said to be sober, fairly intelligent person by \_\_\_\_\_, Chief of Police, \_\_\_\_\_, New Mexico.

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

No

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1. Date of Observation 17 Feb 1949 Date of Interview 17 March 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 5 Min N  
(Map Coordinates) 106 deg 35 Min W
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
Outside in heights section of Albuquerque, New Mexico
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
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): Too large for plane -- about as long near end of observation as one lunar diameter.
8. Color of object: Brilliant white, shifting to peach color as it climbed.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Appeared round at first; then shifted to an ellipse, gradually lengthening until length was ten times width.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): N/S due to variation as object approached and rapid climb at end.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):  
N/S (taken by LaPas)
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Not ascertainable
13. Direction of flight of object (s): West to East; then North a little; then a sharp climb to South.
14. Time in sight: At least six (6) minutes.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):  
N/S.
16. Sound and odor:  
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

**No actual trail, but object became elongated.**

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

**Self-luminous**

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

**None**

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

**Came straight in from west; then a slight climbing turn to North; then a sharp climbing turn to South.**

21. Manner of disappearance: **Kept going out of sight, or else diminished in brilliance until invisible.**

22. Effect on clouds: **No clouds in sky.**

23. Additional information concerning object: **Appeared spherical at first; then became elongated. As the object turned, it bent around the corners, similar in appearance at the turns to a piece of bent pipe.**

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: **Cloudless sky; light not quite all gone from western sky.**

Name and address of observer: **[REDACTED], University of New Mexico.**

Occupation and hobbies: **Professor of [REDACTED]. Studies and works in field of meteoritics.**

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

**Very intelligent man; past experience in meteoritics makes his observation even more valuable.**

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

**No**

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INCIDENT NO. 273  
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1. Date of Observation 27 Feb 49 Date of Interview 27 Feb 49
2. Exact time (local) 1905
3. Place of Observation Los Alamos, New Mexico 35°53' North 106°13' West
4. Position of observer Ground in car near Los Alamos N.M. Airstrip
5. What attracted attention to object & - Light
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Green White
9. Shape
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) West to East
14. Time in sight Approx 2 Seconds
15. Speed Not as fast as a Meteor
16. Sound and odor None (Observer was in closed car)
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Self-Luminous
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Traveled parallel to earth
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared abruptly
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions Broken and scattered clouds at 14,000 and 20,000'

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Astro (meteor)

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Name and address of observer: Lt. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], AESS, Los Alamos, N.M.

Occupation and hobbies: Atomic Energy Security Service  
Los Alamos, N.M.

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

27 Feb 49  
1905 hours

I was returning from station 101 to station 100.  
While on the straight strip of road adjacent to the airstrip I happened to  
glance toward the north at which time I observed a greenish colored light  
moving across the northern sky toward the east. It was traveling on a  
course parallel to the surface of the earth. It was visible for approximately  
two seconds. It did not appear to travel beyond my range of vision, but  
suddenly disappeared as I was watching it. It did not leave a trail ~~of~~ in  
the sky nor did it appear to have a tail like a meteor.

Due to the very short time that it was visible I am unable to estimate  
the rate of speed or altitude of the object.

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Basic: Ltr fr 17th Dist OSI, KAFB, to CO, KAFB dtd 24 Mar 49, Subj:  
"Unknown (Aerial Phenomena)"

AG 1st Ind CMN:jb  
HEADQUARTERS, Kirtland AF Base, Kirtland Field, N. Mex., 29 Mar 1949.

TO : Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Forwarded for your information in connection with the report  
of investigation forwarded from this Headquarters on 14 Dec 48 by 1st  
Ind to letter same subject as above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl: n/c (2 cys w/d)

OLIVER M. WOLAND  
Captain, USAF  
Adjutant

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INCIDENT NO. 255

1. Date of Observation 17 Feb 49 Date of Interview 17 March 49
2. Exact time (local)
3. Place of Observation 35° 5' North - 106° 35' West (Albuquerque, N.M.)
4. Position of observer Outside Heights section of Albuquerque
5. What attracted attention to object Light
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size Too large for Plane-About as long near end of observation as one lunar diameter
8. Color of object Brilliant White, shifting to peach color as it climbed
9. ~~Shape~~ Appeared round at first, then shifted to an ellipse, gradually lengthening until length was ten times width.
10. Altitude n/s due to variations as object approached and rapid climb at end.
11. Direction from observer n/s
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object West to East then North a little, then a sharp climb to South.
14. Time in sight At least 6 minutes
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail No actual trail, but object became elongated
18. Luminosity Self-luminous
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Came straight in from West, then a slight climbing turn to North, then a sharp climbing turn to South.
21. ~~until invisible~~ disappearance faded from view or else diminished in brilliance until
22. Effect on clouds no clouds in sky
23. ~~Additional information concerning object~~ became elongated. As the object turned, it bent around the corners, similar in appearance at the turns to a piece of bent pipe.
24. ~~Weather conditions~~ Cloudless sky, light not quite all gone from Western sky.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS		FILE NO. 24-8	DATE 23 March 1949
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		REPORT MADE BY JACK L. BOLING	
TITLE  UNKNOWN  (Aerial Phenomena)	REPORT MADE AT DO # 17, Kirtland AFB	PERIOD 14, 16, 17 March 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 17, Kirtland AFB	STATUS PENDING	
	CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY		
	REFERENCE Report of JACK L. BOLING, DO # 17, 9 March 1949, file and subject as above		
SYNOPSIS  Eight additional inconclusive reports of sightings of anomalous luminous phenomena were received. Descriptions in general agree with previous reported observations. Incident of 17 February 1949 as reported by ██████████ contains significant departures from usual behavior of phenomena in New Mexico-west Texas area.			
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	APPROVED  BOYLE REES Lt Col, USAF DISTRICT COMMANDER		

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2. Exact time of observation (local) Approximately 1905 hours
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 53 min N  
(Map Coordinates) 106 deg 18 min W
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
In car alongside Los Alamos, New Mexico, airstrip
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
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):  
N/S
8. Color of object: Green-white
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
N/S
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
N/S
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):  
North
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):  
N/S
13. Direction of flight of object (s):  
West to East
14. Time in sight: Approximately 2 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):  
Not as fast as a meteor
16. Sound and odor:  
None (in closed car)

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

**None**

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

**Self-luminous**

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

**N/S**

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

**N/S**

21. Manner of disappearance: **Disappeared abruptly**

22. Effect on clouds:

**N/S**

23. Additional information concerning object: **Travelled parallel to earth**

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

**Broken and scattered clouds at 14,000 and 20,000 feet.**

Name and address of observer: **Lt [REDACTED], Los Alamos, N Mex**

Occupation and hobbies: **N/S**

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

**Complete Background Investigation required for employment.**

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

**Object seen through glass of car.**

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TO: Lt. H. D. Hightower, Protective Force, AESS

FROM: Lt. [REDACTED]

TIME: Approximately 1905 hours

DATE: February 27, 1949

DIRECTION: Sighted north of installation - traveling east

SPEED: Unable to estimate. (Not as fast as meteors that I have observed)

COLOR: (green-white)

ALTITUDE: Unable to estimate.

POINT OF OBSERVATION: From a point on the east Road approximately due south of the airstrip tower.

SOUND: None (I was in a closed vehicle)

OBSERVER: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: I was returning from Station 101 to Station 100. While on the straight strip of road adjacent to the airstrip I happened to glance toward the north at which time I observed a greenish colored light moving across the northern sky toward the east. It was traveling on a course parallel to the surface of the earth. It was visible for approximately two seconds. It did not appear to travel beyond my range of vision, but suddenly disappeared as I was watching it. It did not leave a trail in the sky nor did it appear to have a tail like a meteor.

Due to the very short time that it was visible I am unable to estimate the rate of speed or altitude of the object.

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2. Exact time of observation (local) Approximately 1905 hours
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 53 min N  
(Map Coordinates) 106 deg 13 min W
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
In car alongside Los Alamos, New Mexico, airstrip
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):  
One  
1/3
8. Color of object: Green-white
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
1/3
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
1/3
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):  
North
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):  
1/3
13. Direction of flight of object (s):  
East to East
14. Time in sight: Approximately 2 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):  
Not as fast as a meteor
16. Sound and odor:  
None (In closed car)

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

**None**

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

**Self-luminous**

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

**N/S**

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

**N/S**

21. Manner of disappearance: **Disappeared abruptly**

22. Effect on clouds: **N/S**

23. Additional information concerning object: **Travelled parallel to earth**

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
**Broken and scattered clouds at 14,000 and 20,000 feet.**

Name and address of observer: **Lt [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Los Alamos, N Mex**

Occupation and hobbies: **N/S**

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer  
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):  
**Complete Background investigation required for employment.**

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

**Object seen through glass of ear.**

[REDACTED]

TO: Lt. H. D. Hightower, Protective Force, AESS

FROM: Lt. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

TIME: Approximately 1905 hours

DATE: February 27, 1949

DIRECTION: Sighted north of installation - traveling east

SPEED: Unable to estimate. (Not as fast as meteors that I have observed)

COLOR: Green-white

ALTITUDE: Unable to estimate.

POINT OF OBSERVATION: From a point on the East Road approximately due south of the airstrip tower.

SOUND: None (I was in a closed vehicle)

OBSERVER: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: I was returning from Station 101 to Station 100.

While on the straight strip of road adjacent to the airstrip I happened to glance toward the north at which time I observed a greenish colored light moving across the northern sky toward the east. It was traveling on a course parallel to the surface of the earth. It was visible for approximately two seconds. It did not appear to travel beyond my range of vision, but suddenly disappeared as I was watching it. It did not leave a trail in the sky nor did it appear to have a tail like a meteor.

Due to the very short time that it was visible I am unable to estimate the rate of speed or altitude of the object.

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Name and address of observer: ~~██████████~~  
University of New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies:  
Prof. Civil Engineering, Studies and works in  
the field of meteoritics.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of  
observer(s): Very Intelligent man, past experience in meteoritics make  
his observation even more valuable.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: See incident 258 Same date as above

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INCIDENT NO. 255A

1. Date of Observation 17 Feb 49 Date of Interview 16 March 49
2. Exact time (local) Approx 1800 hours
3. Place of Observation 35° 07' North - 107° 47' West 22' Gran C. N.M.  
Max. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Light
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Larger than a Meteor
8. Color of object White Light
9. Shape Oval
10. Altitude not stated
11. Direction from observer 225° Southwest
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Vertical climb, then leveled off  
to a gradual ascent to the South
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor none noticed
17. Trail Faint trail of smoke, same color as body of object, lasted for  
several seconds.
18. Luminosity Self luminous
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Vertical climb, then leveled off to gradual climb to the  
South.
21. Manner of disappearance Went out suddenly
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions Clear, slight trace of light remaining in Western Sky.

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Name and address of observer:

██████████, Green Oil Co.  
Grants, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies:

Truck Driver, Former Police Officer and Guard  
██████████

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

Said to be sober, fairly intelligent person by ██████████  
██████████, Grants, New Mexico

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

See incident 258 same date as above.

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2. Exact time of observation (local) Approximately 1800 hours
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 07 min N  
(Map Coordinates) 107 deg 47 min W  
Approximation within 2 min
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
At Chief's Rancho, Highway 66, outdoors.
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
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 a meteor.
8. Color of object: White Light
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Oval
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): N/S
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):  
Southwest, approximately 225 degrees.
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): N/S
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Vertical climb, then leveled off to a gradual ascent to the south.
14. Time in sight: N/S
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): N/S
16. Sound and odor: None

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DECLASSIFIED AT 12 YEAR INTERVAL  
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17. ~~Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)~~  
**Faint trail of smoke; same color as body of object, lasted "Several seconds"**
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of ~~Self-luminous~~ brilliance):  
**Self-luminous**
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
**None**
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
**Vertical climb, then leveled off to gradual climb to south.**
21. Manner of disappearance: **Just went out suddenly.**
22. Effect on clouds: **No clouds in area.**
23. Additional information concerning object: **None.**
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
**Clear, slight trace of light remaining in western sky.**

Name and address of observer: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Grants, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: **Truck driver. Former police officer and guard at**  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer  
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):  
**Said to be sober, fairly intelligent person by ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Grants, New Mexico.**

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

**No**

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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

1. Date of Observation 17 Feb 1949 Date of Interview 17 March 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place of Observation: 35 deg 5 Min N  
(Map Coordinates) 106 deg 35 Min W
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
Outside in heights section of Albuquerque, New Mexico
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
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): Too large for plane -- about as long near end of observation as one lunar diameter.
8. Color of object: Brilliant white, shifting to peach color as it climbed.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Appeared round at first; then shifted to an ellipse, gradually lengthening until length was ten times width.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon -  $0^{\circ}$  at horizon,  $90^{\circ}$  overhead): N/S due to variation as object approached and rapid climb at end.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):  
N/S (taken by LaAs)
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Not ascertainable
13. Direction of flight of object (s): West to East; then North a little; then a sharp climb to South.
14. Time in sight: At least six (6) minutes.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):  
N/S
16. Sound and odor:  
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)  
**No actual trail, but object became elongated.**
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):  
**Self-luminous**
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
**None**
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
**Came straight in from west; then a slight climbing turn to North; then a sharp climbing turn to South.**
21. Manner of disappearance: **Kept going out of sight, or else diminished in brilliance until invisible.**
22. Effect on clouds: **No clouds in sky.**
23. Additional information concerning object: **Appeared spherical at first; then became elongated. As the object turned, it bent around the corners, similar in appearance at the turns to a piece of bent pipe.**
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: **Cloudless sky; light not quite all gone from western sky.**

Name and address of observer: **Marvin May, University of New Mexico.**

Occupation and hobbies: **Professor of Civil Engineering. Studies and works in field of meteoritics.**

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

**Very intelligent man; past experience in meteoritics makes his observation even more valuable.**

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

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