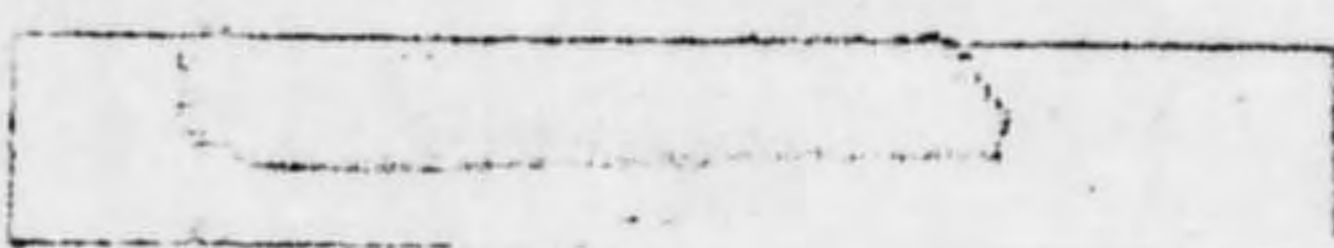


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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 31 March 1940  
 AF NO. --- LOCATION Rodeo, New Mexico  
 REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Civilians  
 DATE OF REPORT --- DATE IN TO ATIC ---  
 TIME OF OBSERVING --- COLOR ---  
 DIRECTION --- SPEED ---  
 DISTANCE --- ALTITUDE ---  
 COURSE --- LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---  
 NO. IN GROUP --- TYPE OF OBSERVATION ---  
 MANEUVERS S and L  
 PLACES --- SKETCHES --- REMARKS: Object discovered to be practice bomb used by USAF.

Temporary ATIC Form 329 (2 Jan 52)



Physical Specimen  
Practice bomb

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4 April 1949

Subject: Bomb or missile explosion.

To : Commanding Officer  
ASU 6407  
U.S. Army & U.S. Air Force  
Arizona Recruiting District  
132 East Pennington Street  
Tucson, Arizona

On Sunday night, April 3rd. 1949, Mr. [redacted], patrolman of the Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration Service, came to my home to report the following:

A Mr. [redacted] and a Mr. [redacted] reported to Mr. [redacted] that on Thursday, 31 March 1949, Mr. [redacted] heard a plane overhead and missing. He next heard a very heavy explosion and thought that a plane had crashed. The time of day or night is not fixed in this second hand report.

The following day, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] rode on horseback to the site of the explosion and described a swath in the brush and timber culminating in a huge crater. Mr. [redacted] described a piece of metal about 12 inches in diameter and pointed. He felt it was some kind of a "war head" for a guided missile. Nothing resembling a plane was found.

The site of the explosion is described as wild mountainous country, about ten miles east of Rodeo, New Mexico and about five miles from the ranches of Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]. The nearest emergency landing field by plane is said to be at Rodeo. The site is about seventy-five miles by automobile from Douglas.

Mr. [redacted], Border Patrol, phone Douglas 126 can guide anyone to the ranch of Mr. [redacted] or Mr. [redacted] and from there, either of these persons can guide a party to the explosion site.

It is suggested that Davis Monthan Air Force Base, conduct further investigation.

Frank H Campbell  
M/Sgt/ NCO in charge

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

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

DR: MEN: jbt

File No: 24-8

18 August 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

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

ATTN: MCIAKS

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, dated 5 August 1949, in which request is made for results of investigation of an alleged crash of an unidentified aerial object ten miles east of Rodeo, New Mexico on 31 March 1949.

2. At the time of the occurrence it was determined from Mr. [REDACTED], Rancher, Douglas, Arizona, who was approximately one (1) mile away at the time of the explosion, that there were five B-29 type aircraft over head. [REDACTED] E, 1st Lt, [REDACTED], 97th Supply Squadron, Biggs Air Force Base, advised that the fragments and fuse of the exploded bomb were from a 100 or 150 pound bomb, similar to the practice bombs used by the United States Air Force.

3. Inasmuch as the preliminary investigation by both this office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed the explosion to have been caused by the detonation of a practice type bomb, used by the United States Air Force, no further investigation was conducted.

DOYLE REES  
Lt Col, USAF  
District Commander

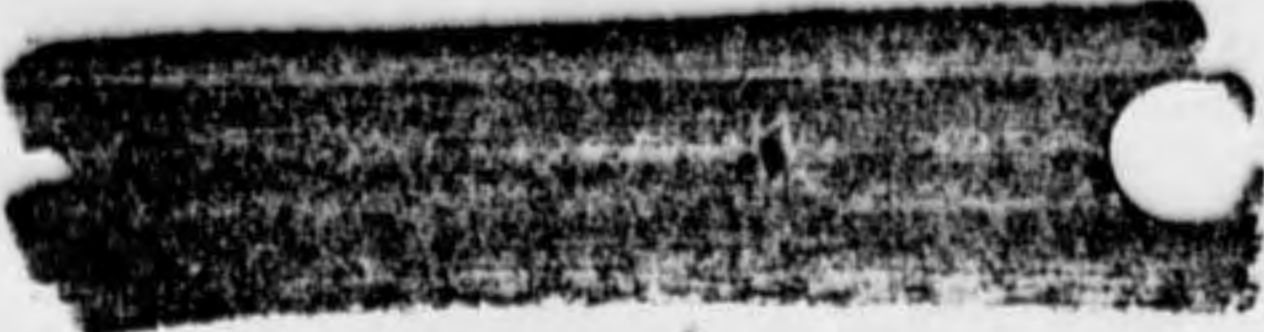
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- 1 - Ltr dtd 4 Apr 49
- 2 - Ltr dtd 7 Apr 49 w/3 Incls
- 3 - Ltr dtd 5 Aug 49

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 42 YEARS  
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25 April 1949

19D OSI 24-0

SUBJECT: Explosion

Hq 19th District OSI (IG), USAF, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California

TO: District Commander, 17th District OSI (IG), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

1. Attention is invited to basic letter and inclosure attached thereto.
2. A copy of an EEI Form, to be completed on all cases involving unconventional aircraft, is forwarded for your information and such investigative action as you may deem appropriate.
3. It is requested that information copies of your reports of this investigation be furnished as follows:

DO #19 - - - - - 2  
 G-2, Sixth Army - - - 1  
 2d OSI Region - - - - 1  
 CG, AAG (ATTN: MC1410-3) - 2

*[Signature]*  
 JOHN G. SCOPE  
 Colonel, USAF  
 District Commander

- 2 Incls  
 1. n/e  
     Added 1 incl  
 2. Cy of EEI (trip)

Copy furnished, less incl #2:  
 Hq OSI  
 2d OSI Region  
 ✓CG, AAG  
 CG, 6th Army (Thru: 19D OSI  
 DetCo, Presidio of San  
 Francisco, Calif)

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1st Ind

14 April 1949

Subject: Explosion

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, OAC of S, G-2, Presidio of San Francisco, California

TO: Office of Special Investigations, Building T-3, Presidio of San Francisco, California

For information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE AC OF S, G-2:

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n/c

/s/ ROLAND H. McINTIRE  
/t/ ROLAND H. McINTIRE  
Lt. Colonel CMP  
Chief, CI Division

19D OSI

2nd Ind

19 April 1949

Subject: Explosion

Fr Actg Detachment Commander, Presidio of S.F., California

TO: Dist. Commander, 19D OSI, Fairfield-Guisun AFB, Calif.

For information and any action deemed necessary.

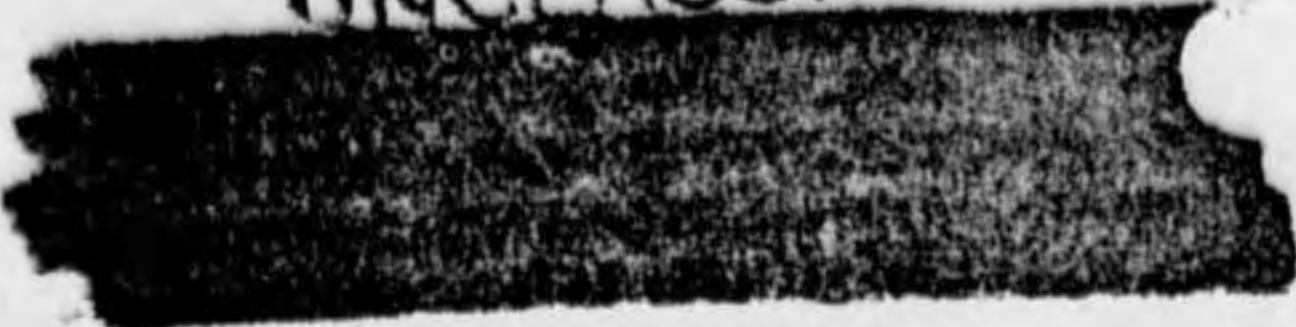
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/s/ CULLEN W. IRISH II  
/t/ CULLEN W. IRISH II  
Acting Detachment Commander

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HEADQUARTERS  
AREA SERVICE UNIT 6407  
ARIZONA RECRUITING DISTRICT  
U. S. ARMY AND U. S. AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE  
213 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

JBP/mm

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7 April 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

TO: Commanding Officer  
Intelligence Field Office No. 2  
Sixth Army  
Fort MacArthur, California

1. In compliance with GO No. 4, 1948, Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 13 January 1948; and 1st Indorsement, Sixth Army, file AMGBI-C 319, dated 2 April 1948 to letter Department of the Army, file GSGID 452.1, Subject: "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 25 March 1948, the inclosed report is submitted.

2. While it is realized that the event described is outside area described, the report was made to our Douglas Recruiting Station, and is forwarded for such action as is deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl  
Report of Explosion

J. B. PIERCE  
Capt, AGD  
Adjutant

cc: CG, 6th Army

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1 - 19 APRIL SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
3	Dillon, Montana	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Merced, California	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Delta, California	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS OF PHYSICAL SPECIMAN)	Other: (BALLAST RING FROM JAPANESE INCENDI CARRYING BALLOON)
4	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
5	Salt Lake City, Utah	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
6	Cleveland, Ohio	Multiple	1. INSUFFICIENT DATA 2. Astro (STARS/PLANET)
6	Castleton, New York	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
6	Denver, Colorado	Multiple	BALLOON
7	Des Moines, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Other: (UNRELIABLE FEEL)
7	San Bernadino, California	[REDACTED]	1. INSUFFICIENT DATA 2. Other: (PARACHUTE)
7	Memphis, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
7	Charlotte, North Carolina	Multiple	Other (GROUND LIGHTS)
8	Kodiak, Alaska	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
8	Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
9	Rockford, Illinois	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
9	Toledo, Ohio	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
11	Valhalla, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Sandia Base, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
13	Fort Worth, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
15	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
15	El Paso, Texas	[REDACTED]	Other (CLOUDS/CONTRAIL)
16	Fort Smith, Arkansas	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
17	Camp Hood, Texas <i>DATE MISSING</i>	Multiple	Other (FLARES)
19	Williams, Arizona	Multiple	Astro (FIREBALL)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCES</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>
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