

PROJECT 10078 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 May 49 08/1700Z	2. LOCATION Tucson, Arizona 358
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-15 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a white, round object. It was like a football bladder changing to flat. It was reflecting sunlight and drifting along. It went out of sight after it started climbing.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West, then North	
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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I, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~,
of ~~XX~~
subject in the city.

This subject appeared to be a small, dark, oval-shaped object, approximately 1/2 inch in diameter, and was seen to be moving in a southerly direction at a high rate of speed. It appeared to be made of a dark, metallic material, and its surface was highly reflective. The object was seen to be moving in a southerly direction at a high rate of speed. It appeared to be made of a dark, metallic material, and its surface was highly reflective. The object was seen to be moving in a southerly direction at a high rate of speed. It appeared to be made of a dark, metallic material, and its surface was highly reflective.

I have seen lots of objects floating in the air over the South Sea, such as beer cans and other small objects that have been blown up by the wind. It isn't unusual to see these objects in the air and lots of them are very bright. This one did not appear to be a piece of paper or any other object blown into the air because at the altitude this object was floating, it is quite possible that it could have been seen in the air from the ground. A witness was carried to the altitude, and smoke, exhaust or projections could be seen and this object was in view for about 15 minutes.

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STATEMENT

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Jonathan J. B. a resident of 1115 S. 1st Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the following statement.

On Sunday, May 15, 1949, I was in front of my home at the above address and saw a small, white, circular object in the sky. It was about 100 feet in diameter and was moving in a northerly direction. It was observed for some time.

This object appeared to be about the size of a large, round, metal object. It seemed to be located about 100 feet or more of distance from the ground. It appeared to be at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. It was estimated to be three to four miles. This object was, without doubt, in the air.

There was a large, white, circular object at approximately seven or eight thousand feet and was circular, glowing brightly. When this object appeared, the object within eight to ten thousand feet, the object started rising rapidly and moved into the distance. The object was in view for about ten minutes. It was silver in color, perfectly round and had a smooth surface. It had a shape and size which appeared to be a sphere. I believe this object was made of metal construction since it reflected light in all directions. I would judge this object to be, at least, on the ground, at least, at least, at least.

I have never a job, have been working around airplanes for a long time and I do not believe this object was a conventional type aircraft or was a foreign object such as paper or cloth. This object was first observed at about 10:30 a.m. There were no fins, wings or any other visible.

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On 22 May 1949, I was at a friend's house, [redacted], which is located near [redacted] and [redacted] on Sunday, May 22, 1949. While there, my attention was called to an object in the sky by [redacted], a civilian who lives in the neighborhood.

This object was round in shape, appearing to be flat. It appeared to be at a probably very high altitude and when it seemed to change shape from circular to a disc shape. This object was at about a 45 degree angle from the horizon directly west of about 45 degrees north. I would judge this object to have been around four miles distant from me. This object was situated around 1040 to 1050. I can place this time fairly accurately because I had just left church and church was out at 1030. It did not take me over ten minutes to drive to my friend's house. This object appeared to be of solid construction and if placed on the ground, I would judge it to be around 75 feet in diameter.

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There was a single engine plane in the air circling, appearing to be gaining altitude to reach this object, but I am not sure if he saw it or not. The object was stationary still in the air and when the plane came within approximately eight to ten thousand feet of it, the object started climbing in the shape of a balloon at a very high rate of speed. I would judge this rate of speed to have been four to six hundred miles per hour, about a 45 degree angle climb. This object appeared to be powered, although there was no trace of contrail, exhaust or smoke of any sort. I could hear no noises made by this object and it climbed faster than any aircraft I have ever witnessed. This object appeared to be perfectly stable although there was no control surfaces visible.

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64th Sqdn 43rd Gr
(Organization)

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1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 30 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1100
3. Place of Observation Tucson, Arizona
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Glint of light
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Size of tennis ball
8. Color of object White, with light reflections
9. Shape Round like football bladder changing to flat
10. Altitude 45° 2 miles
11. Direction from observer 190°
12. Distance from observer 4 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) West then 90° North at 45° Climb
14. Time in sight 10-15 Minutes
15. Speed Appeared to be drifting along
16. Sound and odor No sound
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Reflected light
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers 90° turn, 45° rapid climb
21. Manner of disappearance Went out of sight in 2 minutes after it started climbing.
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions.

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Balloon

Name and address of observer:

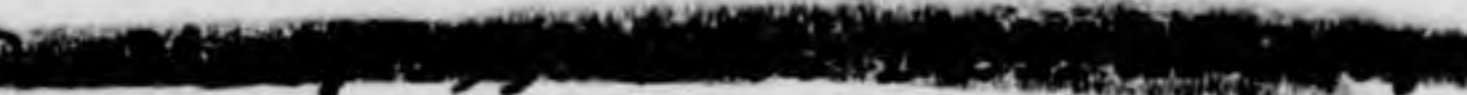

Tucson, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

Truck Driver

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Appears to be of average intelligence and character.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

STATEMENT:-- I, Emanuel  Tucson, Arizona, was laying on my back looking out the window facing directly South, on Sunday May 8, 1949, and at about a 45 degree angle, very high in the sky, I could see a round object. It seemed to be traveling across the horizon to the West. I then went outside and observed the object and it was due South from my house about ten degrees west and I would judge it to be two miles in the air. When I first noticed this object it was shaped like a football bladder. Then it seemed to change to a flat shape. When I first noticed it, it appeared to be the size of a tennis ball. This object was white in color, appeared to be solid and was traveling West and when getting into the mountains West of Tucson, turned North and began to rise at about a 45 degree angle. After it began to rise, this object disappeared in approximately two minutes. It was not traveling fast, just appeared to be drifting along. I do not think this was a piece of paper or any other object blown into the air nor do I think it was a conventional airplane.

I first sighted this object around eleven o'clock in the morning and it was in view for about ten or fifteen minutes. There appeared to be no windows or holes in this object nor did it seem to have control surfaces of any type visible to the naked eye. No smoke or exhaust could be seen coming from the object and it reflected light.


Tucson, Arizona

1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 18 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) **1130**
3. Place of Observation **Tucson, Arizona**
4. Position of observer **Ground**
5. What attracted attention to object. **Mr. Diaz**
6. Number of objects **1**
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape **Balloon shape then to flat circular**
10. Altitude **4000-5000' 60° Elevation**
11. Direction from observer **West**
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) **North**
14. Time in sight **15 Minutes**
15. Speed **Faster than jet**
16. Sound and odor **None**
17. Trail **None**
18. Luminosity
19. Projections **None**
20. Maneuvers **45° climb at high rate of speed.**
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions.

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Name and address of observer:

Mr. [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

Electrical Store Employee

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Considered reliable, honest, and steady.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

1. Date of Observation 8 May 1949 Date of Interview 22 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) **1040-1050**
3. Place of Observation **Tuscon, Arizona**
4. Position of observer **Ground**
5. What attracted attention to object. **Mr. [REDACTED]**
6. Number of objects **1**
7. Apparent size **If on ground, 75 ft**
8. Color of object
9. Shape **Round changing to flat, like balloon when climbing**
10. Altitude **20,000' 45°**
11. Direction from observer **Northwest**
12. Distance from observer **4 Miles**
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed **400-600 MPH**
16. Sound and odor **None**
17. Trail **None**
18. Luminosity
19. Projections **None**
20. Maneuvers **Object started climbing at high rate of speed as plane came within 8-10,000'**
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object- **Single engine plane in area near object.**
24. Weather Conditions.

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Name and address of observer:

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Occupation and hobbies:

Airman

**43rd Bomb Wing
Davis Monthan AFB
Tucson, Arizona**

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

Considered reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

1. Date of Observation 6 May 1949 Date of Interview 22 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) ~~0935~~ 10 30
3. Place of Observation **Tucson, Arizona**
4. Position of observer **Ground**
5. What attracted attention to object. **Mr. [REDACTED]**
6. Number of objects **1**
7. Apparent size **Size of thumb nail at arms length (on ground 40 ft)**
8. Color of object **Silver**
9. Shape **Round changing to flat**
10. Altitude **45° Elevation (intimated) 20,000'**
11. Direction from observer **Northwest**
12. Distance from observer **3-4 Miles**
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight **15-20 Minutes**
15. Speed **Still - to rapid climb**
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity **Reflected light**
19. Projections **None**
20. Maneuvers **Appeared to flutter**
21. Manner of disappearance **Object rapidly rose and faded from view at approach of an airplane in the area.**
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO.	24-8	DATE	26 May 1949
	REPORT MADE BY	LINDELL W. POLITTE		
TITLE UNACOM (Aerial Phenomena)	REPORT MADE AT	DO # 17, Wirtland A		
	PERIOD	9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 May 49		
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO # 17, Wirtland A		
	STATUS	PENDING		

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SYNOPSIS

On 8 May 1949, Mr. [redacted] Tucson, Arizona, sighted an object in the air at approximately two miles distance. This object was round and flat with a diameter of approximately forty to seventy-five feet. Object was reported as traveling both at a high rate of speed and just floating along. There were three witnesses that observed this object also. S/Sgt [redacted] Investigation in and around Tucson, Arizona, did not result in finding possible explanation of object.

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Name and address of observer:

S/Sgt W [REDACTED] 63rd Bomb Sqd.
43rd Bomb Group
Davis Monthan AFB,
Tucson, Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

Airman

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

Considered reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

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File No: 24-8

7 June 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN (Aerial Phenomena)

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

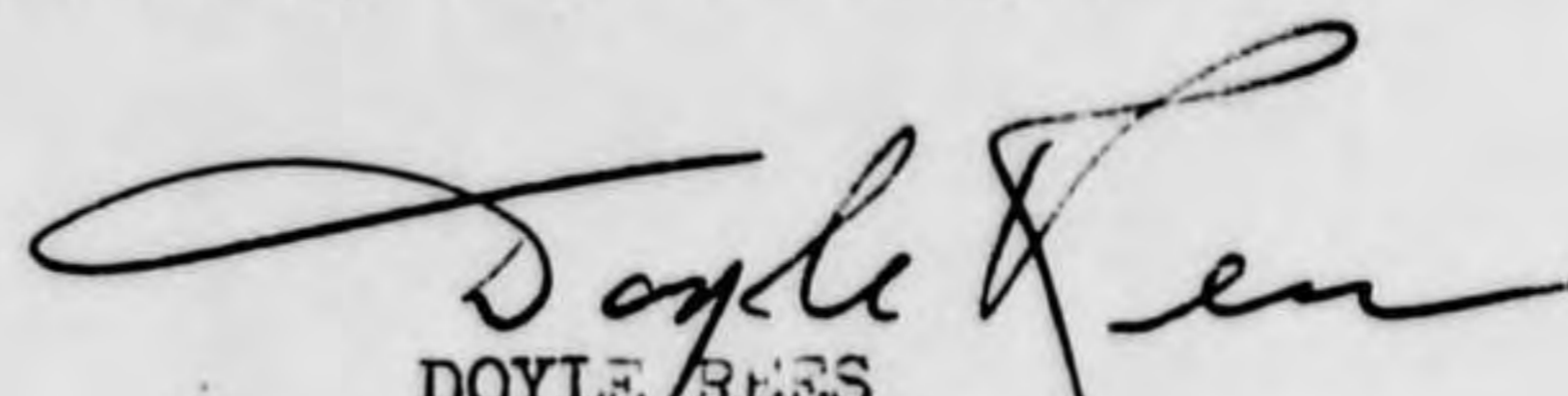
1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation, this district, regarding the aerial phenomena which have been sighted in this area.

2. Attached for your information are two copies each of Reports of Investigation, District Office No. 20, dated 27 May 1949, and this district, dated 26 May, 31 May and 7 June 1949.

3. This district will continue to gather information relative to sightings of this nature for forwarding to your headquarters.

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1. Date of sighting - 1 May 1949
2. Time of sighting - 0930 to 1100 hours
3. Where sighted -
 - a. Arizona
 - (1) Tucson, Arizona
 - (2) Approx. 2 1/2 miles south of 10th west of the intersection of Campbell Ave and Franklin Street, Tucson, Arizona
 - (3) From the yard in rear of 17th East 14th St, Tucson, Arizona.
 - (4) Latitude and Longitude - Not available
4. Number of objects - One
5. Distance of object from observer
 - a. Four miles
 - b. 45 to 60 degrees
 - c. 4,000 to 10,000 feet
6. Time in sight - 10 to 20 minutes
7. Appearance of object
 - a. White, with light reflections
 - b. Circular, changing to flat
 - c. Metallic
 - d. Size
 - (1) 40 to 75 feet in diameter
8. Direction of flight - West, 90^o turn to the North
9. Tactics or maneuvers - Horizontal flight, then rapid climb at 45 degree angle
10. Evidence of exhaust - none
11. Effect on clouds - No clouds
12. Lights - Reflected light.

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- 13. Support - no visible means of support
- 14. Preparation - no visible
- 15. Control of altitude - no visible
- 16. Altitude - no visible
- 17. Speed - no visible
- 18. Sound - no sound
- 19. Number of disappearances - observed at 45 degree angle within eye of sight

RELATIVE TO SUBJECT

- 1. Name - Manuel L. Diaz
- 2. Address - 1900 1/2 Ave, Tucson, Arizona
- 3. Occupation - truck driver
- 4. Line of business - Glass Beverage Company
- 5. Religion - none
- 6. Ability to determine -
 - a. Color - stated he was not color blind
 - b. Speed of moving objects - fair
 - c. Size at distance - fair
- 7. Reliability of observer
 - a. Sources
 - (1) [Redacted] - Three neighbors stated clearly that they had seen [Redacted] on [Redacted] street and corner.
 - (2) Police Department - no record
 - (3) All records - no record
 - (4) Employer - Diaz is honest, reliable, trustworthy and a good employee.
- 8. Notes relative to observer on
 - a. Location in general - undetermined
 - b. Attention drawn to object - slight of light
- 9. Witnesses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Airman
<u>Reliability</u> -	Considered reliable by Commanding Officer, 1st Sgt and Squadron Adjutant.	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Airman
<u>Reliability</u> -	Considered reliable by Commanding Officer, 1st Sgt and Squadron Adjutant.	



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
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Interviews with 3 neighbors and employer revealed ...

Interviews with ...

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Hourly Weather Report

Hour	1330	1400	1430	1450	1500
Day	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear
Visibility	10 Miles	10 Miles	10 Miles	10 Miles	10 Miles
Temperature	81	83	91.100	88	88
Relative Humidity	65	65	68	69	69
Wind	3 in	3 in	1.3 mph	3.5 mph	3.5 mph
Barometer Reading	29.95	29.95	29.95	29.95	29.95
Barometer Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Relative Humidity	95	100	145	75	75

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Distance in Feet	Degrees	Feet in Units
2000	320	2
3000	350	3
4000	300	3
5000	260	2
6000	310	3
7000	290	2
8000	270	5
9000	260	7
10000	260	9
11000	260	10
12000	260	15
13000	270	16
14000	270	1
15000	270	16
16000	290	21
17000	300	20
18000	280	25

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Altitude in feet	No. fees	Speed in knots
25,000	270	28
24,000	270	29
23,000	270	29
22,000	270	30
21,000	270	30
20,000	270	30
19,000	270	30
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5,000	270	30
4,000	270	30
3,000	270	30
2,000	270	30
1,000	270	30
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3. Local Flight Schedules between 09:00 and 11:00 hours 8 May 1947:

Commercial - Tucson, Arizona

American Airlines westbound flight to San Diego & Los Angeles at 0740 hours

American Airlines westbound flight to Phoenix & Los Angeles at 1000 hours

American Airlines eastbound flight to Dallas & Dallas at 1110 hours

Helicopter service - no helicopters were airborne during this time.

Shipin Airlines - Two light planes were airborne, one between the 8:00 and 10:30 hours and 11:00 hours and the other from 10:30 hours to 11:00 hours.

Tucson Airport - no aircraft were airborne between hours mentioned above.

Military - Davis-Monthan AFB

B-29 departed north for Los Angeles at 0831 hours

B-29 departed east for Ft Worth, Texas at 0907 hours

Records of AAGC Log Book, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona indicate that no contact was made with aircraft in the vicinity between 09:00 and 11:00 hours 8 May 1947.

4. No testing devices released by the United States Weather Bureau in Tucson area at this time.

5. Object did not contact earth.

6. Object did not come near other aircraft or known objects.

7. Sketch showing path of flight inclosed as exhibit "A".

8. Statement of BIRZ inclosed as exhibit "B".

Statement of WILLIAMS inclosed as exhibit "C".

Statement of SHERBY inclosed as exhibit "D".

Statement of HENNING inclosed as exhibit "E".

9. No physical evidence available.

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10. No reflections or antennas of any sort were observed.

11. Collections - Photos of the local aircraft in the local area were taken during the course of this survey and any unidentified object in the air during the period of the survey, 1947-1948.

Enclosures

Enclosures

1. Exhibit "A", section showing path of light.
2. Exhibit "B", statement of light.
3. Exhibit "C", statement of light.
4. Exhibit "D", statement of light.
5. Exhibit "E", statement of light.

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Exhibit 11

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STATEMENT

I, [redacted], was flying on
 my own private airplane, a Cessna, from [redacted], [redacted],
 and about 10:45 de-iced on my way to [redacted] in the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
 object. It appeared to be traveling across the horizon to the east. I then
 turned around and observed the object and it was the shape of a [redacted] about
 ten degrees west and I would judge it to be the files in the air. When I
 first noticed this object it was shaped like a football [redacted]. Then it
 seemed to change to a [redacted] shape. When I first noticed it, it appeared to be
 the size of a tennis ball. This object was white in color, appeared to be solid
 and was traveling west and was getting into the mountains east of Tucson,
 Arizona, and began to rise to about a 45 degree angle. After it began
 to rise, this object disappeared in approximately two minutes. It was not
 traveling fast, just appeared to be drifting along. I do not think this was
 a piece of paper or any other object blown into the air nor do I think it was
 a conventional airplane.

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I first sighted this object around eleven o'clock in the morning and it
 was in view for about ten or fifteen minutes. There appeared to be no windows
 or holes in this object nor did it seem to have control surfaces of any type
 visible to the naked eye. No smoke or exhaust could be seen coming from the
 object and it reflected light.

[redacted]
 Tucson, Arizona

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Exhibit "B"
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