

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 31 May 1949 31/1150(L)	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Sacramento, California
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> <del>XXX</del> Other (BIRDS)
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> 16	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> Not Reported	
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Visual	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> 16 objects flying in formation, disappearing and reappearing three different times. Objects same color as the clouds. Observer stated that there were white cranes in that area but didn't know of them to fly in formation.
<b>7. COURSE</b> NE	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



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Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Receipt of your letter, dated 2 June 1949, is acknowledged by this Headquarters.

Your reported sighting has been made a matter of record and is being incorporated into our present study of unidentified aerial phenomena.

Your action in writing this Headquarters regarding this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. HELMSTREET, JR.  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, Analysis Division  
Intelligence Department

other (Birds)

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Technical Intelligence Div.

Dear Sir.

Responding to your notice in The Post  
in writing you about a formation of flying saucers  
I thought they was, I did see on Tuesday the 31  
May, about 10 minutes to 12. I am a market fisher-  
man living in a boat house 2 miles north of  
J street bridge Sacramento. It was 10 minutes to 12  
and I was looking out at the clouds, which was  
almost standing still, suddenly I noticed a  
square formation of about 16 slowly revolving  
discs about the same colour as the clouds, flying  
at aeroplane speed about 5 miles east from  
where I live and 2500 feet high. The bright  
California sun though plays pranks and it

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might be much farther and higher and i am  
not experienced in distance judging. In a few  
moments they faded out to reappear farther north  
faded out again to appear a third time,  
when they either took a turn to the northeast  
or grounded. Then i could not spot them again.  
There are lots of white cranes around but i never  
seen them fly in formation in 22 years and  
never so fast. If they was visible from the ground,  
somebody in North Sacramento should have seen them.  
As i am writing i might inform you, that from  
year to year there are more brush fires around me  
and a young fellow with whom i talked some time  
ago said "There is no doubt, that many of them  
are sabotage, probably a F B I man."

Cordially Respectfully

~~William H. [unclear]~~