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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 February 50 15/2230Z	2. LOCATION Sandia Base, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Evaluated as a Meteor observation
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object looked like a shooting star, but not quite as bright as a falling star. Faint trailing edge. Object faded out of sight. Color red and green and appeared to be round.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Falling to the West	
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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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949 and OSI Headquarters File No. 24-185.

AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. The following information on unidentified aerial objects was transmitted to this office by Lt Col H. L. CRISLER, J-2, Sandia Base, New Mexico, as submitted to him by Cpl ROBERT C. J. BURHANS, 8458th Military Police Company, Sandia Base, New Mexico, on or about 28 February 1950:

- a. Date of observation: 15 February 1950
- b. Time of observation: Approximately 1530
- c. Place of observation: Northwest Gate, Military Technical Area, Sandia Base, New Mexico
- d. Position of observer: On ground at entrance to Sentry House located at Gate
- e. What attracted attention to object: Flash from Northwest
- f. Number of objects: One
- g. Apparent size: That of a normal marble.
- h. Color of object: Appeared red and green
- i. Shape: Appeared round
- j. Angle of elevation from horizon: 45° first appearance to downward position
- k. Direction from observer: 9
- l. Distance from observer: Approximately 2 miles
- m. Direction of flight of object: From Northwest to West
- n. Time in sight: Approximately 30 seconds
- o. Speed: Like shooting star trail
- p. Sound and odor: None
- q. Trail: Faint trailing edge
- r. Luminosity: Not quite as bright as falling star
- s. Projections: Did not observe any
- t. Maneuvers: Falling toward earth
- u. Manner of disappearance: Faded out
- v. Effect on clouds: None
- w. Additional information concerning object: None
- x. Weather conditions: Clear

Name and address of observer:

Cpl ROBERT C. J. BURHANS

8458th Military Police Company

Occupation and Hobbies: Military Police; Golf, horseback riding, shuffle board and swimming.

Reliability of observer certified by Col CRISLER.

3. All logical leads have been exhausted.

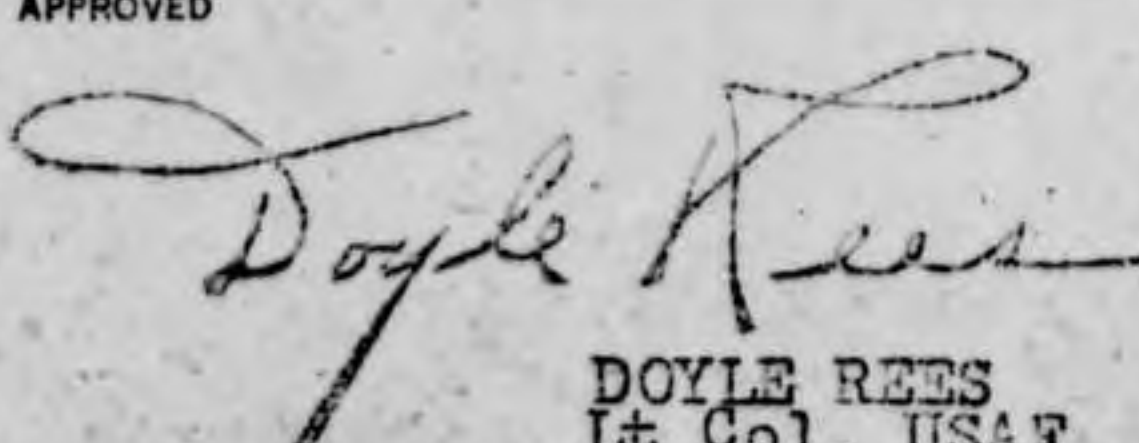
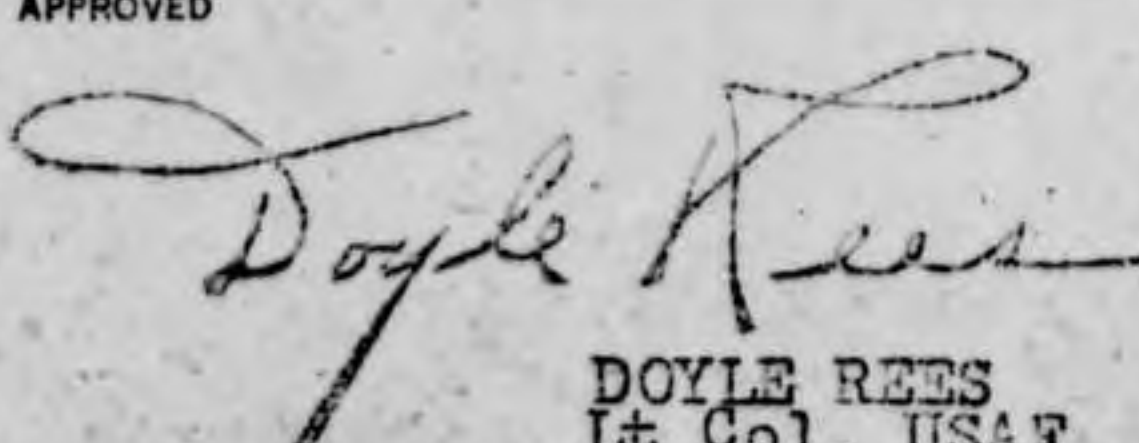
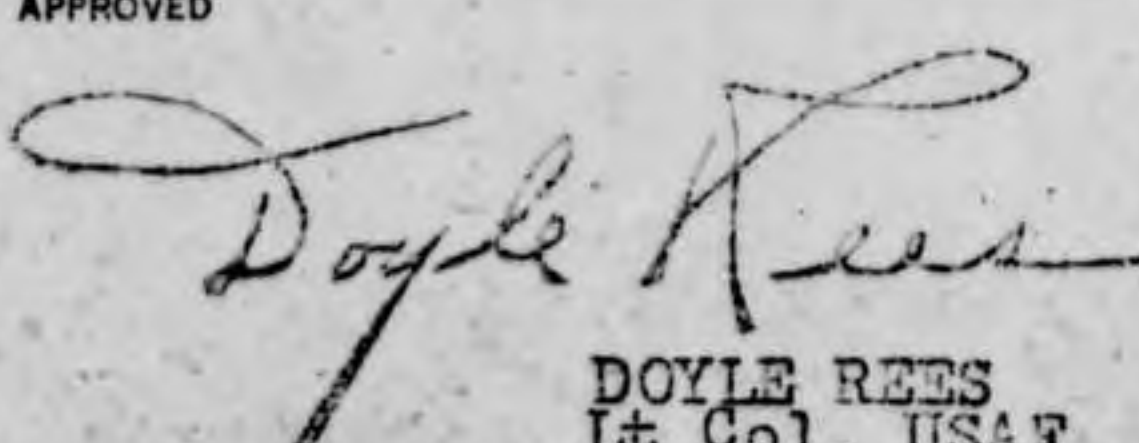
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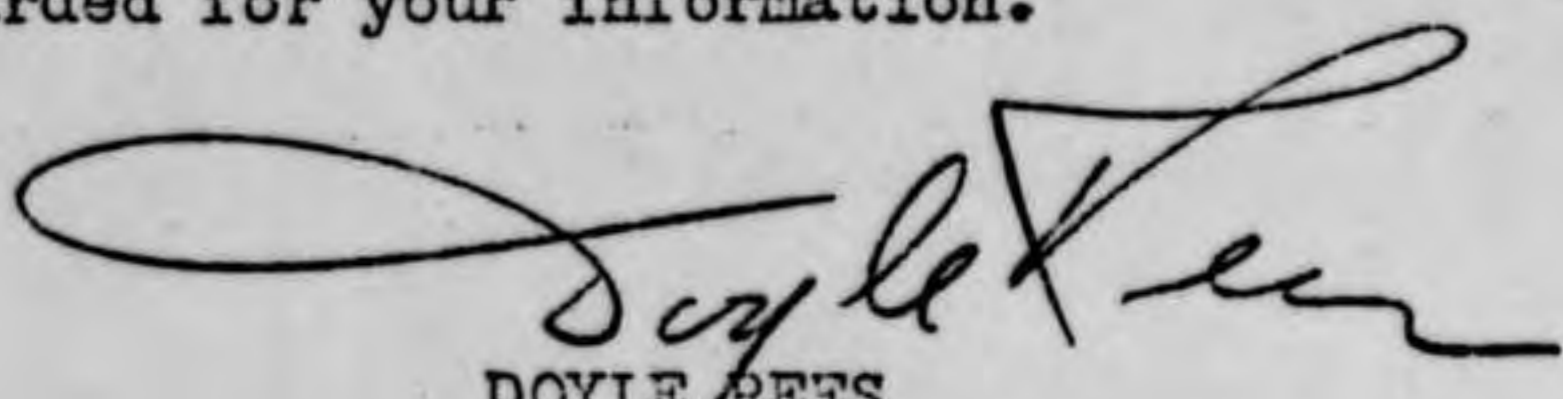
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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this office relative to observations of unidentified aerial phenomena.
2. Attached is one copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent CRISTINO B. GRIEGO of this office, dated 9 March 1950, subject as above.
3. Investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena is continuing in this office and copies of all future reports regarding observations of this nature will be forwarded for your information.

1 Incl:
Rpt of Inv, 9 Mar 50


DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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