

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr '52	2. LOCATION <u>Solano County, Calif.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: 0300 GMT: 20/1100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE dentist		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Bluish white color. Circle shape. Straight line.		11. COMMENTS	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF  
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

19 August 1952

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT  
Sighted over Suisun Marsh,  
Solano County, California  
20 April 1952  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding Officer  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio  
ATTN: ATI

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1. Attached hereto for your information is one copy of the report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES F. ALBRIGHT, 19th OSI District, file 24-151, dated 11 August 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 19th OSI District, Travis Air Force Base, predicated upon receipt of letter from Dr. [REDACTED] concerning the sighting of a bright luminous object traveling in the sky.

3. [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated the object was sighted at approximately 0300 hours, 20 April 1952 from his country home on [REDACTED] d, Solano County, California. The object was traveling in a straight line from the northwest horizon to the southwest horizon; the altitude and speed of the object were not estimated. [REDACTED] observed no aerodynamic features of the object and stated it did not appear to be a meteor.

4. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case.

5. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #19, dtd 11 Aug 52

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Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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HEADQUARTERS UNITEL THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-151	DATE 1 AUG 1952
	REPORT MADE BY S/A CHARLES F. ALBRIGHT	REPORT MADE AT DO #19, Travis AFB
TITLE  UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT sighted over Suisun Marsh, Solano County, California, 20 April 1952.	PERIOD 30, 31 July 1952	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #19, Travis AFB
	STATUS CLOSED	UNCLASSIFIED

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE NONE. THIS IS AN INITIAL REPORT.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander upon information that Doctor ██████████ had sighted a bright luminous object travelling across the sky. ██████████ interviewed, related object sighted approximately 0300 hours, 20 April 1952, from ██████████'s country home on ██████████ Solano County, California. The object was travelling in a straight line from the northwest horizon to the southwest horizon, the altitude and speed of object were not estimated. ██████████ observed no aerodynamic features of the object and related object did not appear to be a meteor.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by the District Commander, upon receipt of a letter from Doctor [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, dated 23 April 1952, concerning the sighting of a bright luminous object traveling in the sky.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

2. On 30 July 1952, [REDACTED], residence address, [REDACTED] San Francisco, was interviewed at his place of business, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that on the morning of 20 April 1952 he sighted an object in the sky of unconventional design. [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the object: Object appeared to form an imperfect circle. The edges were clearly defined but not extremely sharp and did not appear to be "fuzzy" or as though the object were a shining light. The object appeared to be about twice the diameter of the moon when the moon is in a vertical position in the sky. The object was luminous and bluish-white in color. Only one object was seen and no aerodynamic features were observed. No trail or exhaust was noticed, nor was any sound heard. [REDACTED] could offer no information as to the manner of propulsion. The speed of the object was not measured nor estimated, but [REDACTED] advised the object moved from the northwest horizon to the southwest horizon in approximately one to two minutes. The object moved in a straight line and performed no maneuvers. This object disappeared and reappeared abruptly three times while in transit. This disappearance and reappearance did not occur in a regular fashion or definite time interval. The disappearance occurred each time as though a light were turned off. The object did not fade away and [REDACTED] does not believe the object moved behind anything during the times it was not observed. After the third disappearance on the southwest horizon the object was lost to view. During the time observed the object did not change its size or shape. The object showed no variation in color and did not appear to have light or dark areas. [REDACTED] was not positive the object was solid but stated it appeared to be shining of its own light and does not believe the light was reflected. The object did not appear to be rotating. [REDACTED] stated that at the time of sighting this object he was alone in his country home located on [REDACTED] in Montezuma Slough approximately one mile northwest of Birds Landing in Solano County, California. Nearest identifying land marks are, Kirby Hills about 1/4 miles to the north. [REDACTED] does not know the latitude and longitude of this residence ([REDACTED] advised he has since sold the house). The house is approximately 3 to 5 feet above sea level and observation was made from a first floor window facing almost due west. The window was opened but screened. The observation was made with the naked eye, and no binoculars were used. [REDACTED] advised he did not note the exact time but believes it was between 0300 and 0330 hours,

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approximately a couple of hours before sunrise. The object appeared in the northwest and [redacted] advised he first noticed the object as it came into view from his right. The object moved south across the sky keeping to the west and disappeared in the southwest. The altitude and distance of the object were not estimated. The object appeared above the range of hills to the west and was approximately 25° above the horizontal line of sight. The object was observed for approximately one to two minutes, the actual time was not measured. No witnesses were present. [redacted] stated at the time of the sighting, he was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. [redacted] stated he was not subject to hallucinations. [redacted] advised he had been asleep and upon arising had glanced out of the window and paused to admire the beautiful view and while doing so noticed the object. [redacted] stated there was very little, if any, wind, the sky was cloudless, stars were very bright, visibility was excellent. The moon was not visible. The temperature was cool but not cold. [redacted] stated the object did not appear to be a meteor and knew of no activity or condition which might account for the object. [redacted] advised he had no physical evidence of this phenomenon. [redacted] stated he had never seen a phenomenon of this type before and added the object did not appear to be a reflection of searchlights on clouds or lights on an aircraft.

3. [redacted] stated he is a Dentist by profession. [redacted] related he has normal vision and does not require the use of glasses in viewing distant objects.

4. On 31 July 1952, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, advised Daylight Savings Time went into effect on 27 April 1952.

5. On 31 July 1952, the U. S. Weather Bureau advised the sun rose at 0529 PST on 20 April 1952.

6. On 31 July 1952, the U. S. Coast Geodetic Survey advised the moon rose at 0325 PST and set at 1516 PST on 20 April 1952. Last quarter of the old moon was on 17 April 1952 and the new moon rose on 23 April 1952.

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