

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 1952		2. LOCATION classified location See "Elcentro" 13 May 52 for		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP approx Local _____ GMT 1141 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other possibly meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Radar Crew			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Possibly was meteor as one was reported in area. Some visual sources thought they saw a meteor, others said it was not.			11. COMMENTS Reported "long streak" SE of El Centro for two sweeps of antenna.		

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stated that upon [redacted]'s discharge, he left Imperial and the Chief had no record as to [redacted] present whereabouts.

5. CDR [redacted], Operations Officer, Naval Air Station, El Centro, Calif., was interviewed and made available the official Navy Log covering the hours of said sightings. CDR [redacted] stated that with the one (1) exception of the control tower operator reporting the sighting, none of the aircrafts aloft could observe any of the reported objects in the sky. CDR [redacted] stated that upon checking with the control tower after report of said sighting, he found the control tower operator was viewing the morning star through a set of binoculars and that at that particular hour of the morning, the morning star gives off a pulsating light that when viewed through a set of binoculars appears to be red, yellow, orange and green and the pulsating effect has a tendency to appear that the star is moving. CDR [redacted] stated that the Yuma Tower after listening to the conversation on the drop wire, said drop wire being an inter-tower communication, reported that a strange object in about the same position had been sighted. CDR [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge as to what the Yuma Tower Operator was viewing, but from the position given, stated that he was personally satisfied that the Yuma Tower was also viewing the morning star.

6. Lt. (SG) [redacted] Air Officer of the Day, Naval Air Station, El Centro, California, was on duty as Air Officer of the Day 13 May 1952, and also checked the Control Tower Operator's sighting, and stated that it was the morning star. Lt. [redacted] stated that there were numerous aircraft up on early morning flights at this time, and upon notification, all pilots were alerted to observe for aerial phenomenon. All reported negative.

7. Mr. [redacted], CAA Office, NAS, El Centro, Calif., was interviewed in lieu of Mr. [redacted], CAA, El Centro, Calif. NAS, and stated that they were unable to confirm reports of unidentified objects over El Centro, Calif., on 13 May 1952. The only records in reference to the above report were copies of the El Centro, Calif. Sheriff's Office message incorporated in this report. Mr. [redacted] stated that contact was made with the 751st AC&N Squadron, Mount Laguna, Calif., with negative results. Mr. [redacted] stated that the Yuma Tower had reported on the drop line the sighting of a mysterious object in the eastern sky, and after a check by CDR [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] of the Operations Office, NAS, El Centro, Calif., the officers reported that their tower operator was viewing the morning star through his binoculars, and it was their opinion that the Yuma Tower was also sighting the same object. Mr. [redacted] stated that no further investigation was made by CAA.

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FROM AFOIN-1A2 42244. THE FOLLOWING CABLES FROM FLT SVC CENTER OLMSTEAD AFB PA ARE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: "HOVERING OVER EL CENTRO CALIF FIVE FLYING SAUCERS AS LARGE AS B-36 WITH LIGHT UNDERNEATH DISAPPEARED TO SOUTH WEST WITH TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED EL CENTRO WEATHER AT 2315 PST CLEAR 15 MILES VIS 12 MI SIGHTED AT 131115Z REPORTED BY EL CENTRO CALIF SHERIFF'S OFFICE."

"ADDITIONAL INFO ON 132347Z EST 131115Z F9F PILOT TAKING OFF AT EL CENTRO NAS REPORTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SHOOTING STAR AT A DIVE ANGLE OF 60 DEG 131142Z SHERIFF'S CAR AT NILAND CALIF SIGHTED A STRANGE OBJECT LIKE A PARACHUTE FLARE OVER SOUTH END OF SALTON SEA CALIF 131152Z YUMA CALIF TOWER OPERATOR SIGHTED A PULSATING ORANGE AND BLUE OBJECT AT 322 DEG 22 MILES FROM YUMA HOVERED IN ONE POSITION AND THEN CHANGED TO ANOTHER POSITION TO HOVER AGAIN SIGHTED FOR TOO LONG A PERIOD TO BE A FALLING STAR."

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SUBJECT Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Southern California and Southern Arizona	FROM (Agency) Dir. of Intell - Hq, 27th Air Division (Def)	
DATE OF REPORT 22 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 May 1952	EVALUATION Varied - See Part II
PREPARED BY (Officer) CHARLES F. CASEY, Major, USAF	SOURCE Personal Contact and Interrogations	

REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Air Defense Command Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. This report contains information obtained from personal contact and interrogation of the following individuals:

- [REDACTED]** Sheriff, El Centro, California
- [REDACTED]** Deputy Sheriff, Niland, California
- [REDACTED]** Patrolman, Imperial, California
- [REDACTED]** Desk Sargent, Imperial, California
- S/Sgt **[REDACTED]** Tower Operator, Yuma Municipal Airport, Yuma, Arizona
- Mr. **[REDACTED]** CAA, El Centro Municipal Airport, El Centro, California

2. This report is the result of a telephone call received from Hq, Western Air Defense Force, stating that unconventional objects had been sighted at Yuma, Arizona and at several locations in Southern California on the morning of 13 May 1952. All available information was first transmitted by electrical means.

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A. Text of Telephone Conversation Received by this Hq, 13 May 1952.

At 1138Z, "Conform" (751st AC&W Sqdn, Mt. Laguna, Calif) called and said "Pantomime" (CAA) had received reports of five (5) "flying saucers" in the El Centro, Calif. Area. Several minutes later a scope operator at "Conform" reported a long streak SE of El Centro which lasted for two (2) sweeps of the antenna.

The following information was received from March Air Force Base Flight Service and was contained in a report sent to ADC:

Hovering over El Centro, five (5) "flying saucers" as large as B-36's with a light underneath disappeared to the Southwest at a terrific rate of speed. El Centro weather at 0315P was clear, 15 miles visibility. They were reported at 13/1115Z by El Centro Sheriff's office.

At 13/1115A an F9F pilot taking off from El Centro Naval Air Station reported what appeared to be a shooting star diving at an angle of 60°. At 1142Z a sheriff's car at Nilnad, California sighted a strange object resembling a parachute flare over the South end of the Salton Sea. At 1150Z, a control tower operator at Yuma sighted an orange and blue object 320° and 20 miles from his position. Hovering in one position it changed to another position and began hovering again. Operator said it was sighted for too long a period to be a falling star. From 1100Z to 1230Z El Centro NAS had a flight of four (4) F9F's airborne on a local flight.

We had no fighters airborne at the time and did not scramble any.

EVALUATION OF ABOVE B-6

B. Summary of interview with El Centro Sheriff

[redacted], El Centro, California was interviewed and stated that he had not personally sighted any of the objects reported, nor did he personally know any of the individuals concerned. However, he furnished a copy of the report received by the Desk Sergeant on the morning of the 13th of May 1952, as follows:

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Imperial PD advises that Officers [redacted] and [redacted] report seeing 5 flying saucers, described as ~~looking~~ looking as large as B-36s and having lights on the under side, no noise was heard and the Officers state they watched them for approx 4 minutes. Notified Layton, CAA, El Centro, who will alert the Military.

Imperial PD advise that their Officers state the saucers took off to the south-west. CAA notified.

4:42 AM...On checking with various departments attempting to confirm the above report, found that the [redacted] had seen the above object, but thought it to be a jet aircraft all lit up.

Deputy [redacted] advises that he has a strange object in the sky at the south-west end of the Salton Sea. States object looks like a flare in the sky, moving up and down at approx 3,000.

One big light. [redacted] thinks it might be a weather balloon.

None of the Officers on the El Centro PD saw any objects in the sky.

Name of Bra [redacted] is [redacted]

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Sheriff's Report (Continued)

CAA notified of above, has aircraft checking.

NOTE: All the above Officers have been on duty approx 4½ hours and are cold sober.

5:30 AM...Layton, CAA, advises that the Navy Control Tower, El Centro reported seeing a strange object, as well as the Army Control Tower in Yuma..

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EVALUATION OF ABOVE B-5

C. Interrogation of Individuals Sighting Objects (per ADCL 200-1)

1. Interrogation of ~~██████████~~, ~~██████████~~, Niland, California.

Q....What time and date did you observe "object" ?

A....04-42 A M 13 May 52.

Q. Where?

A. Niland.

Q. What was the actual sighting from where you stood?

A. Southwest area over Cain Springs.

Q. What was your line of sight?

A. Low, distant, approximately 3,000 feet.

Q. Exactly what shape did the object appear to have or resemble?

A. Only as a bright light, it moved, oscillated.

Q. Would you say it may have been a Para-Flare?

A. No, it would hover and then move.

Q. What colour was this light?

A. White light, like an electric bulb.

Q. Did anyone beside yourself see it?

A. No. I was alone at the time.

Q. Have you heard of others seeing it?

A. None, other than the report by the El Centro Desk Sergeant.

Q. Do you wear glasses at night?

A. Yes.

Q. What was the weather?

A. Visibility clear, CAVU.

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Q. Did you report this?

A. No, but I was contacted by radio and reported what I saw.

Q. Were you requested to investigate further?

A. No.

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- Q. How long had you been on duty?
A. I reported on at 2000 hours.
- Q. What was the nature of your duty?
A. Night patrol.
- Q. Any assistant with you?
A. No.
- Q. Have you made any further inquiry?
A. No.
- Q. Ever see any thing like this before?
A. Only weather balloons.
- Q. Do you know of any activities around your area of special interest?
A. None.
- Q. All you saw then was a light?
A. Yes.
- Q. Was it a sharply discerned object of size and shape or speed?
A. No.

EVALUATION OF ABOVE C-5

2. Interrogation of [REDACTED] Patrolman, Imperial, California at 1845 hours, 19 May 1952, at Imperial Police Station.

- Q. Where approximately were you when you first observed the objects?
A. I was on 9th and H Streets in Imperial at 0310 AM 13 May 52. Our reason for being in the area was to deliver a message. I saw an odd glare shingling down. There are high trees in the area and my partner, Cheney, noticed them first. There were three in number and they were traveling North from this location of observance, and were joined by two more and they all began to orbit.
- Q. What was their size, shape and colour?
A. I couldn't identify them, except for the light which was underneath the object shining down, a white light, five in total.
- Q. Any noise?
A. No.
- Q. Did you notice any particular behavior?
A. None other than circling and changing over positions. After a while three of them disappeared, vanished. Their speed was very fast.
- Q. Like a jet?
A. Faster.
- Q. Any exhaust-like flame?
A. No.
- Q. About how high were the objects?
A. (no comment, unable to estimate)

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- Q. What happened to the other two objects?
A. They headed South.
- Q. Any particular area or direction?
A. Towards Mexico.
- Q. How far is that?
A. About 25 miles due South.
- Q. Were you able to observe them for any time?
A. No.
- Q. Were any of our aircraft airborne?
A. No, not at the time.
- Q. Later?
A. Yes.
- Q. Where and who?
A. The Naval Air Station about 20 minutes later.
- Q. After the objects left?
A. Yes.
- Q. There were no US aircraft airborne when you observed these objects?
A. None at all.
- Q. Did you report this incident to anyone?
A. No, we drove around trying to locate the house number that we had been assigned. Later the Desk Sergeant phoned the Sheriff's office in El Centro.
- Q. What time approximately was this?
A. About 0318.
- Q. Eight minutes after the first sighting?
A. Yes, about that length of time.
- Q. You are quite sure about the time?
A. Yes, I am positive.
- Q. Do you have Radio Equipped Patrol Cars?
A. Yes we do. Two way with the Sheriff's office.
- Q. Do they maintain continuous listening?
A. Yes they do.
- Q. Have you discussed or compared notes or enquired of anyone since the incident?
A. Only what I read in the paper.
- Q. What paper?
A. The Imperial Valley Press.
- Q. What date was it?
A. The same day I saw the objects.

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- Q. When you saw these objects, exactly where geographically could you fix them?
- A. High in the sky over Brawley, California, between the Naval Air Station and the south shore of the Salton Sea. Three disappeared and two headed South.
- Q. What was your line of sight or vision, did you have to look high or at an angle?
- A. About a 45° angle.
- Q. Then you are not quite sure what they were?
- A. That is correct, except that they had large lights, traveling fast, and circling. They were circling quite tightly.
- Q. Did you ever see a B-47 aircraft at night?
- A. No.

EVALUATION OF ABOVE C-5

3. Interrogation of Desk Sergeant [REDACTED], Imperial, California, at 1945 hours, 19 May 1952.

- Q. Will you relate what you actually saw on the early morning of 13 May 52?
- A. About 10 after 3 AM (0310), I was with Office [REDACTED], at 9th and H Streets searching for an address, when I saw an odd glare coming down-shining down, and attracted [REDACTED]'s attention. We stopped the car and got out. We counted five objects circling, orbiting. There was no sound nor extraordinary movements. They were circling over Brawley, California. (appeared to be) Then they broke off circling and two of them headed South in the general direction of the Naval Air Station. They were every fast. Much faster than a jet.
- Q. Do you know a jet when you see one?
- A. Yes, definitely.
- Q. What steps did you take?
- A. We returned to the Police Station and reported to the Desk Sergeant who called the Sheriff at El Centro.
- Q. Have you heard of this or discussed this with anyone else?
- A. Just police officers, and I read about it in the papers also.
- Q. How high would you estimate these objects were?
- A. About a mile hgh.
- Q. What about the weather?
- A. Clear.
- Q. Were ther any US aircraft airborne?
- A. None at the time. There were some a few minutes later.
- Q. Where were they from?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. You were unable to discern the shape or size of these objects?
- A. Not at all.

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Q. What was your line of sight?

A. About a 60° angle.

Q. What was the appearance of the light?

A. It was yellowish white, like a flare. A soft light.

Q. But they were definitely in formation?

A. Yes they were.

Q. Circling one behind the other?

A. Yes, definitely.

Q. Were these lights ever doused or turned off?

A. Not while observed, no. The three that vanished may have turned off this light.

EVALUATION OF ABOVE C-5

4. Interrogation of ~~██████████~~, Tower Operator, Yuma, Municipal Airport, Yuma Arizona, at 1135 hours, 20 May 1952.

Upon being interrogated, ~~██████████~~ stated that he had observed the same phenomenon on several occasions following the first sighting on 13 May 52. It always occurred at a position approximately 320° from the control tower, and at a distance which he estimated at being approximately 10 to 15 miles. Consequently, he was convinced that the "object" was caused by the reflection of headlights on the highway at night at that position. This was confirmed by S/Sgt Porter, Tower Chief. Subject airmen were advised to continue observation, and inform this headquarters of activities observed.

EVALUATION OF ABOVE B-3

5. Interrogation of Mr. Jensen, CAA, El Centro Municipal Airport, El Centro, California, at 0910 hours, 21 May 1952.

The CAA office, El Centro Municipal Airport, was visited in an attempt to contact Mr. Layton, CAA, who had been of duty on 13 May 52 at the time the object was sighted. Mr. Layton was not there. However, Mr. Jensen furnished the report filed by Layton on the incident. This report substantiated the information in the original report received this headquarters, and the report on file in the El Centro, California Sheriff's Office (See "B"). As Mr. Layton did not see the object himself, no further effort was made to contact him.

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MAY 1	0408	270°	Yes	UNK	37800 yds @280°	52772 ft	ML-391-C
1	1415	UNK	Yes	UNK	44850 yds @ UNK	92155 ft	ML-391-C
9	0333	280°	NO	UNK	40400 yds @280°	35781 ft	ML-391-C
9	0935	UNK	NO	UNK	Run conducted for Aberdeen Bombing Missio		
11	Sunday, no runs were conducted.						
13	0305	270°	NO	UNK	46600 yds @270°	54173 ft	ML-391-C
13	0855	UNK	NO	UNK	UNK	35000 ft	ML-391-C
13	1047	UNK	Yes	UNK	UNK	83999 ft	ML-391-C
13	1340	UNK	NO	UNK	Run conducted for Aberdeen Bombing Missio		
14	0400	270°	NO	UNK	9520 yds @ 210°	17395 ft	ML-391-C
20	0340	280°	Yes	UNK	47360 yds @270°	41404 ft	ML-391-C
20	1332	UNK	Yes	UNK	UNK	75348 ft	ML-391-C

NOTE:

The general course taken by each balloon is not filed, nor is the time of burst or when contact was lost. These two items may be obtained from the actual record of the run which is sent weekly to the 2060th Mobile Checking Unit, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

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DONALD P. TAYLOR
Capt., USAF

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COMMENT OF D/I:

It is quite possible that an aircraft of the USAF, a B-47, may have been observed, orbiting or testing the aircraft in various maneuvers. The close tight formation of lights referred to could very easily be exhaust of the jet pods when the attitude of a B-47 was in just the right angle position. However, from the foregoing interrogations it is evident that a definite weakness exists in the civil defense program in regard to unconventional aircraft. Law enforcement agencies do not have either the initiative or the know how to contact the concerned military activities when unconventional aircraft are sighted.

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14 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Objects Reported
over EL CENTRO, California on
13 May 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 10 July 1952, file 5D 24-21, subject as above.
2. Attached hereto for your additional information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent RUSSELL F. SYKES, 17th OSI District, file 24-8-31, dated 6 August 1952, subject as above.
3. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon completion.
4. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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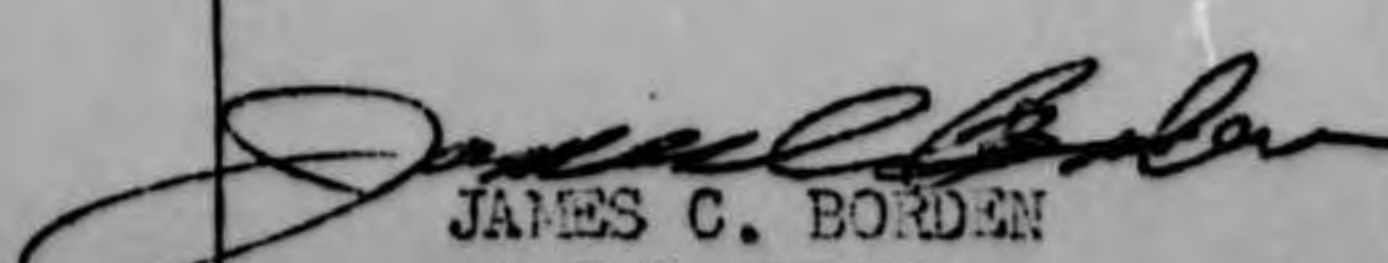
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TITLE Unidentified Objects Reported over EL CENTRO, Calif. on 13 May 1952		REPORT MADE BY S/A RUSSELL F. SYKES klm	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	
		PERIOD 28 July 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA			
REFERENCE Rept S/A McARDLE, DO #18, 24-176, dt 27 June 52.			
SYNOPSIS <div style="text-align: center;"> FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY R7C </div> <p>Information contained in Tower operator's Log set forth. operator on duty at Yuma Air Force Base at time of sighting on leave.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY R7C </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> DOWNGRADED AT 12 YEAR INTERVALS; NOT AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED. DOD DIR 5200.10 </p>			
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DETAILS:

AT YUMA AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

1. On 28 July 1952, Captain STEPHEN R. [REDACTED] Adjutant, 4750th Air Base Squadron, Yuma Air Force Base, Arizona, was interviewed by the undersigned. Captain HALPEN is also Wing Intelligence Officer and in conjunction with his duties as concern unidentified objects, stated that he had received no report as of 28 July 1952, relative to sighting of unidentified objects on 13 May 1952, pertaining to subject matter.

2. On 28 July 1952, [REDACTED], Commanding Officer, 1903-4 Detachment, 1903d AACS Squadron, Yuma Air Force Base, produced the tower log which revealed the following information:

"13 May 1952 - At 0400 MST El Centro reported seeing fast moving object. Radio called to have me get a 'look-see' but never spotted anything.

0450 - Spotted object at 300° TRUE; notified radio. Later check - it appeared to be lights from cars going down highway out beyond Pilots Knob, which is in a northwesterly direction from the tower.

0500 - Fast moving object reported near Salton Sea."

[REDACTED] stated the last report probably came over direct line from Flight Service Center, March Air Force Base, California.

3. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was the tower operator on duty and made the pre-described notations. Further, [REDACTED] departed Yuma Air Force Base on the morning of 28 July 1952 on furlough status. His residence is at Land Apts. #2, Winterhaven, California. [REDACTED] indicated that he planned on visiting relatives at [REDACTED]

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-8-31	DATE 9 September 1952
	REPORT MADE BY S/A THOMAS B. CASEY, Jr.	klm
TITLE Unidentified Objects Reported over EL CENTRO, Calif. on 13 May 1952	REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N.M.	
	PERIOD 28 August 1952	
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[redacted] interviewed with respect to unidentified objects and results thereof set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT YUMA AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

1. On 28 August 1952, S/sgt [redacted] senior control tower operator and assistant control tower chief, 1903-4 AACS Detachment, 4750th Air Base Group, Yuma County Municipal Airport, Yuma, Arizona, was interviewed by reporting Agent.

Upon interview [redacted] stated that he was on duty alone in the control tower at Yuma Air Force Base on 13 May 1952, and at 0400 hours the El Centro tower reported seeing six (6) bright objects moving to the southeast and asked [redacted] to try to spot them. [redacted] advised that he scanned the sky with 7 x 50 binoculars and at 0450 hours sighted two (2) bright orange objects at 300 degrees true. [redacted] advised further that these objects could not be seen with the naked eye and that they appeared to be about one (1) foot in diameter and appeared to be round. [redacted] further advised that the objects appeared to be at an altitude of from 2500 to 5000 feet. [redacted] also stated that he watched the objects for about thirty (30) minutes and they were moving back and forth across the sky from 290 degrees to about 305 degrees, as indicated on the crash map, and appeared to be getting further away all the time until finally they disappeared. [redacted] advised that a beam of light similar to that of a search light came from one of the objects and that the beam of light kept going on and off in different directions from the object. [redacted] also advised that very short but continuous trails of what appeared to be flame came out of both objects. [redacted] further advised that it was dark when he first sighted the objects and the weather was very clear.

When asked concerning airline flights, [redacted] stated that at that date, Western Air Lines had two flights scheduled daily, one at about 1000 hours and one about 2100 hours.

[redacted] further advised that when these objects were sighted by him, no military aircraft from Yuma County Airport or El Centro, California, were in the air at the time.

[redacted] stated that the objects were not conventional type aircraft and that he had never sighted strange aerial objects before or since the above incident. [redacted] advised that to his knowledge no one else at the base sighted the above objects.

[redacted] further advised that he had been a flight engineer with the U. S. Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946 and had acquired approximately 3000 hours flying time during that period. [redacted] also advised that he had been a tower operator since 11 June 1951.

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Edwards Air Force Base
Edwards, California

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29 May 1952

SUBJECT: Weather Data

ATIAA 2B

TO: Commanding Officer
ATIC
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: AT 1AA2C

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Inclosed herewith Weather Data requested per TWX AFOIN- ATIAA -5 - 13E

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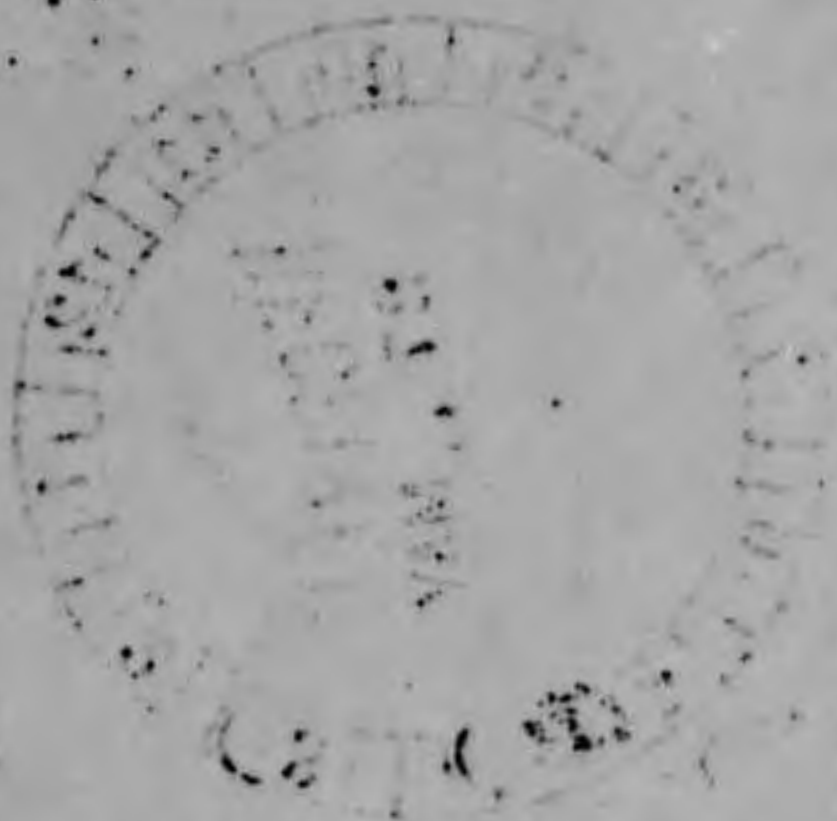
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13 May 1952 El Centro, California
Multiple Reports from Area

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11 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Findings of Unconventional Airborne Objects,
San Diego, California, March to June 1952.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: Source of information, an aero-nautical engineer, San Diego, California, and associates residing in different localities in the San Diego area, have formed a "Flying Saucer Sighting Club". When an unidentified aerial object is sighted, other members are alerted for further identification, tracking, and triangulation. Source has submitted various sketches and mathematical computations concerning sightings made during four month period, March to June 1952.

2. DETAILS: Mr. [redacted] residing at [redacted] National City, California, employed as an engineer with the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, California, advises that he, along with several other engineers, has formed a voluntary "Flying Saucer Sighting Club". The members of this club live in various points in and around San Diego and its suburbs. According to [redacted], when one member sights an unidentified object in the sky, he immediately alerts other members of the club by telephone so that a triangulation and additional sightings can be made.

Mr. [redacted] has submitted to this office reports along with various mathematical computations covering sightings made by this group on 2 March 1952, 9 May 1952, 13 May 1952, 21 May 1952, and 14 June 1952. All these sightings were made at night and concern meteor-like objects.

Included with the above are reports submitted by two of Mr. CARR's colleagues, a Mr. [redacted], San Diego, California, and Mr. [redacted], San Diego, California. These reports concern the sighting of a green fire ball on 2 March 1952 at the 38th and El Cajon address by Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] and a similar sighting on 9 May 1952 by Mr. [redacted] at the Campus Avenue address.

CC: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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Subject: Findings of Unconventional
Airborne Objects, San Diego,
California, March to June 1952.

All of the above reports, along with the computations of Mr. CARR and his colleagues, are inclosed in the attached envelope as Inclosure #1 to this report, for the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS.

3. ACTION: No further action in this matter is contemplated; however, if and when additional reports are received from Mr. [REDACTED], they will be promptly forwarded for evaluation.

KEEFE O'KEEFE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

✓ CC: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS,
w/incl as listed in above letter

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APPENDIX V

El Centro, Calif., Area - 13 May 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

In the El Centro, Calif., Area on 13 May 1952 four separate reports of unidentified aerial objects were made. They were as follows:

a. 1115Z - Hovering over El Centro, five "flying saucers" as large as B-36's, with a light underneath, disappeared to the southwest at a terrific rate of speed. They were reported by the El Centro Sheriff's Office.

b. 1115Z - An F9F pilot taking off from El Centro Naval Air Station reported what appeared to be a shooting star diving at an angle of 60°.

c. 1142Z - A sheriff's car at Neland, Calif., sighted a strange object resembling a parachute flare over the south end of the Salton Sea.

d. 1150Z - A control tower operator at Yuma, Arizona, sighted an orange and blue object 320° and 20 miles from his position. After hovering for a short time in one position, it changed to another position and began hovering again. Operator said it was sighted for too long a period to be a falling star.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

There were no AF fighters airborne at the time but four F9F's from El Centro Naval Air Station were airborne from 1100Z to 1230Z.

III. CONCLUSIONS

a. It is possible that the F9F's and what appeared to be a shooting star account for the first report.

b. What appeared to be a shooting star was probably a meteor.

c. No conclusions.

d. The tower operator stated that he had observed the same phenomenon several times previous and is convinced that it is merely the reflection of automobile headlights on the highway at night.

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21 MAY 1952

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PUBLIC INF. OFFICE

COMPTROLLER
Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to the inclosed copy of a wire message from Hq USAF,

2. It is requested that OSI initiate an investigation of the sightings of the unidentified aerial objects as described in the inclosed wire.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

It is requested that the following information be obtained in each instance:

a. Name and address of source.

b. Description of incident including shape, bearings, and elevations at beginning and ending of sighting, time in sight, and any other pertinent information.

RESEARCH & DEV.

4. Expeditious handling of this investigation is requested.

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Chief, Technical Analysis Division
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FROM AFOIN-1A2 42044. THE FOLLOWING CABLES FROM FLT SVC CENTER OLMSTEAD

AFB PA ARE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: "HOVERING OVER EL CENTRO

CALIF FIVE FLYING SAUCERS AS LARGE AS B-36 WITH LIGHT UNDERNEATH

DISAPPEARED TO SOUTH WEST WITH TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED EL CENTRO WEATHER

AT 0315 PST CLEAR 15 MILES VIS 12 MI SIGHTED AT 131115Z REPORTED

BY EL CENTRO CALIF SHERIFF'S OFFICE."

ADDITIONAL INFO ON 130347 PST 131115Z F9F PILOT TAKING OFF AT

EL CENTRO WAS REPORTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SHOOTING STAR AT A DIVE

ANGLE OF 60 DEG 131142Z SHERIFF'S CAR AT NILAND CALIF SIGHTED A

STRANGE OBJECT LIKE A PARACHUTE FLARE OVER SOUTH END OF SALTON SEA

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AND BLUE OBJECT AT 300 DEG 20 MILES FROM YUMA HOVERED IN ONE POSITION

AND THEN CHANGED TO ANOTHER POSITION TO HOVER AGAIN SIGHTED FOR

TOO LONG A PERIOD TO BE A FALLING STAR."

"131100Z-131230Z EL CENTRO WAS HAD A FORMATION OF FOUR F9F IN LOCAL

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-21

10 July 1952

Pass M. Lee

SUBJECT: Unidentified Objects Reported
over EL CENTRO, California on
13 May 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to Disposition Form, your Headquarters, dated 21 May 1952, concerning the above captioned matter.
2. In compliance with Paragraph No. 2, transmitted herewith are two copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent THOMAS J. McARDLE, 18th OSI District, dated 27 June 1952, File No. 24-176, subject as above.
3. This investigation is continuing in another OSI District and subsequent reports will be furnished your office upon receipt.
4. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained herein has been derived from sources other than USAF. In accordance with Paragraph 8b, AFR 205-1, dissemination of the information contained herein must not be made outside of USAF channels.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.
24-176

DATE
27 JUN 1952

REPORT MADE BY
Thomas J. McArdle, S/A

TITLE

Unidentified Objects
Reported over EL CENTRO, Calif.
on 13 May 1952

REPORT MADE AT
DO #18, Cheli AF SpD, Maywood, Calif.

PERIOD
18 June 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #5, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

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REFERENCE
Ltr fr DO #5, dated 27 May 1952, File No. 50-24-21

SYNOPSIS

Referenced letter requested the name and address of sources of information regarding Subject, description of the incident including shape, bearings, and elevations at beginning and end of flight, and time in sight. Basic information received from El Centro, Calif., Sheriff's Office. El Centro Sheriff's Office contacted and stated reports received from Officers [redacted] and [redacted], Imperial, Calif., Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff [redacted], El Centro County Sheriff's Office, stationed at Niland, Calif., also Naval Air Station Control Tower, El Centro, Calif., and Army Control Tower, Yuma, Arizona. Interview with Police Chief [redacted], Police Department, Imperial, Calif., reveals [redacted] denies seeing any unidentified objects. [redacted] since discharged as unreliable. Deputy Sheriff [redacted] believes Subject sighted to be Navy flare on weather balloon. Operations Officer, Naval Air Control Tower, El Centro, Calif., states strange object sighted by control operator to be morning star. Yuma Control Tower located in District Office #17.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

1. Letter from District Office #5, dated 27 May 1952, File No. 5D-24-21 transmitted two (2) copies of a wire received by Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB from Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D.C. regarding the sightings of unidentified aerial objects over El Centro, California, requested name and address of sources, and a description of incident including shape, bearings, and elevations at beginning and ending of sightings, time in sight, and any other pertinent information. The above information was reported by the El Centro, Calif., Sheriff's Office.

AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

2. Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] El Centro, Calif., Sheriff's Office made available the complete files on Subject sightings which are quoted as follows:

4:17 A.M. 13 May 1952, Imperial Police Dept., Imperial, Calif., advises that Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] report seeing five (5) flying saucers described as looking as large as B-36's and having lights on the underside. No noise was heard and the officers state they watched them for approximately four (4) minutes. Sheriff's Office, El Centro notified CAA El Centro, Calif., who will alert military. Imperial Police Dept., Imperial, Calif., advises their officers state the saucers took off to the southwest.

4:42 A.M. Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] El Centro County Sheriff's Office, stationed at Niland, Calif., advises that he has a strange object in the sky at the southeast end of Salton Sea, and states object looks like a flare in the sky moving up and down at approximately three thousand (3,000) feet. [REDACTED] thinks it to be a weather balloon.

None of the officers at the El Centro Police Department saw any objects in the sky.

CAA notified and Naval Air craft is checking.

5:30 A.M. Mr. [REDACTED] CAA, advises that Navy Control Tower, El Centro, reports seeing a strange object, as well as the Army Control Tower at Yuma.

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(Signed) [REDACTED]

Deputy Sheriff

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3. Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] interviewed and stated that he believes the object sighted to have been a flare or a weather balloon. [REDACTED] stated the object was not a so-called flying saucer, and was stationary in the sky like the flares dropped by Naval planes in practicing gunnery and naval bombing or the usual weather balloon.

4. Chief of Police ELMO SHERMAN, Imperial Police Department, Imperial, Calif., was interviewed and stated that Officer [REDACTED] has been discharged from the Police Department as unreliable. Officer [REDACTED] unavailable for interview. Chief [REDACTED] stated that he had thoroughly interrogated the two (2) officers the morning after the so-called sighting and found that only [REDACTED] had supposedly seen objects in the sky. [REDACTED] accompanied [REDACTED] but stated that he was unable to see the said objects and did not believe that they existed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]