

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Hermanas, New Mexico	1
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION UNKNOWN	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air Visual		
7. COURSE Not stated		
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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TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ✓

IDA 1951. PROJECT BLUE BOOK: REURMSG AFOIN-ATIAA-9-7-E FOLG INFO IS
 SUBM: NEG WX BALLOONS RELEASED AT BIGGS AFB, WHITE SANDS, N.M. OR EL PASO
 PASO INTERNATL AIRPORT BETWEEN 0900 AND 1100 MST 24 AUG 52. FOLG INFO ON
 RELEASES PRIOR TO SUBJ TIMES IS SUBM: WHITE SANDS RELEASED 1 BALLOON
 TYPE ML391 C/AM(730) AT 0800 MST 24 AUG 52. RATE OF ASCENT 4137 FT/MIN;
 SLANT RANGE 13,600 YDS; BURST ALT 56,603 FT; TRACK S.E. EL PASO INTERNTL
 AIRPORT RELEASED 1 WX BALLOON AT 0802 MST 24 AUG 52. RECORDS NOT AVAIL ON
 ON RATE OF ASCENT OR SLANT RANGE; BURST ALT 25,770 FT. NO OTHER RELEASES
 IN THIS VICINITY DURING PERIOR 24 AUG 52. NO CLUSTERS OF BALLOONS OR
 KNOWN IRREGULAR RELEASES THAT DATE. END.

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

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~~REDACTED~~ 508 INT 879. FLYOBRT 1. 2 OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE SILVER BALLS APPROX 6 FT IN DIA IN A FORMATION OF LINE ABREAST 4 TO 500 YARDS APART. ONLY CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL SHAPE WAS WHEN ONE TURNED TO RIGHT IN FRONT OF OBSERVER, COL GERALD W JOHNSON, IT THEN BECAME A LONG GRAY OBJECT TWICE AS LONG AS WHEN IT WAS A BALL. THE OTHER OBJECT CONTINUED ON ITS ORIGINAL COURSE AND GRADUALLY CHANGED INTO A GRAY SHAPE, THERE WAS NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST OBSERVED. PROPULSION SYSTEM UNKNOWN. SPEED OBSERVED BY OBSR TRAVELING AT 290 MPH INDICATED, IT DISAPPEARED FROM HIS SIGHT 3 MINS FROM WHEN FIRST OBSERVED. SOUND NOT APPLICABLE. MANEUVERS: ONE MADE A RIGHT TURN AND DISAPPEARED LATER. THE OTHER ACCELERATED VERY RAPIDLY FROM WHEN FIRST OBSERVED

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AS A SILVER BALL 6 FT IN DIA TO A LONG GRAY OBJ DISAPPEARING IN 3 MINS.
AFTER 10 MINS THEY WERE AGAIN SIGHTED UNUSUAL MANEUVER, ONE
CLIMBED RAPIDLY, APPEARED TO CLIMB STRAIGHT UP TWO OR THREE THOUSAND
FT, SECOND JOINED LATER IN CLOSE FORMATION. 2. 1015 MOUNTAIN STD
TIME 24 AUG 52. THREE MINS FIRST SIGHTING, SECOND SIGHTING TEN
MINS LATER 1025 TO 1035 MOUNTAIN STD TIME. 3. FLYING FROM WEST COAST
TO ALBANY GA. VISUAL OBSERVATION FROM AIR 290 MILES PER HOUR INDICATED
35,000 FEET F-34G NONE. 4. 31 DEGREES 50 MINS NORTH LATITUDE, 108
DEGRS 02 MINS WEST LONGITUDE. REF LAND MARK OVER CITY OF HERMANAS,
NEW MEXICO. LOCATION OF OBJ IN RESPECT TO OBSR APPROX TWO MILES AWAY
APPEARED BETWEEN TEN AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK AT APPROX 37,000 FEET FLYING
EAST. 5. COL GERALD W JOHNSON. 6. WEATHER VFR CLEAR FEW LOW
SCATTERED CLOUDS WINDS FORECASTS SW THIRTY KNOTS AT 35,000 FT.
7. NONE 8. NOT APPLICABLE. 9. INTERCEPTION NOT ATTEMPTED DUE TO
DIFFERENCE OF SPEED. 10. LOCATION OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE GENERAL
AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING NONE KNOWN. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE
TO CONTACT EL PAST RADIO CONCERNING ANY OTHER ACFT IN THE AREA WHICH
WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. AT 1025 MOUNTAIN STD TIME OVER CITY OF EL PASO

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OBJECTS REAPPEARED. WHEN, I FIRST OBSERVED THEM THEY APPEARED IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE POSITION OF WHICH THEY HAD DISAPPEARED. I FIRST OBSERVED A SHINY OBJ APPROX THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL. I OBSERVED THIS ONE FOR APPROX 5 MINS WITHOUT ANY APPARENT CHANGE IN ITS SIZE WHICH INDICATED TO ME THAT IT WAS TRAVELING APPROX THE SAME SPEED THAT I WAS. I THEN SAW THE SECOND ONE COME FROM IN FRONT OF MY NOSE MOVING TOWARDS THE FIRST ONE. IT CONTINUED TO CLOSE UNTIL THE TWO WERE IN CLOSE FORMATION. THEY STAYED IN CLOSE FORMATION FOR TWO OR THREE MINS THEN ONE CLIMBED RAPIDLY WHICH APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT UP, THEN AFTER A MOMENTS DELAY SECOND ONE RAPIDLY CLIMBED TO JOIN THE FIRST ONE. THEIR CHANGE IN ALT WAS APPROX TWO OR THREE THOUSAND FEET TO APPROX 40,000 FT. BOTH THEN APPEARED IN CLOSE FORMATION AND THEY GRADUALLY BECAME SMALLER AND SMALLER AND DISAPPEARING AT 1035. LAST SIGHTING THEM OBSERVER WAS AT 31 DEGREES 40 MINS NORTH 105 DEGREES 10 MINS WEST.

25/2229Z AUG JESTU

In sight a long time in balloons ←

Balloons would not make such maneuvers.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>24 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Hermanas, N.M.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1015MST</i> Zebra: <i>1715</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>40th A Div. Turner AFB, Ga.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>None</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data from Air Almanac) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

OFFICIAL ATIC REPORT—EL PASO, TEXAS

An Air Force colonel flying a jet observed 2 objects in the vicinity of Hermanas, N. M. (31 deg 50 min N / 103 deg 2 min W), Aug. 24, 1952. The objects appeared to be round in shape, silver in color and approximately 6' in diameter. He observed them to be approximately 2 miles from him between the hours 1000-1100 MST. There was no visible means of propulsion. One object seemed to change its shape to a long gray object while in a right turn. The second object also seemed to change shape when it accelerated very rapidly. The objects disappeared 3 minutes from when first observed. After approximately 7 minutes, the objects reappeared, at which time observer was over El Paso, Texas. One object seemed to climb straight up 2,000-3,000 feet and was joined by the other in close formation.

The ATIC checked all possibilities of known objects in air in the vicinities of the two sightings with negative results.

Conclusion: Unknown.

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING			
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTIMUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTIMUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000	30	225
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.	_____ tenths at _____ feet.	_____ tenths at _____ feet.	_____ tenths at _____ feet.	VFR CAVV MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

<p>21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hoax</p>	<p>22. DETAILS OF REPORT:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate</p>
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23. FINAL EVALUATION:

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
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24. COMMENTS:



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24 Aug 52

COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO. IR-129-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYCRPT			
AREA REPORTED ON South West United States		FROM (OFFICE) 40 40th Air Division, Turner AFB, Ga.	
DATE OF REPORT 29 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 August 1952	EVALUATION A-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major John E. Albert, Intelligence Officer		SOURCE Colonel Gerald W. Johnson	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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.)

On 24 August 1952 while enroute from Travis AFB, California to Turner AFB, Georgia Colonel Gerald W. Johnson, flying an F-34G aircraft, observed two (2) objects in the vicinity of Hernandez, New Mexico (3150N 10602W). The objects appeared to be round in shape, silver in color and approximately six (6) feet in diameter. He observed them to be approximately two (2) miles from him between 10 and 11 o'clock. There was no visible means of propulsion and the objects left no trail or exhaust. One object seemed to change its shape to a long grey object while in a right turn. The other object also seemed to change shape when it accelerated very rapidly. This object also seem to take the shape of a long grey object twice as long as when it appeared as a ball. The objects disappeared three (3) minutes from when first observed. After approximately seven (7) minutes the objects reappeared at which time the observer was over El Paso, Texas (3147N 10625W). One object seemed to climb straight up two or three thousand feet and was joined shortly thereafter by the other one in close formation.

The observed characteristics of these unidentified objects were such that would lead to no conclusion, however, their speed was so much greater than the 290 MPH Indicated Air Speed of the observer and the fact that they could so quickly disappear on two occasions led me to believe that their flight capabilities were greater than that of any aircraft known to be flying today.

APPROVED:

John E. Albert
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Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

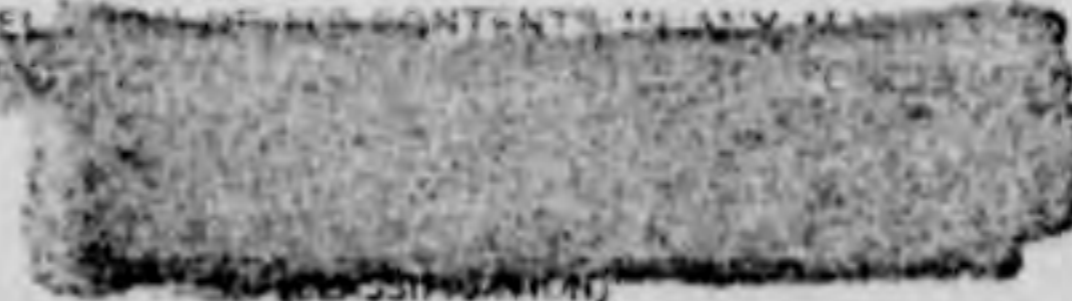
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM: 45th Air Division, Turner AFB, Ga.	REPORT NO. <i>IR-127-52</i>	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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1. Two (2) silver objects appearing as balls six (6) feet in diameter were flying line abreast approximately four to five hundred yards apart. Change in shape came when one object turned right in front of observer, it then appeared to be a long grey object twice as long as when it was a ball. The other object continued on its course and gradually turned grey in color. There was no trail or exhaust observed. Propulsion system unknown. Speed unknown, observer was traveling at 290 MPH Indicated Air Speed at 35,000 feet altitude. The objects appeared, flew a course parallel with observers and disappeared in three minutes. Maneuvers: One object made a right turn and disappeared later. The other object which appeared to be silver in color and to have a ball shape six (6) feet in diameter accelerated rapidly and appeared to be a long grey object. In the second sighting the objects resembled a basketball, one object seemed to go straight up two or three thousand feet and five minutes later the second object came across the observer's nose and joined the other object in close formation.
2. The first sighting was 1015 to 1018 MST and the second was 1025 to 1035 MST 24 August 1952.
3. The visual observation was made from an F-34G aircraft at 35,000 feet traveling at 290 MPH Indicated Air Speed.
4. First sighted over Hermans, New Mexico (3150N 10802W). Location of object in reference to observer approximately two miles away appearing between ten and eleven o'clock at approximately 37,000 feet flying east. When pilot was over El Paso one of the objects reappeared from the direction from which they had disappeared, the other object came across the observer's nose and joined in close formation with the other object.
5. Colonel Gerald W. Johnson.
6. Weather WFR Clear, few low scattered clouds, winds forecasted SW 30 knots at 35,000 feet.
7. None.
8. Not applicable.
9. Interception not attempted due to difference of speed.
10. Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting none known. An attempt was made to contact El Paso radio concerning any other aircraft in the area which was unsuccessful.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

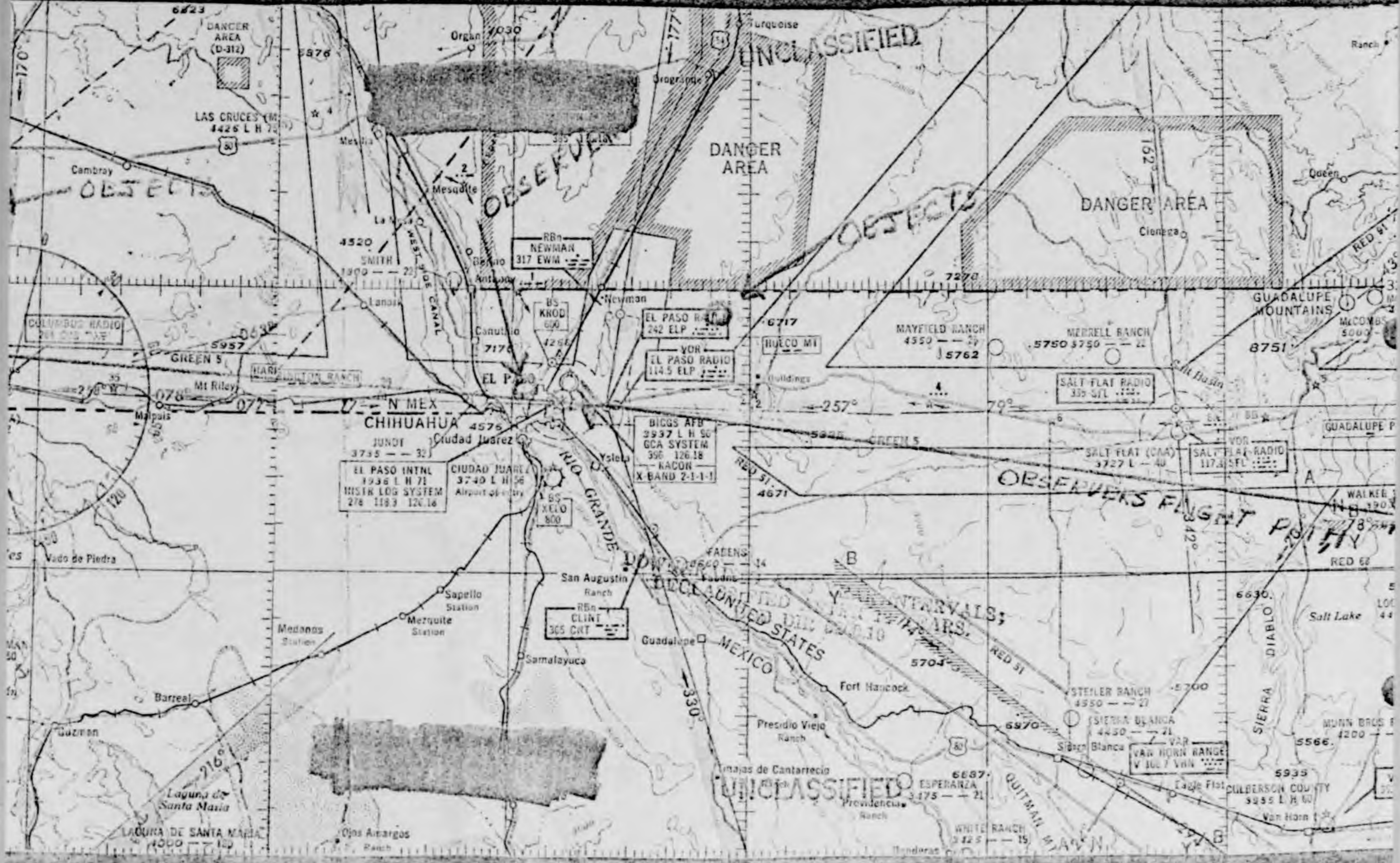
1. The last paragraph in Part I of this report is a comment by Colonel Gerald W. Johnson.
2. After questioning the observer the following information affects the significance of the report.
 - a. The observer checked his air speed against known air speeds of all present day high speed aircraft.
 - b. Check was made of the possibility of being in the vicinity of White Sands Proving Grounds. If the objects had been from the White Sands Proving Ground, they would have been outside the danger area. In addition, according to information available, missiles at White Sands are fired north out of the danger area. This would indicate the objects were not from White Sands.

JOHN B. ALBERT
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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VOR EL PASO RADIO 114.5 ELP

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MERRELL RANCH 5750 5750 - 22

SALT FLAT RADIO 335 SFL

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VOR SALT FLAT RADIO 117.3 SFL

OBSERVERS FLIGHT PATH

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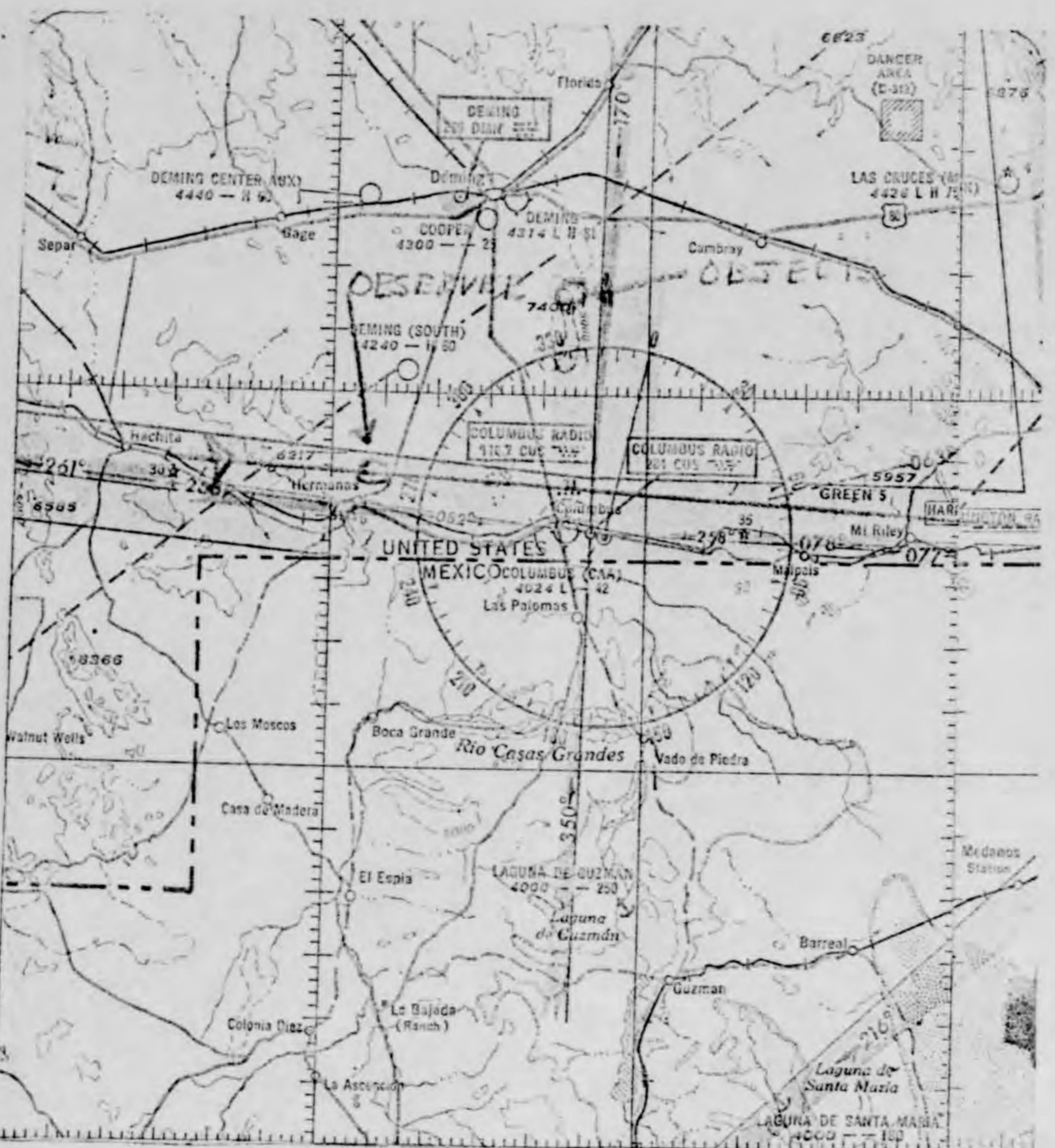
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24 August 1952

Hermanas, New Mexico

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The ATIC checked all possibilities of known objects in the air in the vicinities of the two sightings with negative results.

Conclusion:

Unknown

Hamilton AFB

Two unidentified objects were first observed visually and with binoculars at 1615 PDST for a period of 1 hour and 15 minutes. They were described as silver in color, ~~shew~~ circular in shape. They were described as being 60 to 100' in diameter and traveled at an estimated speed of 400 to 450 MPH. No sound was heard. The objects were moving from E to W. One object appeared to be at approximately 12,000' and the other ~~for~~ at about 18,000'. The two objects moved to the W ~~at~~ approximately 15 miles passing over head of the observers. During this time the object at about 18,000' reportedly dove to the approximate ~~same~~ altitude as the lower object. When the objects reached a point about 15 miles W of the observers, they began maneuvers similar to an aircraft dogfight. After appearing to disappear into the sun momentarily, the observers then sighted the same 2 objects in the approximate location ~~at~~ at which they were lost from view. During the latter period of observation, 6 additional objects of similar description were observed 15 to 20 miles W of the observers. This made the total rise to 8 similar objects observed in this area. These additional 6 objects came into view in pairs - altitudes not estimated by the observers. These objects appeared to be in a dogfight. The observers stated that the objects took up a diamond formation momentarily covering an estimated 4 mile area. The observers also stated that the objects were definitely not jet a/c and had no vapor trails, exhaust or sound and further stated that it was difficult to follow any one object for any length of time.

The weather officer at Hamilton AFB reported the weather as clear during the time of sighting with approximately 20 miles visibility. The preparing officer stated that this report indicates the possibility that the objects sighting sighted were weather balloons.

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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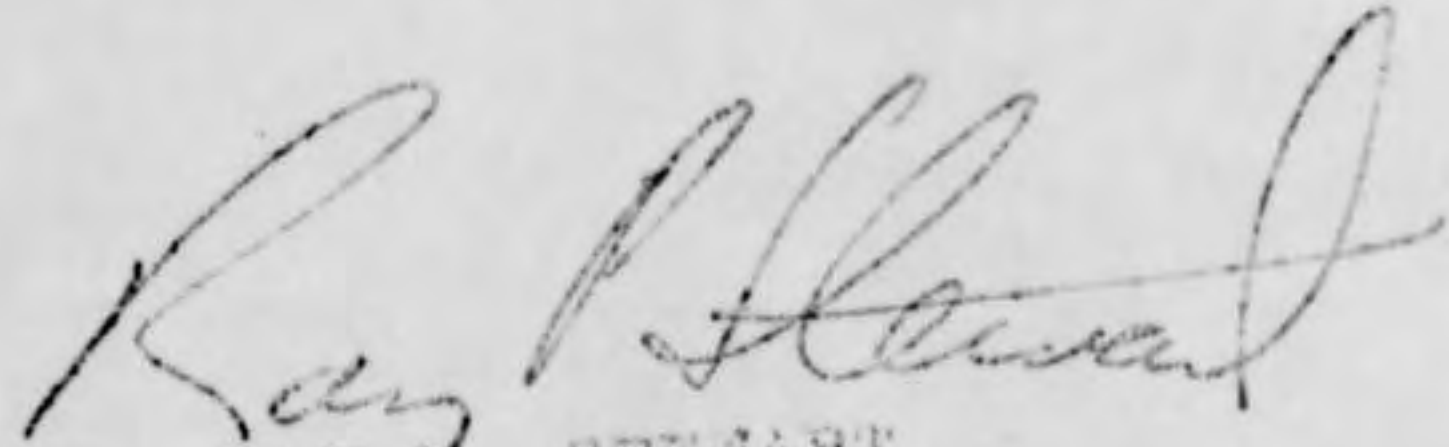
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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief,
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

The attached AF Forms 112, Air Intelligence Information Reports are forwarded as per instructions AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, subject, FLYOBRPT.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



RAY F. STEWART
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 YES NO

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FROM: APOIN-ATIAA-9-7-E

FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICE

In connection with sighting of an unidentified aerial object on 24 August 1952, over Hermanes, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas, request immediate information on weather balloon releases from El Paso, Texas, and White Sands, New Mexico, area between 0900 and 1100 MST this date and include: a) release time, b) track, c) time of burst.

Were clusters of balloons released and were there any irregular launches on this date?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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