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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 Jan 53 27/1840Z | 2. LOCATION Mather AFB, California 36°21'N-119°04'W |
| 3. SOURCE 2 AF Pilots | 10. CONCLUSION Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Four | Probably same balloon sighted by witnesses at Mather AFB on this same date, but 40 minutes earlier. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 Min. | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Four extremely brilliant objects performing unconventional rolling maneuvers were observed at estimated alt of 12,000' to 15,000' by 2 AF pilots of T-29 a/c. Objects was observed from 8,000' alt. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE | |
| 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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← PRIMARY OBJECT

SEEMED TO MOVE TOWARD AND AWAY FROM
OUR AIRCRAFT, NO ARC OR MOVEMENT IN CHANGE
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Sheet #1

NO. _____
DATE: 30 January 1953

PRELIMINARY SOURCE REPORT **UNCLASSIFIED**

NAME: Frank L. Cukar AGE: 30 GRADE OR POSITION 1st Lt
AFSM
PRESENT BRANCH OF SERVICE USAF ADDRESS 214 Cochran Drive, Mather Hts.,
Mather Fld, California
LIST NEXT OF KIN LIVING IN _____ (COUNTRY)

| NAME | RELATIONSHIP | ADDRESS |
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LAST ADDRESS OF SOURCE IN _____ (COUNTRY)

EDUCATION:
CIVIL Hi School Graduate ; 4 ; Diploma
MILITARY USAF Pilot School ; _____ ; _____
(Field) (No. of years) (Degree)

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

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| 1. <u>AIRC & Eng - Mech</u> | WHERE: <u>Patterson AFB, Ohio</u> | FROM <u>4-8-41</u> TO <u>11-1-43</u> |
| | <u>Trans-World Airlines</u> | |
| 2. <u>AIRC & Eng - Mech</u> | WHERE: <u>New Castle, Del</u> | FROM <u>6-2-46</u> TO <u>1-12-49</u> |
| | <u>T.W.A.</u> | |
| 3. <u>Flt Engineer</u> | WHERE: <u>Kansas City, Mo.</u> | FROM <u>2-12-49</u> TO <u>17-4-50</u> |
| | <u>T.W.A.</u> | |
| 4. <u>AIRC & Eng - Mech</u> | WHERE: <u>Kansas City, Mo.</u> | FROM <u>20-4-50</u> TO <u>26-10-52</u> |
| 5. _____ | WHERE: _____ | FROM _____ TO _____ |

MILITARY OCCUPATION:

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| 1. <u>Aviation Cadet</u> | ORGANIZATION <u>USAF</u> | FROM <u>23-1-43</u> TO <u>19-11-44</u> |
| 2. <u>Pilot</u> | ORGANIZATION <u>USAF</u> | FROM <u>20-11-44</u> TO <u>30-1-46</u> |
| | <u>Reserve Duty</u> | |
| 3. <u>6 Plt & Maint Off</u> | ORGANIZATION <u>442 TR.C.W.</u> | FROM <u>1-10-51</u> TO <u>28-10-52</u> |
| | <u>Active Duty</u> | <u>3535th OTW</u> |
| 4. <u>Pilot</u> | ORGANIZATION <u>MAFB, Calif</u> | FROM <u>1-11-52</u> TO <u>Current</u> |
| 5. _____ | ORGANIZATION _____ | FROM _____ TO _____ |

Items A to E below, are designed to reveal such specific information as source may possess. The greatest care should be exercised in making entries as these will govern the preparation of specific questions to be used in detailed interrogation. Source should immediately be interrogated for all requirements on hand. In the absence of such requirements, and while awaiting specific questions, source should be asked to prepare his own detailed account of such information as he may possess concerning A to E, below.

SOURCE HAS SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Cities and/or Areas: (Street names, areas of expansion, new and planned cities, list by city name and coordinates.)

B. Installations: (Factories, airfields, communication nets and terminals, etc.) were flying 8000 feet over Hanford, California, going south, sighted 5 objects about 40 - 50 miles south in area of Bakersfield California. Estimated Altitude, 12 to 15000 feet.

C. Activities: (Procedure and organization of political parties, police, Special Security police, Department of propaganda, educational system, etc.)

D. Scientific Development: (List such specific items as aircraft type and model, specific guided missiles, type of radar equipment, name of particular tank, etc., or list general research field.)

E. Military Information: (Order of battle, names of personnel, location of units, organization.)

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____ (COUNTRY)

EVALUATION OF SOURCE: _____

REMARKS: _____

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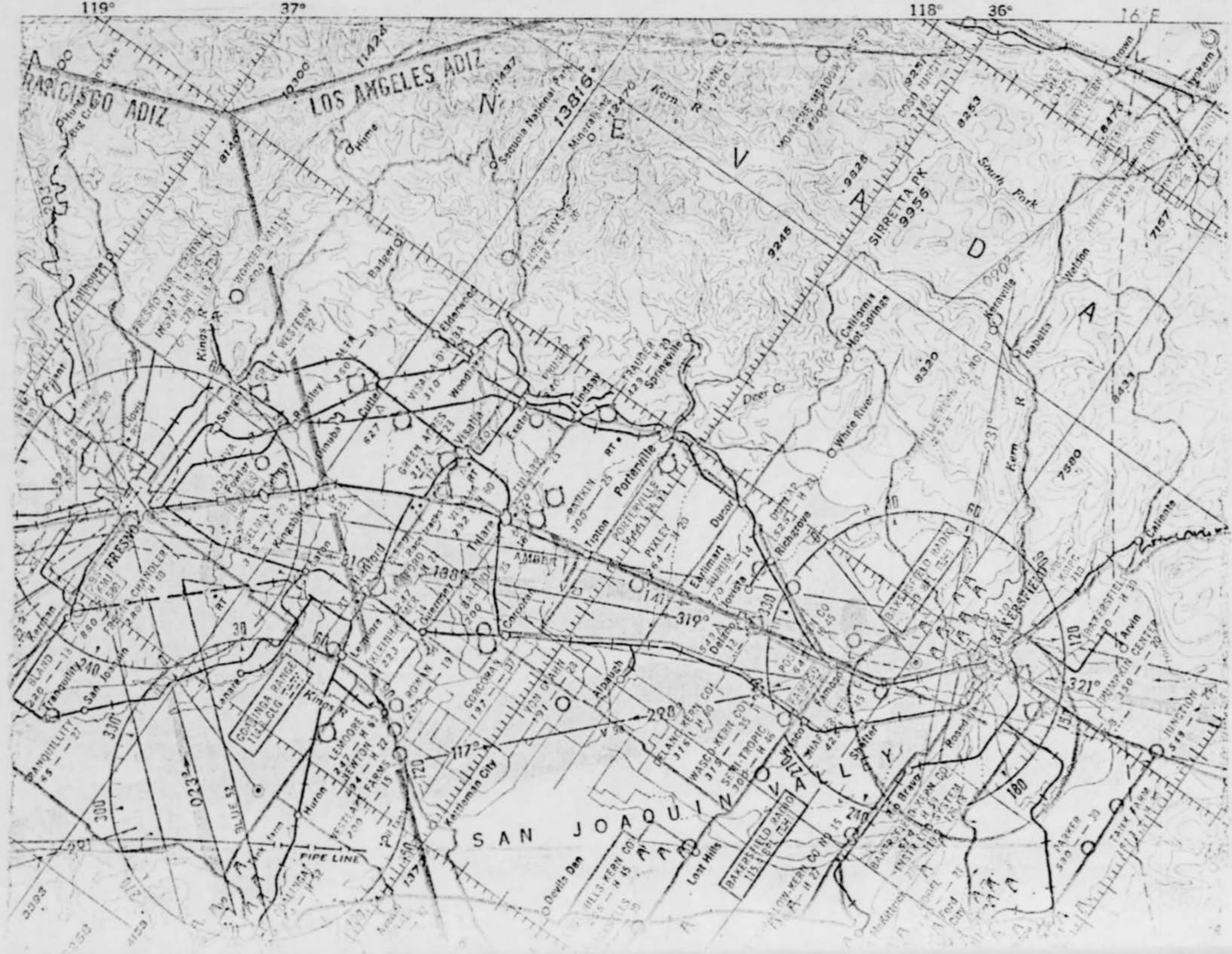
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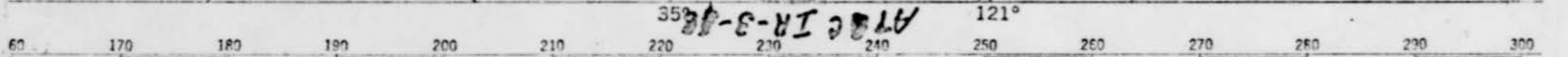
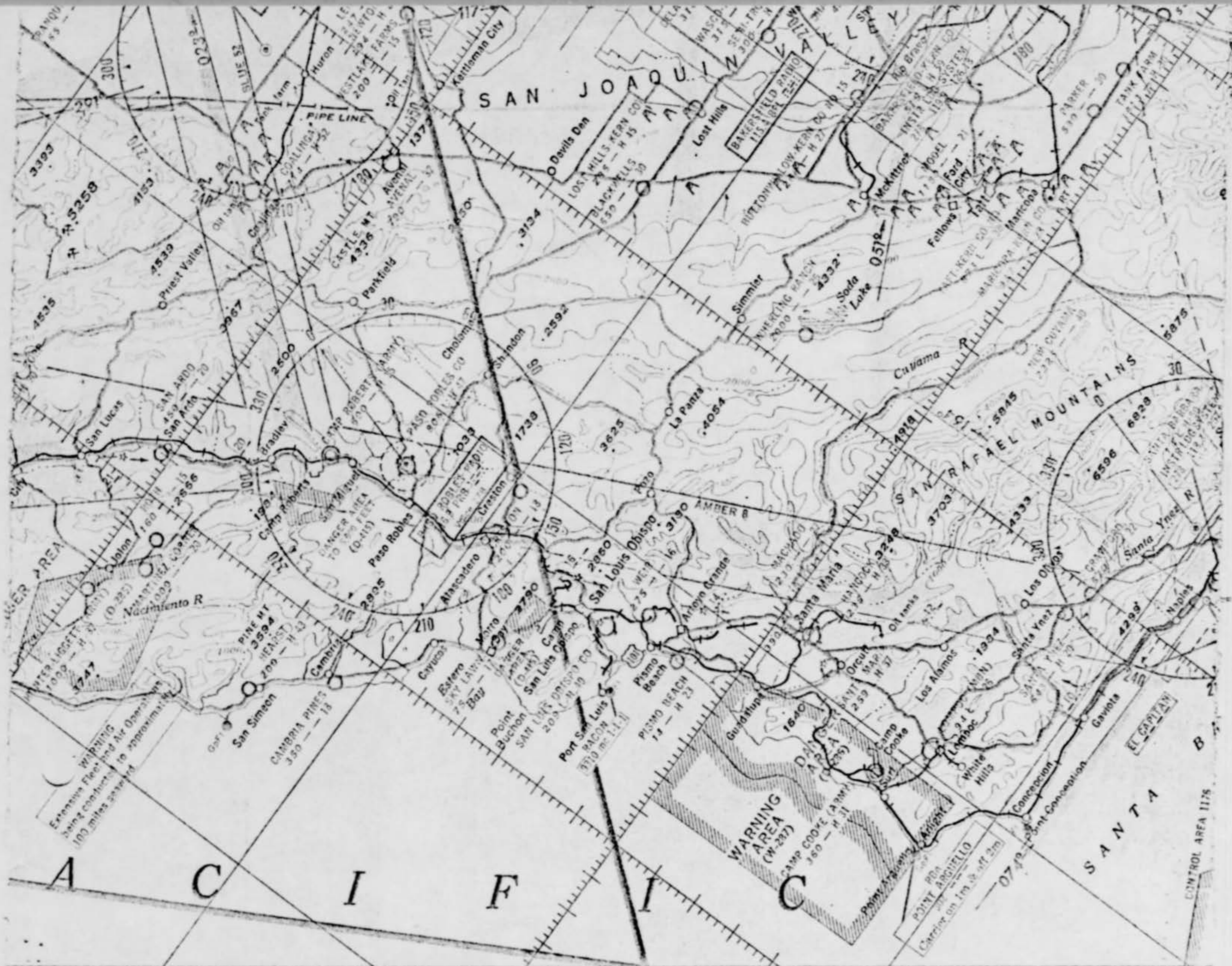
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as # 22
More than 1 witness*

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29 Jan 53
ACTION*

CSAF ITEM 4 (UNCL)
FROM CAPT HARRY SMITH AFOIN-2A2
TO CAPT ED RUPPELT ATIAA-5

THE FOLLOWING FLYOBRPT WAS RECEIVED 27 JAN 53
FROM FRESNO AIR TERMINAL FRESNO CALIFORNIA
AS A CIVIL MESSAGE AND IS FORWARDED FOR ANY
ACTION YOU DESIRE:

"AF 1927 T-29 OVR HANFORD 1044P 30 MHR ROUND
ROBIN REPORTS 4 OR 5 UNIDENTIFIED SHINY OBJECTS
IN THE BAKERFIELD AREA AT 12,000 FEET OBJECTS
SHINY AND VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT. THEY ARE SOUTHWEST
BOUND. ONE TURNING NORTH BOUND OTHERS DISAPPEARING
SOUTHWEST BOUND. ONE NORTHBOUND REVERSED COURSE
ABRUPTLY. PILOT STATED OBJECTS NOT JETS AS THEY TURNED
TO ERRATICALLY. SPEED OF THE OBJECTS WAS ABOUT
THAT OF JETS. VERY FAST.
END CSAF ITEM 4 (UNCL)

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TION: FOUR EXTREMELY BRILLIANT OBJECTS PERFORMING UNCONVENTIONAL BBL

ROLL TYPE MANEUVER. 2. TIME OF SIGHTING: 1040 HRS PST, 27 JAN 53.

LGTH OF TIME OBSRD: 4 TO 5 MINUTES. 3. MANNER OF OBSR: VIS FR T-29 ACFT

AT 5,000 FEET. IAS: 170 KNOTS. 4. LOC OF OBSR: 36 DEGREES AND 20

MINUTES N; 119 DEGREES AND 40 MINUTES W LOC OF OBJ W/RESPECT TO OBSR:

EST IN AREA OF 35 DEGREES AND 33 MINUTES N LATITUDE: 119 DEGREES AND 30

MINUTES W LONGITUDE. 12,000 TO 15,000 FEET. 5. INFO CONCERNING OBSRS:

2 AF PLTS WITH 8 1/2 YRS AND 3 YRS PLT EXPERIENCE RESPECTIVELY. 6. WEA

CONDS: HAZE LAYER APRX 4,000 FEET W/VISIBILITY ABOVE HAZE EST 100

MILES. 7. NO MET COND OR OTHER ACTY WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR SIGHTING. 8.

NORPHYNOENVANCEY. INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN:

PLT OF ACFT NOTIFIED FRESNO RAD TO RELAY INFO TO MIL FLT SV. 10. LIGHT

SCATTERED AIR FRAF IN SAN JOAQUIN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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| AREA REPORTED ON Southern California | | FROM (Agency) 3535th Observer Training Wing MFB, Mather Field, California | |
| DATE OF REPORT 25 February 1953 | DATE OF INFORMATION 28 January 1953 | EVALUATION C-2 | |
| PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt Madley and 1st Lt Coker | | SOURCE USAF Pilot and Co-Pilot | |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ATL 200-5. AFSC Reg. 200-3; TWX GWT 11A dtd 29 Jan 53 | | | |

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Objects were sighted approximately 1044 PST, 27 January 1953. True course was 164 - heading was 161. We were four miles south of Hanford, California, 36 degrees and 20 minutes north; 119 degrees 40 minutes west.

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MAFB, Mather Fld, California

REPORT NO.
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The first object I saw was circular shape, round and flat like a pie tin or plate. It was very bright; a brilliant silver. I watched it for about a minute or a minute and a half, and four more appeared then disappeared. The one got about 30 miles away from us. It was about the size of a head on a pin held about 15 or 20 feet away. I judged it was about 40 to 50 miles ahead of us. It was about 15 or possibly 20 thousand feet in altitude. It came straight on toward our airplane. It seemed to stop and retreat again. The objects seen were not in formation. They left no tail or exhaust. All we could see was reciprocating motions toward us and backing away. The object was observed for about four or five minutes; visual from the air. Type of aircraft was a T-29, No. 49-1927. True airspeed was 200 knots; altitude 8,000 feet. We did not have radar. These objects were observed while flying over Hanford, California - 36 degrees 20 minutes north; 119 degrees 40 minutes west. Objects were estimated to be in the area of Bakersfield, California, 35 degrees 35 minutes north latitude; 119 degrees 30 minutes west longitude. At the time of observation we were wearing smoked colored sun glasses. The weather was clear - there were no clouds. Winds aloft were about 23 knots from 250 degrees. We notified Fresno Radio who in turn notified Military Flight Service. Several of Mather's T-29 aircraft were flying missions in the San Joaquin Valley area. I am a recent recalled officer. I had 3 years of service during world war II. I was inactive in 1946 and recalled in November 1952. I was with the Reserve Unit, 442nd Troop Carrier Wing, Air Force Reserve Combat Training Center.

Frank L. Cukar.
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I originally sighted four objects. One of them was particularly brilliant in contrast to the other three. When I first saw them I took them for a flight of four jets. I took another look at them. They were not jets or conventional type aircraft. The maneuver appeared to be a tumbling within themselves; a barrel roll effect. They were passing inside of each others orbit. The one observed had an intensely brilliant light, almost like sodium vapor. It was coming toward us. It was getting brighter and larger; it seemed to be taking on a definite shape. It would retreat just as rapidly as it closed in. There was about a 5 degree lateral arch of travel. I would estimate them anywhere from 30 to 60 miles from us. It was down over the mountains near Bakersfield, then it was coming closer. We were about four miles south of Hanford when it started; about 1044 PST, 27 Jan 53. I used the windshield center post to gage the size of the disk. It moved about 8 to 10 inches from the windshield center, gradually moving from the south to the southwest. I thought we were going to have a mid air collision. Length of time observed was five minutes. Manner of observation was visual. Indicated speed was 170 knots, 8,000 feet. Type of aircraft was T-29. Pilot and co-pilot position. True course was 164 - heading was 161. We were four miles south of Hanford - 36 degrees and 20 minutes north; 119 degrees 40 minutes west. I estimated the disks to be about 12,000 in altitude; 30 to 60 miles away. Beneath the area in which I judged the objects to have been, there was about 7/10's layer of stratus at about 3,000 feet. They were maneuvering about the stratus. There was a haze layer at about 4,000 feet. It was very clear at our altitude. Visibility was close to 100 miles. The mountains south of Bakersfield could be seen very clearly. Winds aloft were practically negative. I have ten years of total service with 8 1/2 years as a pilot - USAF - continued active service. I have observed jets in formation but not doing formation acrobatics. The reflection was too intense to be a jet; it was no aluminum object. We were wearing rose socks colored glasses. We called the instructor and asked him if he had observed anything but he didn't have glasses. When the glasses were removed there was nothing but haze. With the glasses on I could see the images. Fresno radio was notified. There was no other air traffic noticed in this vicinity.

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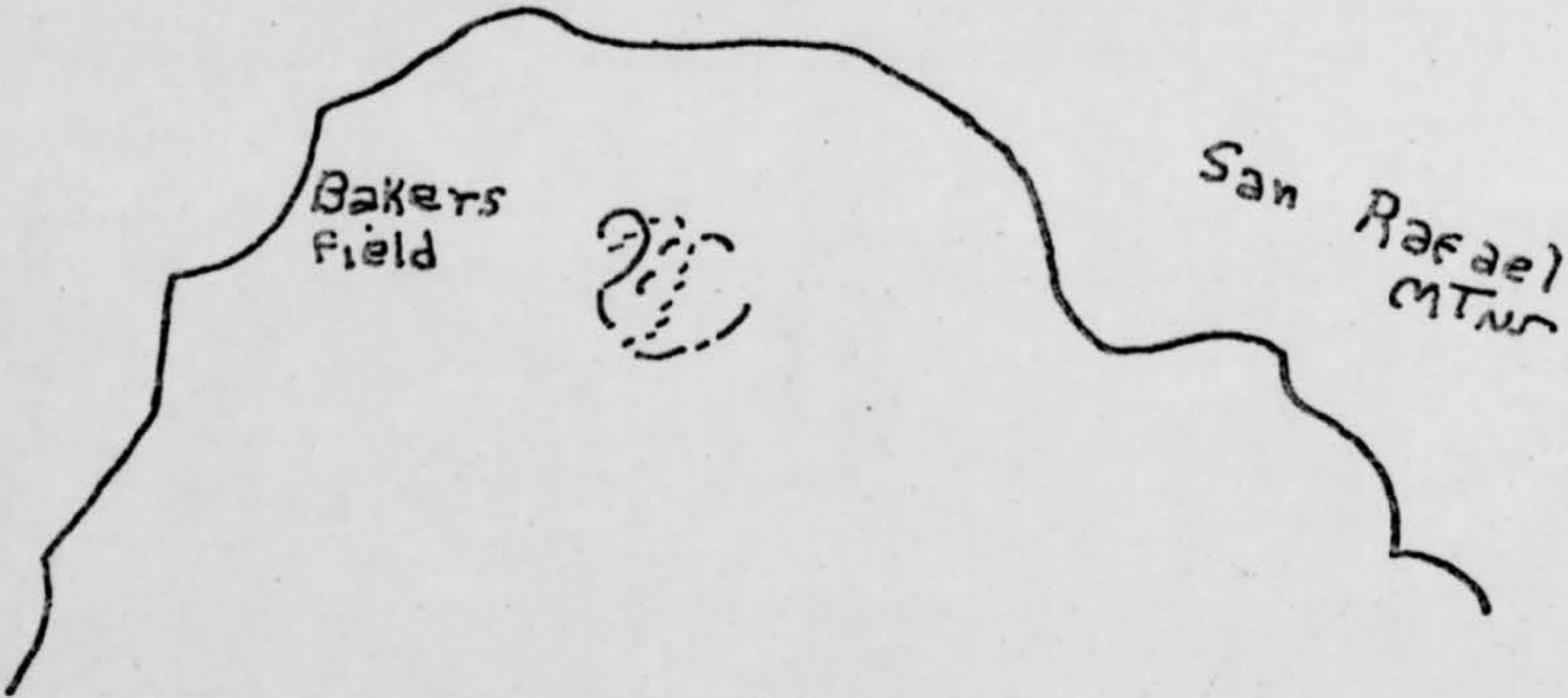
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Maneuvers performed were of a tumbling nature - three objects eventually faded from view - The tumbling object would approach and retreat toward the aircraft at an extremely high rate of closure. The course made appeared to be a collision course and would have hit the aircraft on the right side. The object was either approaching or able to control the intensity of the light emission.

- 1st object —————
- 2d object - - - - -
- 3d object - - - - -
- 4th object - - - - -

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