

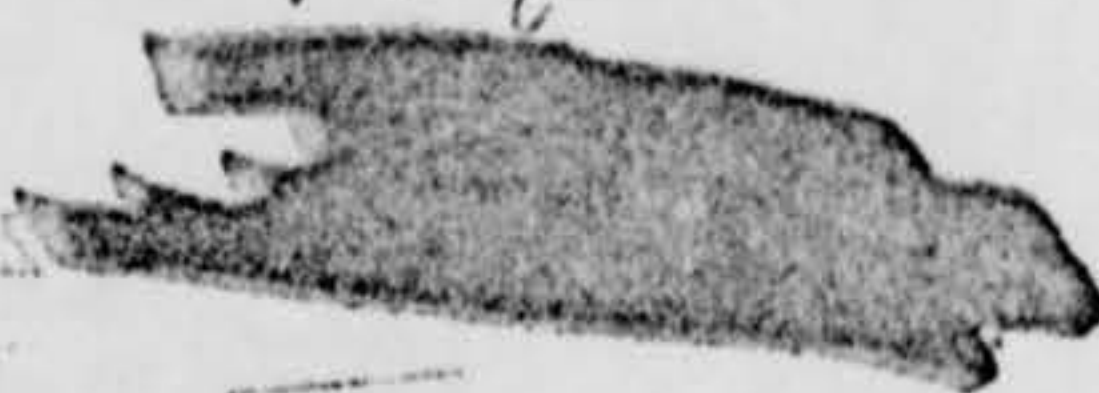
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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>28 Jan 53 29/0205Z   | 2. LOCATION<br>Corona, California  |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Airmen  | 10. CONCLUSION<br>UNKNOWN (UNIDENTIFIED)<br><br>Unidentified   |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>Five   |  |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>12 Min.  | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br><br>Five round green ball-like objects, each 25' in diameter traveled at an estimated speed of 150 mph at an altitude of approximately 2,000'. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual  |  |
| 7. COURSE<br>Northwest   |  |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |  |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |

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[REDACTED] D/DIG 991. FLYOVERPT. 1. FIVE UNIDENTIFIED ROUND  
ALL-LINE OBJ EA APRX 25 FT IN DIAM, ILLUMINATED GREEN IN COLOR,  
FLYING IN LOOSE V FORMATION, OBSR 5 MI SW CORONA, CALIF, SANTA  
ANITA CANYON AREA. NO SOUND FR OBJ. 2. OBSERVATION OCCURRED AT 1005.  
3. OBSR JAC 53. DURATION OF OBSR APRX 15 MINUTES. 4. OBSR MADE WHILE  
DRIVING ON CALIF STATE HWY 12. 5. OBSR STOPPED CAR AND GOT  
OUT WHILE HIS WIFE'S COUSIN'S DROVE AT ABOUT 15 MPH FR SW TO NW  
ON HWY 12. 6. [REDACTED] LEFT OBSR, STA  
TIONARY. OBSR IN SERVICE 2 YRS. JACKSON 2 YRS. ALSO ENG. 1941-42.  
SCHOOL, FLEW 30 COMBAT MISSIONS WITH NIGHT VJ, 6. SEA CONDITIONS AT TIME

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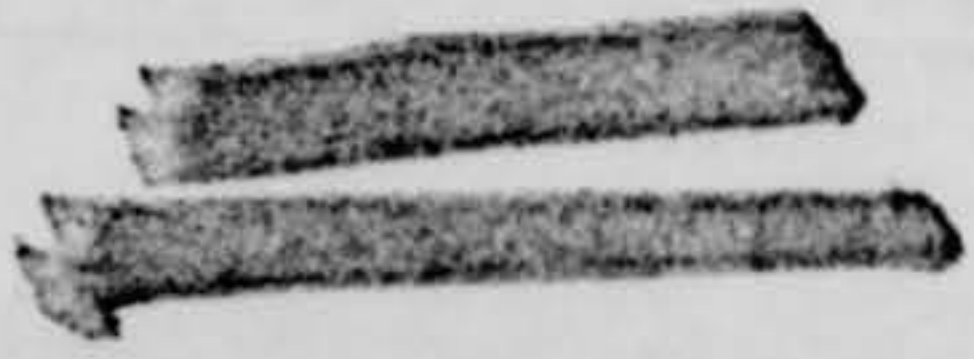
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SIGHTING CLEAR. OBSR MADE AFTER DARKNESS. 7. THERE WAS NO ACTY OR  
SITUATION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING AT THAT TIME. 8. NO FRY  
FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS. 9. NO INTER OR IDENTIFYING ACTION BY THIS



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| COUNTRY<br><b>UNITED STATES</b>   |   | REPORT NO.<br><b>IR-2-53</b>                              | (LEAVE BLANK) <b>UNCLASSIFIED</b> |
| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>  |   |   |                                   |
| SUBJECT<br><b>EXCERPT</b>   |   |   |                                   |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br><b>Santa Ana Canyon - 5 mi SW Corona, Calif</b>   |   | FROM (Agency)<br><b>Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force</b>  |                                   |
| DATE OF REPORT<br><b>29 January 1953</b>  | DATE OF INFORMATION<br><b>28 January 1953</b> | EVALUATION<br><b>F-2</b>                                  |                                   |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br><b>Bertram R. Cowan, Capt., USAF</b>   |   | SOURCE<br><b>[REDACTED], T/Sgt USAF, March AFB, Calif</b> |                                   |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br><b>AFL-200-5, JTL 29 APRIL 52</b> |   |   |                                   |

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. T/Sgt [REDACTED], USAF, reported the following observation to the Operational Intelligence Division, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, California, 1500 hours, 29 January 1953:

a. Five unidentified objects were observed, ball-shaped and outlined entirely with a green colored illumination. The objects were observed in loose V formation when first sighted, then changed into an in-line formation when approximately overhead. The two end objects were observed to glow red while the formation was in the process of changing and turned back to the green illumination when the in-line maneuver was completed. The formation was very smooth - not at all ragged. Observer reported no sound at any time during sighting. The objects were estimated to be moving about 150 mph and traveling approximately 2,000 feet above the terrain. Size of each object was estimated to be about 25 feet in diameter.

b. The time of observation was 1805 hours, 28 January 1953, and the sighting continued approximately 12 minutes.

c. T/Sgt [REDACTED] made the observation while driving from March Air Force Base enroute to Redondo Beach, California, (his home) on California State Highway 18, approximately 5 miles SW of Corona, California. The formation of objects was sighted while the observer's automobile was traveling at 45 mph. Observer stopped to watch the objects - getting out of his car at the time the formation passed approximately overhead - moving from SE to NW across the highway.

d. Sgt [REDACTED] stated that he drives on this highway morning and evening and has been doing this for approximately a year. Observer has a background of 2 years aeronautical engineering, aerial gunnery school and flew 32 combat missions with the Eighth Air Force during World War II.

e. The atmosphere at time of sighting was very clear although it was dark. The objects were moving against the slight wind that was blowing at time of observation.

f. No physical evidence is offered.

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