

2145 PST.

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 June 53 160045 2145 Z | 2. LOCATION 9 Sacramento, California |
| 3. SOURCE Military | 10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (REGULUS) |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One | Venus, Mars, Jupiter, below horizon. Regulus setting at time of observation. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 14 Minutes | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object round red 3 ft diameter. Seen from Control Tower through field glasses. Observer turned head and on looking back object was gone. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION (7X50 BX) Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE Stationary in West | |
| 8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

(9) INTCP - NONE.

(10) AIR TRAF - ONE B-58, 1463 CMA IN TRAF PATTERN, ONE B-58 CMA 7157

CMA REPTD OVER ROSEVILLE CMA CALIF

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/R [REDACTED] FAC0003, FLYOBRPT. (1) SHAPE - ROUND CLN SIZE -

3 FT DIAM CLN COLOR - RED CLN NO - ONE CLN AERO FEATURES - NONE CLN

TRAIL OR EXHAUST - NONE CLN PRPLN SYS AND SPEED - APPEARED STATIONARY

CLN SOUND - NONE CLN MANEUVERS - NONE CLN MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE -

OBSR TURNED HIS HEAD AND ON LOOKING BACK OBJ WAS GONE.

(2) TIME OF SITING - 30 JUN 53 CMA 2145PST.

(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION - VIS FR CON TWR THROUGH FLD GLASSES CMA

7 X 50.

(4) LOC OF OBSRS - MATHER AFB SMCLN LOC OF OBJ 8 MILES CMA W CMA

10,000 FT.

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(5) OBSRS - TSGT RUDOLPH D HESKO CMA A/2C RONALD W HILL AND A/2C
ARTHUR E GRAY JR. RELIABLE. ONE TO FOUR YRS EXPERIENCE IN CON
TWR WORK.

(6) 3/5/139 66/54 W5 993.

(7) ACTIVITY OR CON ACCOUNTING FOR SITING - NONE.

(8) PHY EVIDENCE - NONE.

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-7-4-E

FOR 1901-2 1901ST AACS SQ

Reurmsg FAC 0003 FLYOBRPT regarding a sighting of an unidentified aerial object at 2145 PST 3rd Jun 53 in the vicinity of Mather AFB, California. Suggest you forward AF Form 112 as prescribed in AF Letter 200-5 with special attention to the following items: 1) What was the length of the sighting? 2) Was there a possibility that a balloon could have been in the area at the time of sighting? 3) Suggest you check with base weather station to determine location of local radiosonde or Moby Dick balloons. 4) Suggest you use the Videon camera on future sightings and forward the film to this Center.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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Lt Olsson

Date

5 July '53

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Col. Johnston

Date

3 July 53

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Date

6 July 53

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. OLSSON/MGF/vs

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ROBERT C. BROWN, MAJOR, USAF
ADJUTANT

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AF FORM 112
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| COUNTRY United States | REPORT NO. ATRC-TR-18-53 | (LEAVE BLANK) |
| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT | | |
| SUBJECT FLYOBREP | | |
| AREA REPORTED ON Sacramento, California | FROM (Agency) 1901-2 AACS Detachment, 5535th OBR Tng Wg, MAFB, Mather Field, California | |
| DATE OF REPORT 9 July 1953 | DATE OF INFORMATION 30 June 1953 | EVALUATION C-2 |
| PREPARED BY (Officer) LEVIN W. PARKER, Captain, USAF | SOURCE Control Tower Operators | |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5; AACS Msg FAC0003; Project Blue Book | | |

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.)

At approximately 2130 on 30 June 1953 a red light appeared eight (8) miles west of Mather Tower at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet. Three operators on duty, T/3gt Rudolph D. Hosko, A/2C Ronald W. Hill, and A/2C Arthur E. Gray, Jr., witnessed the sight. At first they thought it was a red light on an aircraft, but it appeared stationary about fifteen (15) minutes.

The Sacramento Tower (CAA) operators called and asked the Mather operators if they saw the light, which was answered affirmative. The operators observed the object through field glasses but were unable to see anything other than a red light.

The light appeared round, three (3) feet in diameter, red, stationary, with no other identifying features. It disappeared at 2144 while the operators' heads were turned, therefore, manner of disappearance went unobserved.

The weather was clear with visibility over fifteen (15) miles and a west wind of five (5) knots. Base weather verified no weather balloons reported in this area.

Two aircraft were in area and in contact with the control tower. Aircraft claimed they observed nothing unusual when queried by the tower operator.

Videon camera not utilized as training on its use was not complete. Camera now located in the control tower and will be utilized on future sitings.

Reason for tardiness: Written report was originally submitted, in error, through AACS channels on 2 July 1953.

APPROVED:

Claude M. Terhune
CLAUDE M. TERHUNE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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On the night of 31 June 1953, 2100 PST, I was on duty as Senior Controller in the Mather Control Tower. While busy directing traffic the assistant controllers on duty with myself called my attention to a red light west of the tower. The red light appeared to me as a light on an aircraft, so I disregarded the thing and went back to my duties directing traffic. Two B-50 type aircraft from Mather were in the area so I requested the aircraft to check on the red light west of Mather, which appeared to be about ten miles distant and eight thousand feet altitude. Five minutes later both aircraft reported seeing nothing. McClellan Tower and Sacramento Tower apparently saw quite a bit more, judging from the tone of their voices on direct line. The weather was clear and visibility fifteen miles plus. The assistant controllers on duty with me reported the object disappeared at approximately 2145 PST.

Rudolph D. Besko
 RUDOLPH D. BESKO
 T/3gt
 AF 13042488

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While working in the control tower on the night of the 31st of June 1953 I got a call from McClellan tower. They asked me if I saw an object in the sky, red in color, which appeared south of their tower. I sighted the object at 2130 PST. It was red in color, appeared about eight miles west of the Mather tower at approximately ten thousand feet. The object had no definite shape. It appeared as a light, larger than an aircraft clearance light. It was stationary. At 2144 the light disappeared. McClellan tower called again. They asked me if I had seen the object go up in a ball of fire and disappear. Nothing of that sort was sighted from our tower.

Ronald W. Hill
 RONALD W. HILL
 A/2C
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On 30 June 1963 at approximately 2130 Pst, I saw an object in the sky. It looked like a red dot. It had no definite size or shape and appeared to be stationary. The object was observed from the northwest corner of the Mather Tower. There was no difference in the size or shape after viewing it through field glasses. Sacramento and McClellan Towers advised Mather of this object several minutes after they observed it. The weather that night was fifteen miles plus, winds calm. All logical explanations were checked; nothing accounted for sighting. I saw an aircraft make a bank around the spot where the object was. When the aircraft started to bank I looked into the tower and when I turned around again the object was gone. I did not see the manner of disappearance. Two of Mather's B-50 aircraft were in the area shooting transition. Nothing was observed by either.

Arthur E Gray Jr.
ARTHUR E. GRAY, JR.
A/2C
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