PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 Apr 54/2200Z	2. LOCATION San Nicholas Island, California
3. SOURCE military	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
S. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	Cigar-shaped, object 4-6 ft in diameter, sighted from moving vehicle. Gray. Object hit ground. Smoke arose from area of impact Search proved negative. Insufficient data.
& TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS	
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. USAF STH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS USBORT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, ONIO

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28 June 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by SA JAMES B. STEPHENS, Jr., 297 54 19, USN, San Nicolas Island, California, 22 April 1954 SPECIAL INQUIRY

Commander

Air Technical Intelligence Center

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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ATTN: ATIAA-20

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 10 June 1954, from the 18th OSI District, Cheli Air Force Depot, Maywood, California.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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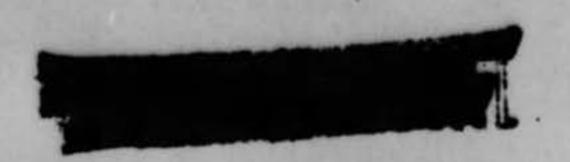
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by SA JAMES B. STEPHENS, Jr., 297 54 19, USN, San Micelas Island, California, 22 April 1954; Special Inquiry, 18D 24-321

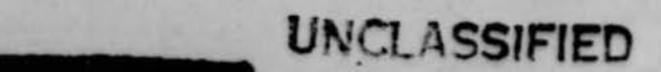
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNCPSIS: On 17 May 1954, a letter inclosing copies of three statements executed by SA JAMES S. STEPHENS, Jr., 297 54 19, USN, SH BERMARD G. KLEIM, Jr., 445 27 90, USN, and Lt. W. S. CATES, 2845921/1511, USN, was received by this office from the District Intelligence Officer, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California.

The inclosed statements concern the sighting of an unidentified flying oblect by STEPHERS on San Micolas Island, C-lifornia on 22 April 1956 at approximately 1400 local time.

2. DETAILS: STEPHENS, in his statement, said that while precooding down the main road between the Operations Building and the camp
area in Many carryall vehicle No. 587, driven by BERNARD G. MEIN, Jr.
on the above date and time, comething attracted his attention on the
right side of the vehicle. When he looked, STEPHEN said he sighted a
cigar-shaped object, grey in color, which appeared to be approximately
4 feet to 6 feet in length. This object was travelling just above the
ground and appeared to be proceeding at an approciable speed. Its
direction of travel indicated that it would cross the road some distance ahead of the vehicle in which STEPHENS was riding. STEPHENS
added that almost immediately after he sighted the object, it hit the
ground in a semi-flat attitude, and a cloud of dust or smoke arose
around the point of impact. After the impact, nothing more was seen
of the object.

STEPHENS said that he called this incident to the attention of KLEIN who denied seeing the object, and KLEIN stopped the carryall to together they made about a twenty-minute search of the area, with protive results.





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STEPHENS said that he and KLEIN reported this incident to Lt. W. S. CATES, the Officer-in-Charge of Sm Micolas Island.

BERNARD G. KLEIN, Jr., and Lt. W. S. CATES, in their statements, correborated in substance the statements of ETEPHENS relative to this matter. However, CATES, in addition, stated that when he was advised of the sighting by KLEIN and STEPHENS, he had initiated an intensive search of the area, with negative results. Further, a check with underground radar established the fact that no aircraft had been in the vicinity of Can Micolas Island during the time of the sighting, and, in addition, CATES stated that on 26 April a man from the RADSAFE School, Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, California, utilising special equipment, had canvasced the area for possible radio-active residue, with negative results.

Copies of the three statements sighted above are attached to this report for the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Obje, Attention: ATIAA-20, as inclosures 1, 2, and 3.

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STATIMENT OF STEPHENS, James B., Jr., SA, 295 54 19, USN

23 Apr 1954

On San Nicolas Island on 22 April 1954 at approximately 1400 local time, I sighted an unidentified flying object. This object was sighted while proceeding down the main road between the Operations Building and the Camp Area, The vehicle we were riding in was a Navy carryall #387 and was driven by ELEIN, Bernard G., Jr., SN, 145 27 90.

Something attracted my attention to the right side. I looked and sighted a cigar shaped object, gray in color and appeared to be approximately h' to 6' in length. It was traveling just above the ground and appeared to be traveling at an approximately live direction of travel indicated it would cross the read some distance ahead of us.

Almost immediately, it hit the ground in a med-flat attitude and a cloud of dust or smoke arose around the point of impact. After impact, nothing more was seen of the object. I was under the impression that KELIN hadn't seen the object. We stopped the carryall and made about a twenty (20) minute search of the area.

Upon finding nothing we returned and told our story to LT W. S. CATHS, the Officer-in-Charge of San Micelas Island.

/s/ J. B. Stephens Jr.

J. B. STEPHENS, JR.

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/e/ W. S. Cates

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ENCLOSURE (1)



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STATISMENT OF KLEIN, Bernard C., JR., SN, 415 27 90, USN

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23 Apr 1954

Sumewhere between 1500 and 1510 on 22 April 1955 I left the Operations Building to take STEPHENS, James B., JR., SA, 295 55 19, USN to the Camp Area. We had proceeded about half way to the Camp Area when STEPHENS said, "De you think it will cross the road?" Not knowing what he meant, I said, "That missile or shell of some kind." It threw dirt in the air like when a bullet hite the ground. We stopped them and looked a around for about twenty or more minutes. When we couldn't find whatever it was, I asked him if he saw what it looked like. Then he described it to me, About four feet long, gray, and had a point-chaped nose. Being very empious by new, I returned to the strip after leaving STEPHENS at the Camp Area and told LT W. S. Cates, my Commanding Officer, all I know.

Then we started our search.

/s/ Bernard G. Klein, Jr.

BERMARD G. KLEIN, JR.

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STATEMENT OF LT W. S. CATES, 2846921/1311, USN

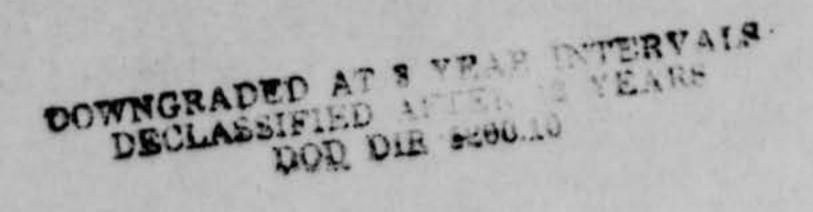
27 April 1954

On 22 April at approximately 1500 local time, STEPHENS, James B., SA, 297 5h 19, USN and KLEIN, Bernard G., Jr., SN, his 27 90, USN reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object. The story recounted is, for all practical purposes, identical to that discussed in their statements. A search party consisting of myself, the two sighters, and DUCKECEN, Kenneth (n), ALG, 375 80 h8, USN, proceeded to the point of sighting. An intensive search of the area was conducted with negative results. STEPHENS was questioned extensively relative to the object's speed, length, approximate distance, etc. A check with Underground Radar and ERSKIES established the fact that no aircraft had been in the vicinity of San Nicolas Island during the time of sighting.

Organised search parties searched the area on 23, 24 and 25 April with magative results. On 26 April a man from the RADSAFE School, NAS, Point Naga, utilizing special equipment, comvessed the area for possible rediscutive residue. All results were negative.

/e/ W. S. Cates

W. S. CATES Officer-in-Charge Dan Micelas Island



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