

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<p>1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 OCT 54 28/2215Z</p>	<p>2. LOCATION MERCED, CALIFORNIA</p>
<p>3. SOURCE MILITARY</p>	<p>10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY AIRCRAFT</p>
<p>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE</p>	
<p>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 SECONDS</p>	<p>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</p>
<p>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND VISUAL</p>	<p>Round, white, obj appeared to be illuminated, loud jet sound, "Unusual" speed of obj impressed observer. Straight flt path. Reported 11 days after sighting.</p>
<p>7. COURSE N - S</p>	
<p>8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	



*1 witness*

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND  
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Air Intelligence Report

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

Forwarded herewith is Air Intelligence Report SAC 16-54 received from the 93d Bomb Wing, Castle Air Force Base, California.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Roy L. DeRose*

1 Incl  
AIR SAC 16-54  
(3 cys)

ROY L. DEROSE  
Major, USAF  
Actg Chief, Collection Division  
Directorate of Intelligence

*2 cys  
destroyed 11-25-55*

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
REPORT NO.: SAC IR 16-54 (LEAVE BLANK)  
93BW-U-1-54

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TITLE: UFOB  
AREA REPORTED ON: Merced, California  
FROM (Agency): Hq, 93d Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, California  
DATE OF REPORT: 9 November 1954  
DATE OF INFORMATION: 28 October 1954  
EVALUATION: F-6  
PREPARED BY (Agency): Major Homer R. Taylor  
SOURCE: Military Personnel

REFERENCES: (Cite report number, date, title, previous reports, etc., as applicable)  
SUMMARY: (Give concise summary of report. Give significance in usual one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at end of text. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

At 2215 Zulu, on 28 October 1954, one (1) military personnel observed an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of the Merced Country Club, approximately 4 miles southeast of Merced, California. This headquarters was notified of the observation on 8 November 1954, and an investigation was conducted. The report of investigation is as described in Part II.

*Homer R. Taylor*  
HOMER R. TAYLOR  
Major, USAF  
Wing Intelligence Officer

- 2 ENCL  
1. Statement, [REDACTED]  
2. Sketch, Profile view

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The following report is in accordance with paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954:

1. Description of the object.
  - a. Round.
  - b. Observer compared object to size of a baseball.
  - c. White, or color of light.
  - d. One.
  - e. N/A.
  - f. Object appeared to be illuminated, or similar to a round sphere of light.
  - g. Negative.
  - h. Loud jet sound. Observer compared to sound of air under high pressure escaping from a small orifice.
  - i. Observer, was impressed by unusual speed of object.
2. Description of course of object.
  - a. Jet sound.
  - b. 40 degree elevation. Observer reported initial azimuth of north.
  - c. 40 degree elevation. Observer reported final azimuth of south.
  - d. Straight Flight path, no change in elevation, no maneuvers.
  - e. Disappeared in scattered clouds on or just above horizon.
  - f. Approximately 25 seconds.
3. Manner of observation.
  - a. Ground-visual.
  - b. Negative.
  - c. N/A.
4. Time and date of sighting.
  - a. 2215 Zulu, 28 October 1954.
  - b. Day.
5. Report Staff Course, 11th Dec.

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6. Observer.

a. Negative.

b. Military.

(1) [REDACTED] Hq Sq, 93d Bomb Wing, Maintenance Control; aircraft mechanic; estimate of reliability, average.

7. Weather.

a. Clear, few scattered clouds on horizon, north wind 5 to 10 knots.

b. N/A.

c. Unlimited.

d. Unrestricted.

e. Scattered thin clouds on horizon.

f. Negative.

8. Negative.

9. Negative.

10. Negative.

11. Wing Intelligence Officer, 93d Bomb Wing Comments: In view of the length of time between date of observation and date of report, the preparing officer has no comment as to possible cause of the sighting. Investigation has revealed there was air traffic in the Castle Air Force Base area at the time of the observation. Several B-47 and KC-97 aircraft had taken off from Castle Air Force Base shortly after 1400 PST. However, their location after take off is unknown. S/Sgt [REDACTED] seems to be sincere, and positive about his observations. He is not a fanatic about flying objects, and has not made a previous report or observation of other unidentified flying objects. This office was not aware that an observation had been made until 8 November. S/Sgt [REDACTED] was contacted immediately for a report. Captain [REDACTED] of the 328th Bomb Squadron made a similar observation, but he was not available for interview on the 8th or 9th of November. In view of the existing length of time between date of information and date of report, it was felt that S/Sgt [REDACTED]'s report should be forwarded immediately.

12. Negative.

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#### STATEMENT

On the afternoon of 28 October 1954, at approximately 2215 Zulu, I was on the eleventh tee at Merced Country Club Golf Course, with Captain [REDACTED]. I heard a loud jet noise and at the same time, Captain [REDACTED] called my attention to an object in the sky. I was facing in an east-southeast direction and I observed a round, white object, about 40 degrees elevation from the horizon, approaching from my left. The altitude was about 1000 to 2000 feet. I was impressed with the speed and the jet sound. The noise was similar to that produced when air under high pressure escapes through a small orifice. The object appeared to be about the size of a baseball. It was traveling in a north to south path. I watched it until it disappeared to the south in some clouds above the horizon.

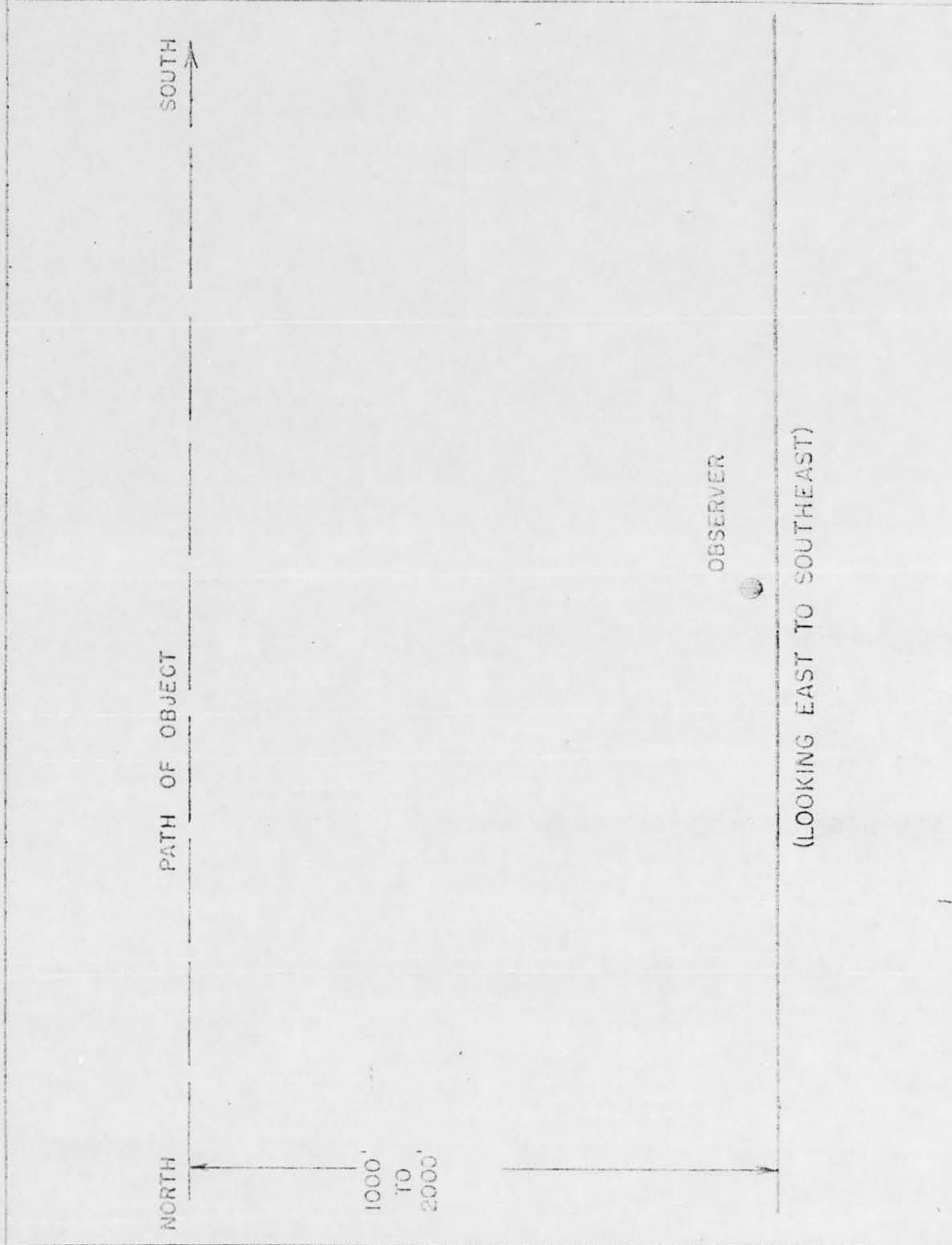
I did not hear any other person at the Country Club mention seeing the object, although there were other persons playing golf at the same time.

I do not recall any air traffic at the time of the observation.

[REDACTED]  
S/Sgt USAF

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