APPENDIX I

Artesia, New Mexico - 16 January 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 16 January 1952, two members of a balloon project from the General Mills Assonautical Research Laboratory and four other civilians observed two unidentified aerial objects in the vicinity of the balloon they were observing. The balloon was at an altitude of 112,000 ft, and was 110 ft, in diameter at the time of the observation.

The objects were observed twice, once from Artesia, New Mexico, and once from the Artesia Airport. In the first instance, one round object appeared to remain motionless in the vicinity, but apparently higher, than the balloon. The balloon appeared to be 1½ inches in diameter and the object 2½ inches in diameter (ratio 3:5) and the color was a dull white. This observation was made by the two General Mills observers.

A short time later the same two observers and four civilian pilots were observing the balloon from the Artesia Airport. Two objects at apparently extremely high altitude were noticed coming toward the balloon from the northwest. They circled the balloon, or apparently so, and flew off to the northwest. The time of observation was about 40 seconds. The two objects were the same color and size as the first object. They were flying side-by-side. When the objects appeared to circle the balloon, they disappeared and the observers assumed they were disc-shaped and had turned on edge to bank.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Unfortunately this report was not made until 5 April and did not reach ATEC until 16 April. Due to this time lapse, no further investigation is contemplated. The observers are known to be very reliable and experienced.

III. CONCLUSIONS

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5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, ONTO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21.

3 June 1952

SUBJECT:

Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico, on

16 January 1951

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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Chief

Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Ohio

ATTN: ATT

- 1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 27 May 1952, subject and file as above.
- 2. Forwarded herewith for your additional information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent EDGAR J. BETHART, 17th OSI District, dated 23 May 1952.
- 3. A re-interview of and and and verified that the unconventional aircraft was sighted 16 January 1951 and not 16 January 1952.
- 4. No further investigative action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations and the files in instant case are considered closed.
- 5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits dissemination of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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Lt Colonel, USAF

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SYNOPSIS

aeronautical engineer, reported sighting two (2) umusual objects walle watching aeronautical research bellioon on 16 January 1951 at artesia, New Lexico. According to . objects were obsque and off-white in color and when first sighted here approximately five (5) degrees above the balloon which was at an approximate altitude of one hundred and ten thousand feet (110,000). Objects appeared to be same size as balloon and moved in straight line through thirty (30) degrees of azimuth in a proximately three (3) seconds and then disappeared. The mas military pilot for three (3) years and at time of observation had over one (1) year of aeronautical research experience.

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27 May 1952

SUBJECT:

Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico, on

16 January 1951

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO:

Chief

Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Ease

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ATTN: ATI

- 1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 15 April 1952, subject: "Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1952".
- 2. Forwarded herewith are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent JACK M. LANDERS, 10th OSI District, dated 30 April 1952, subject as above.
- aeronautical research balloon on 16 January 1951. described these objects as opaque and off-white in color and when first sighted were approximately five degrees above the balloon which was at an approximate altitude of one hundred and ten thousand feet. The objects appeared to be the same size as the balloon and moved in a straight line through thirty degrees of azimuth in approximately three seconds and then disappeared.
- 4. In the event further investigative reports are received in this office pertaining to the above captioned case, same will be forwarded your headquarters.
- 5. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7, MFR 205-1, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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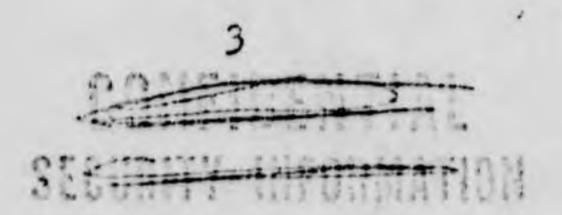
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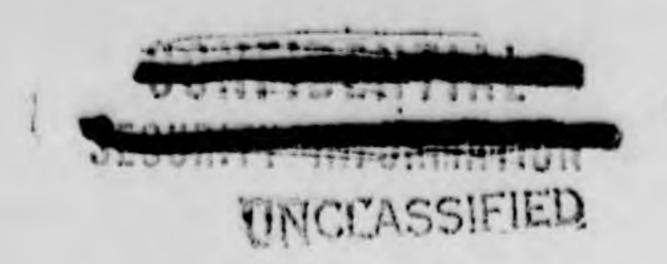
the balloon previously mentioned at the same altitude (one hundred and ten thousand feet) in an attempt to estimate the direction of movement, and while standing in front of the main hotel in Artesia, i. w .exico, he observed one (1) object near the location of the belloon which was then at approximately two hundred and sixty (260) degrees in direction and at an elevation of approximately twenty (20) degrees. According to this object, when first sighted, was in the same direction as the balloon but at an elevation of approximately twenty-five (25) degrees; watched the object, which seemed to be coming toward him, until the object reached an elevation of approximately thirty-five (35) degrees at which time he stopped observing the object because he thought it was a weather balloon. Stated that he learned later at the airport that no weather balloons had been used that morning. Since he thought that this object was an ordinary weather balloon, continued, it did not make a vivid impression on him and he could not recall clearly any characteristics concerning this object, adding, however, that generally the characteristics were the same as those of the objects he sighted later. Stills stated that he has an Aeronautical Engineering Degree from the University of Hinnesota, was a pilot in the Air Force for approximately three (3) years and at the time of the observations discussed in this report had been doing aeronautical research work for over one (1) year. Stated that his job with General Hills, Incorporated at that time consisted mostly of tracking aeronautical research balloons with an airplane. | by stating that he has 20/20 vision in each eye and has never worn corrective glasses.

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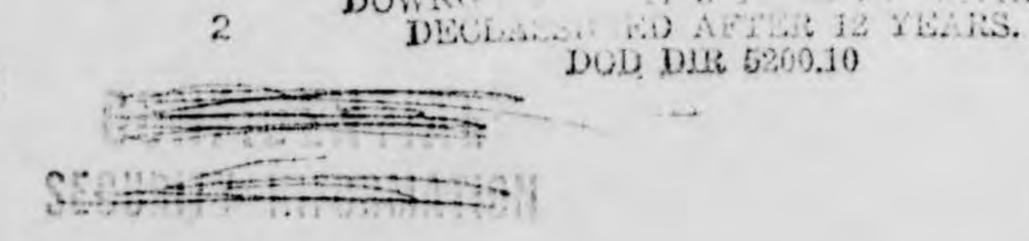
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1. The title of tide report is marked "Ch.N3.1" is order to reflect the correct date of the observation is question (16 January 1951) as determined by interview with referred to as referred to as referenced report.)

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, employee of congral ills, Incorporated at Tyote and, Ferres, was interviewed 13 and 1952 in connection with the righting of the (2) unusual objects over artagis, des lexico, on 16 January 1952. stated that he was not in the artesis aree on 16 January 1952 but determined, after referring to his flight log-book, that exactly one year mior to this date (16 January 1951) he was standing on the west side of the wein building at the Artesia Annicipal mir port, Artesia, New Lexico, with a group of men at a proximately 1100 hours (Lourtain but miard line) observing an surema tical research balloon which was floating at approximately one hundred and ten thousand (110,000) feet above the airport. stated that he could not recall the names of everyone present in the group but remembered that of General Mills, Incorporated, a newspaper man, a pipe Jime villet, and the manager of the airport, .r. I were among those present. recalled that while this group of men, were observing the balloon, located at approximately zero (0) degrees (from true north) and at an elevation of approximately eighty (30) degrees, two (2) unusual objects appeared in the sky at an olevation slightly higher (approximately eighty-five (85) degrees) and in a direction approximately twenty (20) degrees to the left of the balloon. STILES stated that the two (2) objects moved in a straight line, leaving no trail and maintaining the same elevation, to a point approximately ten (10) degreer to the right of the balloon which made the total distance covered approximately thirty (30) degrees, and that suddenly disappeared from sight. According to the objects did not seem to move one of sight-they simply were suddenly no longer visible. The recalled that the objects maintained what seemed to be a formation in that one was behind the other at approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the course of flight. - estimated the length of time that the objects were in sight as being about three (3) seconds and stated that he could not recall any other characteristics that might be of interest except that the objects sugmed to be obscue and offwhite in color. Swould not attempt to may what shape the objects seemed to be but said that he did not notice any projections. According to the objects were about the same relative size as the balloon which has a diameter of one hundred and ten (110) feet while at an altitude of a provimately one hundred and ten thousand (110,000) feet, adding that since the objects were at a greater angle of elevation, it rade him feel that the objects were above the balloon and therefore would actually be larger than the belloon. I deded that on this particular morning the sky was clear with no clouds in sight. Continued that earlier this same day (I domery 1951) at approximately 0930 hours (Lountain Standard Time) while observing Ta . VALS: DOMNG

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for fear it might have been doubted. The enclosed newspaper article on green fueballs, I have given me who incentive to write this. Letter.

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THE INSPECTOR CENERAL, HALF 318 RESIDENT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS VRIGHT-PATTIESON AIR FOR BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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15 April 1952

Sighting of Two Unusual Objects SUBJECT: over Artesia, New Mexico on

16 January 1952

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO:

Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Ohio ATTH: MCIS

- 1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent LINDELL W. POLITIE, 17th OSI District, file 24-8-30, dated 5 April 1952, subject as above.
- 2. Investigation predicated upon information contained in letter from District Office No. 24, wherein they reported results of an interview with
- 3. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, N. M., substantiated s statement. Two other civilians advised they had seen two unusual objects in addition to the balloon. All interviewees stated that it was a clear day, and they were certain that what they saw was not a reflection or a conventional type aircraft.
- 4. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.
- 5. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, dtd 14 Mar 49, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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- manager of Immicipal Airport was interviewed in regard to the unconventional aircraft sighted on or about 16 January 1952. Many dvised that at the time of sighting, a br. war, ir. , - I'. MANAGEMENT and . remembere present. Stated that the above mentioned group had been observing a balloon that had been released by when this balloon reached an altitude of over one hundred thousand feet, the group noticed some disc shaped objects in the same vicinity as the balloon. stated he did not know if the ojbects were above or below the ballcon. That he observed two (2) separate objects besides the balloon, but that he received the impression that they were as high or higher than the balloon. stated that the balloon was traveling east by five (5) to ten (10) degrees north and that the objects were loving southeast. I'mt the objects never became co pletely otionless, but would slow down and speed up. That when they departed the vicinity of the balloon, they loved at an extre ely fast rate of speed, covering an arc of approximately 45 degrees in two (2) to three (3) seconds and disappeared from view. Stated that the objects appeared to be two (2) to three (3) times the size of the balloon, which at that altitude was 110 feet in diameter. That the objects would scatter and then re-group while in the vicinity of the balloon and that when they departed the vicinity of the balloon they left in single file. stated that the objects at no time passed between the observers and the balloon. That he is sure that the objects were not conventional aircraft of any co monly known type, as they appeared pale gray in celor and left no con-trail or any other visible vaporization and the only apparance presented by the objects was a round and flat disc shape. It stated he got the impression that the objects were convert, although this impression may have been caused by the lack of bright reflection of the sunlight on the objects. Fr. I stated that he has been a pilot for any years, is fa iliar with aircraft and has been the manager of the Iunicipal Airport at Artesia, New Mexico for over five (5) years.
 - 2. On 21 Jarch 1952, i.e.

 New Jexico, Langer All Electrical Company was interviewed. SC-FL El alvised that he was present in the group previously contioned during January 1952, and that his attention was first drawn to the objects by another caper of the group.

 I stated that he believes the objects were such higher than the balloon. That they appeared oblong and while he observed the , traveled at a constant speed, generally from north to south. That he observed two (2) objects in



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Ltr, DO #24, file 24-0, dt 11 Mar 52

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon information obtained during interview with the whole who stated that while making an observation of a balloon over Artesia, New Mexico, two (2) unusual objects had been noted on 16 January 1952. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artesia, New Mexico, interviewed and substantiated has statement. Two (2) other civilians interviewed and both advised that they had seen two (2) unusual objects in addition to the balloon. All persons interviewed stated that the objects were larger than the balloon and were of a dull gray color. That both objects were moving an equal distance apart and appeared to make an abrupt turn and disappeared at a very fast rate of speed. All interviewees stated that it was a clear day and were certain that what they saw was not a reflection or a conventional type aircraft. Investigation continues.

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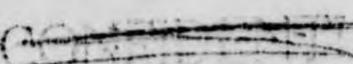
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- 2. While making their observations in Artenia, Masers. Duenn and failes also observed a round object remaining notionless in the sky in the vicinity of, but at a considerable distance above the drifting belloom. The atmosphere was clear, without clouds or haze.
- 3. The balloon which they were observing at the time had attained a measured height of 112.000 feet at which altitude it should have been 110 feet in dismeter and was drifting in an easterly direction at from 5 to 6 miles pur hour. The balloon at that altitude appeared to be about 1-6" in dismeter, and the unknown object appeared to be about 2 or 2-5" in dismeter. It was also escribed as dull white in color.
- of the object but it appeared to be at a considerable altitude the balloom.
- the Minicipal Airport about three or four miles west of Artesis. Fout 1100 hours Passes the Airport Manager, three or four civilian pilots and two newspaper reporters from Artesis, were witching the belians which was above and slightly north of the Airport. Wr. Impan naticed two objects at an extremely high militials come from A . JWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERTALS:

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addition to the balloon. that they traveled through approxi ately a 50 degree are in the sky, noving very fast and appearing to follow a direct course. That one object was behind the other and that he does not believe they were aircraft, as they appeared twice the size of the balloon which was at one than one unived thousand feet altitude at the time. Extated that the objects were a dull gray in color and did not reflect the bright smallght.

- 3. On 21 arch 1952, r. d. Lanager of Goodyear Fire and Supply do pany was interviewed. that his attention was first draw to the objects because of their providity to the balloon. The objects were definitely not a reflection or a cloud for ation as the sky was clear and the light was bright. It saw two (2) objects in addition to the balloon, that one object was more outstanding than the other, although, he could not re a ber why he caintains this impression. That the objects were larger than the balloon which was at a height of wore than one hundred thousand feet. These objects were dull gray in color with a rose tinge as a Base, that they appeared to have a convex surface, being meh longer than broad. When first sighted the objects appeared to be oving slowly or else they were eving away from the direction in which he was looking. Joth objects were oving an equal distance apart and then appeared to mke an abrupt 90 degree turn and leaving a terrific sense of acceleration going out of sight. That no visible con-trails were present and that he only viewed the objects with the naked eye. stated that satte pred to get the instrument he was using for observation of the balloen on the objects, but he is not sure if was able to do this or not. All three of the above persons stated that they believe the objects were intelligently controlled, pri arily because of the equal distance relationship they mintained while accelerating and decelerating. They stated they believe that a wrote an article in a local newspaper concerning the objects, but advised that Ir. sis presently a ployed at Abilene, fexas with a newspaper.
- 4. On 21 Larch 1952, a search was conducted of the files at the Artesia Advocate, local newspaper, but no record was revealed of any article concerning the sighting of the aforementioned objects. All of the above persons are pilots and are reputable businessmen in the commity. They appear to be of sound ind, good physical condition and are hesitant in talking about the sighting through fear of ridicule. They appear to be sincere, but could furnish no additional information as the sighting by all of the above was with the maked eye only. All were explicit in the belief that the objects were not a conventional aircrast and were as high, if not higher, than the casured one hundred twelve thousand feet of the balloon being observed.

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- individuals who were with him and her. The at the Airport; however, wer. Who is presently employed by General Mills, Inc. at Tyoto, AFB. Texas, knows the name of the Airport Menager, who in turn can identify the civilian milate who were present.
- members of the group had been contacted by the OSI but that neither he nor Mr. The had been contacted to date. Mr. I lead that he is more or lase in constant travel status and suggests that any future interviews be arranged through General Mills, Inc.

/s/t/ M. V. Mo. GAN Lt. Colonel, USAF District Cousander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

HITLE

Sighting of Two Unusual Objects over Artesia, New Mexico on 16 January 1951

24-8-30	23 May 1952
S/A EDGAR J. BETHART	
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Rpt of Tow of S/A JACK M. LANDERS, 10th DO, File No. 24/39-5, dtd 30 Apr 52

SYNOPSIS

Re-interview of Mr. ALVIN H. HAZEL and Mr. A. V. SWEARINGEN verified sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951. Further investigation not contemplated.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted by S/A EARL D. JAMESON.

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- 2. On 8 May 1952, Mr. Manager of Municipal Airport, Artamia, New Mexico, was re-interviewed to determine the actual day on which the sighting of the unconventional aircraft had occurred. HAZEL verified that the sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951 and not 16 January 1952, as originally reported.
- 3. On 8 May 1952, Mr. Manager of Goodyear Tire Supply Company, Artesia, New Mexico, also verified that the sighting had occurred on 16 January 1951, instead of 16 January 1952, as originally reported.
- 4. Mr. Maxico, and also one of the observers of the unconventional aircraft, was not available for interview at this time.
- 5. In that all logical leads have been developed and reported, further investigation is not contemplated.

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