1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1.0 Jan 53 10/23452	2. LC TION Sonoma, California
3. SOURCE Retired Colonel 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Unidentified Unidentified
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
60 - 75 Sec. 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual.	Silvery colored object traveled at estimated speed of 4 times the speed of jet a/c. Object made 3 360° turns and several 90° turns, then rose vertically and disappeared.
7. COURSE Northwest	
8. PHOTOS D Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE O Yes XX No	

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SPEED OF J ACFT. SOUND: SIMILAR TO F-86 J ACFT, DEFINITELY CONNECTED W/
OBJ. SOUND FOLD OBJ ACROSS SKY W/NO C IN TONE OR VOL DURING
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RIGHT, THEN TO LEFT. OBJ THEN SLOWED DOWN ALMOST TO A STOP, ACCELERATING

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BETWEEN 1545 AND 1600 PST-2345 AND 2400Z 10 JAN 53. LGTH OF

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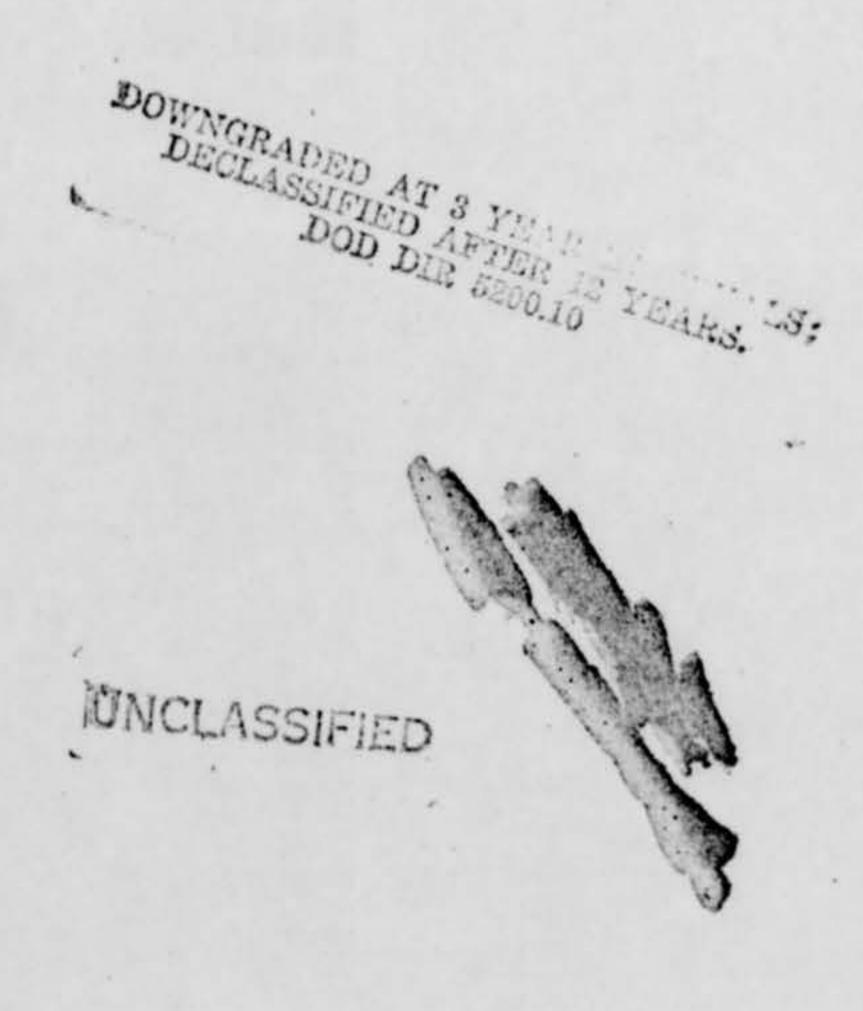
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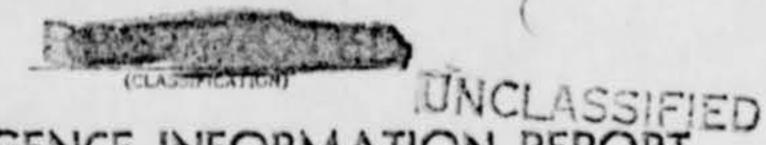
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USAF, (Retired), appeared and was interrogated in the Office of the Director of Intelligence, Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California, stating he had observed an unidentified flying object. A tape recording of this interrogation was made and is forwarded with this report as inclosure #1. Information contained therein is as follows:

Mama and Address of Observers:

(1) Colonel (Ret)

(2) Mr.
Federal Security Agency
San Francisco, California

Sonoma, California

Interrogated by:

Captain E. M. Johnson, USAF
Public Information Office
headquarters Western Air Defense Force
Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California

1. Description of Object:

Shape: Unknown due to high altitude.

Size: About the size of a pin-head held 2 feet from

the eye.

Color: Silvery, possibly due to reflection of sun

against aircraft-type covering.

Speed: Great speed. Estimated as 4 times the speed

of a jet aircraft.

Sound: Similar to sound of an F-86 at high altitude,

with no change in tone or volume during man-

euvers.

Haneuvers: The object made three (3), 360° turns to the

right taking 2 to 3 seconds to complete each turn. These turns were made at 5 second intervals still holding on the same course. It continued on and made an abrupt right angle (90°) turn to the right, followed 5 seconds later with an abrupt turn to the left which placed the object back on its original course. After this maneuver, the object slowed down to almost a stop and then accelerated to its

previous speed, making this maneuver twice. The object then rose vertically and disap-

peared from view. (The observer stated that the object could possibly have been climbing

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		when it seemed to seriously doubted to be very tight of area required	it). The 360 turns, about o	ne-eighth	re said
	Trails or Exhaust:	None observed.			
	Propulsion System:	Not reported.			
	Number of Objects:	One (1)			
	Manner of Disappearance:	Object rose verti		ppeared fr	om view
	Other Pertinent or Unusual Features:	The glinting did	not change dur	ing the ma	neuvers.
2.	Time of Sighting:				
	Local Time:	Between 1545 hrs	and 1600 hrs,	10 Jan 53	
	Zebra Time:	Between 2345Z and	2400Z, 10 Jan	53	
	Length of Time Observed:		10 seconds la	ter when C	
3.	Manner of Observation:	Visual without air reported no radar the time and date	contacts with		

4. Location of Observers During Sighting:

Eight (8) miles northwest of Sonoma, California, from a knoll in the hills northwest of Sonoma Valley near the crest of Trinity Road connecting the Sonoma and Napa Valleys. The object was sighted at a 45° angle northwest of position of the observers. Distance of object from observers was undetermined, flying at a very high altitude in a northwest direction. Altitude was determined to be greater than that normally flown by jet aircraft.

5. Reliability of Information:

Colonel tated he had a total of over 1,000 hours flying time and is familiar with various types of aircraft. However, he stated that Mr. Hunter's background does not indicate much familiarity with aircraft.

6. Weather, Winds and Visibility at Time and Place of Sighting:

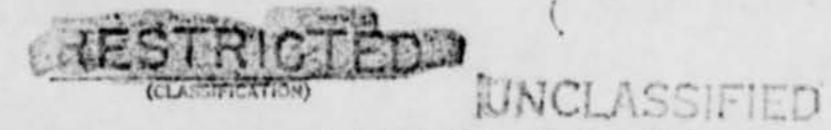
Observers Report: The sun was dropping in the West. Visibility was good, ceiling was unlimited with sufficient light for good observation.

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Official Weather Report - Hamilton Weather Station: Weather in Hamilton and Sonoma Area: Clear, visibility 10 miles with winds from the east at 7 knots.

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- 9. Negative.
- 10. Location of Air Traffic in General Area at Time of Sighting:
 No other air traffic in area at time of sighting.

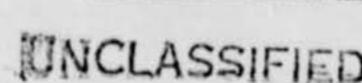
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Sonoma, California

10 January 1953

Description of Incident

At 2345 3 two civilian sources observed one small flying object moving at a great rate of speed and performing violent maneuvers. The object's sound was similar to that of a jet aircraft. The object made three 360° right turns in nine seconds then performed abrupt 90° turns first to the right, then to the left. The object than stopped, accelerated to its former speed, rose vertically and disappeared.

II. Discussion of Incident

The only known aerial object capable of appearing to go through the described maneuvers would be a balloon; however, the time factors and velocity estimates do not support this conclusion.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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