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Subject: Bomb or missile explosion.

To : Commanding Officer

ASU 6407

U.S. Army & U.S. Air Force Arizona Recruiting District 132 East Pennington Street Tucson, Arizona

that on Thursday, 31 March 1949, Mr. Manuel beard a plane overhead and missing. He next heard a very heavy explosion and thought that a plane had crashed. The time of day or night is not fixed in this second hand report.

The following day, Mr. and Mr. and Mr. arode on horseback to the site of the explosion and described a swath in the brush and timber culminating in a huge crater. Mr. and described a piece of metal about 12 inches in diameter and pointed. He felt it was some kind of a "war head" for a guided missile. Nothing resembling a plane was found.

The site of the explosion is described as wild mountainous country, about ten miles east of Rodec, New Maxico and about five miles from the ranches of Mr. and Mr. The nearest emergency landing field by plane is said to be at Rodec. The site is about seventy-five miles by automobils from Douglas.

anyone to the reach of Mr. Start or Manually and from there, either of these persons can guide a party to the explosion site.

It is suggested that Davis Monthan Air Force Base, conduct further investigation.

Frank H Campbell M/Sgt/ NCO in charge

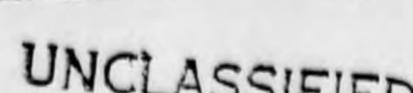
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TASHINGTON

> THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF 17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

> > DR: MEN: jot

File No: 24-8

18 August 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

TO:

Commanding General Air Material Command Wright-Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAKS

- 1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, dated 5 August 1949, in which request is made for results of investigation of an alleged crash of an unidentified aerial object ten miles east of Rodeo, New Mexico on 31 March 1949.
- 2. At the time of the occurrence it was determined from Mr. Rancher, Douglas, Arizona, who was approximately one (1) mile away at the time of the explosion, that there were five B-29 type aircraft over head. The E, 1st Lt. 97th Supply Squadron, Biggs Air Force Base, advised that the fragments and fuse of the exploded bomb were from a 100 or 150 pound bomb, similar to the practice bombs used by the United States Air Force.
- 3. Inasmuch as the preliminary investigation by both this office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed the explosion to have been caused by the detonation of a practice type bomb, used by the United States Air Force, no further investigation was conducted.

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District Commander



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190 OSI 24-0

25 April 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

Hq 19th District CSI (IG), USAF, Fairfield-Suinum AFB, California TO: District Commander, 17th District O.I (IG), Kirtland AFB, New Monico

- 1. Attention is invited to basic letter and inclusure attached thereto.
- 2. A copy of am EET Form, to be completed on all cases involving unconventional sirereft, is forwarded for your information and such investigative action as you may does appropriate.
- 3. It is requested that information copies of your reports of this investigation be furnished as follows:

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JOHN G. SHOPE Colonel, USAF District Commander

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CG, 6th Army (Thru: 19D OSI DetCo, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif)

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1st Ind

14 April 1949

Subject: Explosion

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, CAC of S, G-2, Presidio of San Francisco, California

TO: Office of Special Investigations, Building T-3, Presidio of San Francisco, California

For information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE AC OF 5, G-2:

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/s/ ROLAND H. McINTIRE
/t/ ROLAND H. McINTIRE
Lt. Colonel CMP
Chief, CI Division

190 OSI

2nd Ind

19 April 1949

Subject: Explosion

Fr Actg Detachment Commander, Presidio of S.F., California TO: Dist. Commander, 190 OSI, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif.

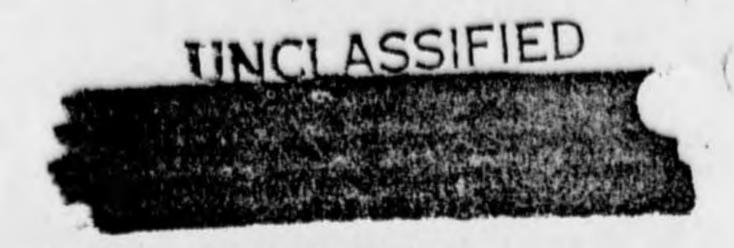
For information and any action deemed necessary.

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/s/ CULLEN W. IRISH II
/t/ CULLEN W. IRISH II
Acting Detachment Commander

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HEADQUARTERS AREA SERVICE UNIT 6407 ARIZONA RECRUITING DISTRICT

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U. S. ARMY AND US. AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE 213 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

AMPH-c 360.33

7 April 1949

SUBJECT: Explosion

TO:

Commanding Officer
Intelligence Field Office No. 2
Sixth Army
Fort MacArthur, California

- 1. In compliance with GO No. 4, 1948, Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 13 January 1948; and 1st Indorsement, Sixth Army, file AMGBI-C 319, dated 2 April 1948 to letter Department of the Army, file GSGID 452.1, Subject: "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 25 March 1948, the inclosed report is submitted.
- 2. While it is realized that the event described is outside area described, the report was made to our Douglas Recruiting Station, and is forwarded for such action as is deemed necessary.

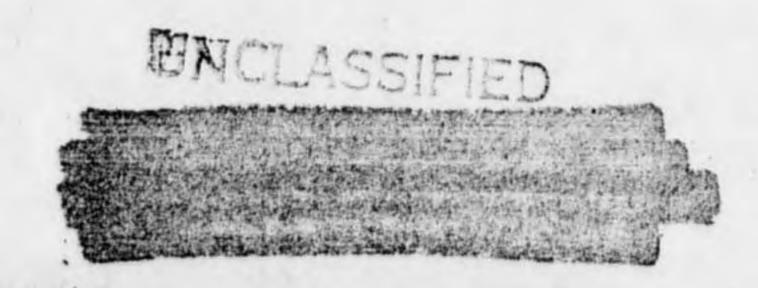
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Report of Explosion

ec: CG, 6th Army

J. B. PIERCE Capt, AGD Adjutant

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