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Incident 205
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Date of Observation 17 Feb 49 Date of Interview 17 March 49

Observer (s)

Location of Observation 35° 5' North - 106° 35' West (Albuquerque, N.M.)

Location of Observer Outside Heights section of Albuquerque

Light conditions Light

Number of objects one

Appearance Too large for Plane - About as long near end of observation as one lunar diameter

Color of object Brilliant White, shifting to peach color as it climbed

Shape of object Appeared round at first, then shifted to an ellipse, & gradually lengthening until length was ten times width.

n/s due to variations as object approached and rapid climb at end.

n/s

Direction West to East then North a little, then a sharp climb to South.

At least 6 minutes

No actual trail, but object became elongated

Self-luminous

Path Came straight in from West, then a slight climbing turn to North, then a sharp climbing turn to South.

Visibility until invisible. Faded from view or else diminished in brilliance until

no clouds in sky

Appearance Appeared spherical at first, then became elongated. As the object turned, it bent around the corners, similar in appearance at the turns to a piece of bent pipe.

Cloudless sky, light not quite all gone from Western sky.

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Marvin May

University of New Mexico

Prof. Civil Engineering, Studies and works in the field of meteoritics.

Very Intelligent man, past experience in meteoritics make his observation even more valuable.

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Date of Observation 17 Feb 49 Date of Interview 16 March 49

Approx 1800 hours

35° 07' North - 107° 47' West 2 21
Near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ground

Light

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Larger than a Meteor

White Light

Oval

not stated

225° Southwest

Vertical climb, then leveled off to a gradual ascent to the South

none noticed

Faint trail of smoke, same color as body of object, lasted for several seconds.

Self luminous

Vertical climb, then leveled off to gradual climb to the South.

Went out suddenly

Clear, slight trace of light remaining in Western Sky.

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Herman Wilcox, Green Oil Co.
Grants, New Mexico

Truck Driver, Former Police Officer and Guard
at Wingate Ordnance Depot.

Said to be sober, fairly intelligent person by Amos Leach,
Chief of Police, Grants, New Mexico

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UNIDENTIFIED AREA REPORT

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Incident #

1. Date of observation: **17 Feb 1949** Date of interview: **16 March 1949**

2. Exact time of observation (local): **Approximately 1800 hours**

3. Place of observation: **35 deg 07 min N**
(Map Coordinates) **107 deg 47 min W**
Approximation within 2 min

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
At Chief's Rancho, Highway 66, outdoors.

5. What attracted attention to object: **Light**

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: **One**

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, fist or fist at arm length): **Larger than a meteor.**

8. Color of object: **White Light**

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Oval

10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° as horizon, or overhead): **N/S**

11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north):
Southwest; approximately 225 degrees.

12. Distance from observer (if based on sound, flash, etc., say what object appeared to be): **N/S**

13. Direction of flight of object(s): **Vertical climb, then leveled off to a gradual ascent to the south.**

14. Line in sight: **N/S**

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): **N/S**

16. Sound and odor: **None**

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17. **Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.):**
Faint trail of smoke; same color as body of object, lasted "Several seconds"
18. **Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):**
Self-luminous
19. **Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):**
None
20. **Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):**
Vertical climb, then leveled off to gradual climb to south.
21. **Manner of disappearance:** **Just went out suddenly.**
22. **Effect on clouds:** **No clouds in area.**
23. **Additional information concerning object:** **None.**
24. **Weather, conditions and light at time of sighting:**
Clear, slight trace of light remaining in western sky.
- Name and address of observer:** **Herman Wilcox, Green Oil Co, Grants, New Mexico**
- Occupation and hobbies:** **Truck driver. Former police officer and guard at Wingate Ordnance Depot.**
- Comments of Interpreter relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):**
Said to be sober, fairly intelligent person by Amos Leach, Chief of Police, Grants, New Mexico.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

IDENTIFIED AREA OBJECT

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1. Date of observation 17 Feb 1949 Date of interview 17 March 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) _____
3. Place of observation: 35 deg 5 Min N
(Map Coordinates) 106 deg 35 Min W
4. Position of observer (air, car, fldr, location of - "iv. details":
Outside in heights section of Albuquerque, New Mexico
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or
fist at arm's length): Too large for plane -- about as long near
end of observation as one lunar diameter.
8. Color of object: Brilliant white, shifting to peach color as it climbed.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Appeared round at first; then shifted to an ellipse, gradually lengthening
until length was ten times width.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° as horizon, 90°
overhead): N/S due to variation as object approached and rapid
climb at end.
11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north):
N/S (taken by LaPas)
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, Map, etc., or which way
appeared to be): Not ascertainable
13. Direction of flight of object (s): West to East; then North a little;
then a sharp climb to South.
14. Time in sight: At least six (6) minutes.
15. Speed (time to cover given number degrees):
N/S
16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

No actual trail, but object became elongated.

18. Luminescence (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Self-luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Came straight in from west; then a slight climbing turn to North; then a sharp climbing turn to South.

21. Manner of disappearance: **Kept going out of sight, or else diminished in brilliance until invisible.**

22. Effect on clouds: **No clouds in sky.**

23. Additional information concerning object: **Appeared spherical at first; then became elongated. As the object turned, it bent around the corners, similar in appearance at the turns to a piece of bent pipe.**

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: **Cloudless sky; light not quite all gone from western sky.**

Name and address of observer: **Marvin May, University of New Mexico.**

Occupation and hobbies: **Professor of Civil Engineering. Studies and works in field of meteoritics.**

Comments of interviewer relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Very intelligent man; past experience in meteoritics makes his observation even more valuable.

Did observer wear glasses, especially refractive glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent medium?

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File 24-43

Subj: Unknown Aerial Phenomena

Time: 1757 17 Feb 49

Location: West of Albuquerque

Altitude: 6000 above horizon

Color: red yellow

Time under observation: 10 minutes

Shape: elliptical

Size: Length - diameter of moon
Depth: 1/3 diameter of full moon

Direction: West to East circular

Remarks: Made definite turn to south

Observers: Civil Engineering Professor, ...
Mary Harde Landis base instructor officer of base

...sensitive information concerned. Scientific personnel and equipment
unavailable this office. ... only consultant engaged full time
academically Univ. New Mexico. Request assistance and/or advice. Please reply.

Translation of wire

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