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

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File No: (24-8)-22

15 March 1950

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Fireball Sighted at Los Alamos, New Mexico,
at 1555 hours, 25 February 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this office relative to observations of unidentified aerial phenomena.
2. Attached is one copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent CRISTINO B. GRIEGO, this office, dated 7 March 1950, subject as above.
3. Investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena is continuing in this office and copies of all future reports regarding observations of this nature will be forwarded for your information.

1 Incl:
Rpt of Inv, 7 Mar 50

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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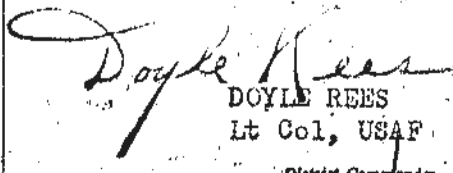
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 148-22	DATE 7 March 1950
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS Fireball Sighted at Los Alamos, New Mexico, at 1555 hours, 25 February 1950		REPORT MADE BY S/A CRISTINO B. GRIEGO	REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland Air Force Base
		PERIOD 6 March 1950	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland Air Force Base
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unidentified Aerial Objects		STATUS CLOSED	
REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949 and OSI Hq File No. 24-185			
SYNOPSIS <p>Atomic Energy Security Service Inspectors R.R. BRAGG, W. D. BURKE, MARCUS BUTLER, H. A. ELLIOTT, R. J. FAUTEN, F.A. FLEEM, H. HELD, P. C. PIERCE, J. G. QUEENSBERRY, J. SHERLOCK, R. E. ST. CLAIR and C. WOLFENBERGER, all of Los Alamos, New Mexico, sighted and observed an unusual aerial object over Los Alamos, New Mexico, between the hours of 1545 and 1555, on 25 February 1950. Information submitted herewith was submitted to this office by Lt Col JOHN A. CARROLL, Chief Inspector, Atomic Energy Security Service, Los Alamos, New Mexico, on 27 February 1950.</p>			
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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation is predicated upon AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

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2. The following is information received from Lt Col JOHN A. CARROLL, Chief Inspector, Los Alamos, New Mexico, which was received by him from observers R.R. BRAGG, W.D. BURKE, MARCUS BUTLER, H.A. ELLIOTT, R.J. FAUTEK, H. HELD, P.O. PIERCE, J.G. QUEENSBERRY, J. SHERLOCK, R.E. ST. CLAIR, and C. WOLFENBERGER, all of Los Alamos, New Mexico:

- a. Date of sighting: 25 February 1950
- b. Time of sighting: 1545 - 1555 hours
- c. Point of observation: Tech area - 340 West Road, Section II
- d. Direction of object from observer: Varied from North to South, North East to South West, East to West.
- e. Distance of object from observer: Varied from 4 to 20 miles
- f. Angle of elevation from horizon: 30° - 35°
- g. Direction of flight: Came out of clouds heading toward ground.
- h. Time in sight: 3 seconds to 2 minutes.
- i. Number of objects: One
- j. Shape of object: Circular; or like a plane fuselage - tapered fore and aft.
- k. Projections and/or indentations: None
- l. Apparent construction: Unknown
- m. Apparent means of support and/or propulsion: Not visible
- n. Size of object: Varies from "Unknown" to "That of a small airplane"
- o. Luminosity of object: Bright and glaring
- p. Color of object: Silver and flashing
- q. Sound: None
- r. Odor: None
- s. Speed: From very slow to very fast
- t. Evidence of trail or exhaust: None
- u. Effect on clouds: None
- v. Tactics or maneuvers: Fluttering, wobbling or oscillating motion.
- w. Manner of disappearance: Faded from view
- x. What attracted attention to object: Blinking or reflection of light
- y. Additional remarks of observers: Object seemed to be able to change course and to slow down and accelerate.

3. All logical leads have been concluded.

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