1 - 15 MAY 1964 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
May	Newark, New Jersey	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
May	Munhall, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
1	30.20N 176.00W (Pacific)	Military Air	Satellite
1	Mehlville, Missouri	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS/JUPITE
1	North Carver, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
1	Las Vegas, Nevada	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Balloon
3	35.10N 174.40W (Pacific)	Military Air	Satellite
3	Canberra, Australia	[redacted]	1. Satellite 2. Astro (STAR)
4	Des Plaines, Illinois	[redacted]	Aircraft
4	Boise, Idaho	Multiple Civilians	Other (FLARE)
4	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	Military	Astro (VENUS)
5	Savannah, Georgia	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	Middletown, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
5	Outlook,Montana	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
5	Toledo, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
5	43.10N 174.00W(Pacific)	Military Air	Satellite
DR 6	Yellow Springs, Ohio	[redacted] (PHYS SPEC)	Other (Part of B-57
8	Red Feather Lakes, Colorado	[redacted]	Satellite
9	Huntsville, Alabama	[redacted]	Other (CONFLICTING
9	Ashville, North Carolina	Multiple Civilian	Other (MISINTERPRET OF CONVENTIONAL OBJ
9	Chicago, Illinois	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
10	Warrensville Heights, Ohio	[redacted]	Satellite
11	Kettering, Ohio	[redacted]	Aircraft
11	21.50N 153.30W (Pacific)	Civilian Air	Other (FLARES)
13	Newman, Texas/Carlsbad, New Mexico	Military Air & Ground	Astro (BETELGEUX)
13	Denver, Colorado	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
14	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
15	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
15	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Satellite

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Summer	Skokie, Illinois	Form 164	
May	Euclid, Ohio	Newsclipping	
1	Walsenburg, Colorado	Newsclipping	
2	Sumner, New Mexico	[redacted] (Ltr)	
2	Shamokin, Pennsylvania	Newsclipping	
3	Mentor, Ohio	Newsclipping	
5	Pretoria, South Africa	Newsclipping	
6	Dublin, Ireland	Newsclipping	
7	Hillsborough, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
8	Southern New Mexico	Newsclipping	
9	Mogadore, Ohio	Newsclipping	
11-12	Grangeville, Idaho	Newsclipping	
12	Sussex, England	Newsclipping	
13	Rio Vista, California	Newsclipping	
13	Bedfordshire, England	Newsclipping	
14	Meadowbrook, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
15	Geneva, Ohio	Newsclipping	
15	Ashtabula, Ohio	Newsclipping	

NARRATIVE OF SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO SIGHTING, 24 APRIL 1964

Shortly after 5:30 pm on Friday, 24 April 1964 Sgt Lonnie Zamora of the Socorro Police Department was chasing a speeding auto North on U S 85 in the line of duty. While in pursuit he heard a roar and saw flames in an area where a dynamite shack was known to be located. He abandoned chase of the auto and proceeded to where he thought an explosion had occurred. In order to reach this spot he had to travel a little-used road over several hills and gullies. After two or three efforts to drive his car up a gravel-covered incline he reached a crest where the object was visible. At this point, 800 ft from the object, he observed what he thought to be a car overturned and standing on its end. There were one or two objects described as coveralls which he assumed to be occupants of the vehicle. He radioed in to police headquarters that he was proceeding to investigate a 10-74 (auto accident). Proceeding up the road to a point about 150 ft from the gully where the object was, he stopped the car, got out, and headed toward the object. The object was on girderlike legs, white (not chrome) and egg shaped or oval. As he approached the object there were some noises and flame and smoke began to come from the bottom of the vehicle. The noise increased from low pitch to high pitch, was different from that of a jet or helo and not like anything Sgt Zamora had ever heard. The flame was blue like a welders torch, turning to orange or yellow at the ends. Thinking that the object was going to explode he became frightened. The time was approximately 1745 (1 1/2 hours before sunset), the sun was to his back, slightly to the right. He turned, ran back to get behind the police car, bumping his leg and losing his glasses on the way. He crouched down, shielding his eyes with his arm while the noise continued for another 10 seconds. At this time the noise stopped and he looked up. The object had risen to a point about 15-20 ft above the ground and the flame and smoke had ceased to come from the object. The object had a red marking about 1 ft or maybe 18 inches in height, shaped like a crescent with a vertical arrow and horizontal line underneath. The object hovered in this spot for several seconds and then flew off in a SW direction following the contour of the gully. It cleared the dynamite shack by not more than 3 ft. He watched the object disappear in the distance over a point on Highway 85 about 6 miles from where he was standing. The object took about 3 minutes to travel that far. Disappearance was by fading in the distance and at no time did he observe the object to rise more than 20 ft off the ground.

While proceeding to the location when the object was assumed to be an auto Sgt Zamora was in radio contact with police headquarters. The State Police use the same network and his call was monitored by Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. Sgt Zamora attempted

to direct Sgt Chavez to the location while he was driving toward the object. Sgt Chavez took the wrong road, and was, in fact heading in the opposite direction for part of the time and would not have been in a position to see the object. He arrived at the point where Sgt Zamora was parked about three minutes after the object had disappeared. Sgt Zamora was pale and upset at what he had witnessed. Sgt Chavez was skeptical of the situation and proceeded to where Zamora had observed the object. Here he found the marks and burns. Smoke appeared to be coming from a bush which was burned but no flame or coals were visible. Sgt Chavez broke a limb from the bush and it was cold to the touch. The marks were fresh and no other marks were in the area. Diagonals of the four impressions interesect in a perpendicular and the major distance seems to be approximately 13 ft. Sgt Chavez secured the area and contacted local military authorities. This resulted in the investigation of the sighting.

Memo, from Capt Quintanilla, 27 April 1964

TO: Colonel de Jonckheere

At 0715, 26 April, when I reported for duty as OD, I was informed by Major Sameshima, 25 April OD, that he had received a UFO report via telephone at 2130 EST, 25 April, from the 1005th Special Investigation Group, Washington, D C. The UFO report had been received by the 1005th from Lt Col King, CID, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lt Col King had read about the sighting in the local newspaper and had also been provided data by the FBI. The FBI was informed of the sighting by the New Mexico State Police. The New Mexico State Police arrived at the scene at approximately 1728 MST and three minutes after the object took off with a roar and disappeared to the West. The witness claims that he saw a ball shaped object approximately 15 feet long and two white objects which resembled white coveralls. When the Army at White Sands heard of the incident, they roped off the area and the FBI in Albuquerque proceded to the ara. They confirmed that "something" had been there and the army took soil samples of 4" x 5" impressions which were found where the alleged vehicle had landed. The impressions appeared to be burned and the surround area was clean.

At 0330, 26 April, Col Cole from the Air Force Command Post called to see if any follow up action had been taken. At 0430 26 April, Col Harris from the Emergency Action Group, JCS communications Center called and wanted additional details, especially names. At 0530 26 April, Col Perkins from the Air Force Command Post called and suggested we get in touch with Capt Holden from White Sands, at 0728 26 April, I placed a call to the OD at Kirkland and asked him to locate Sgt Moody for me. Sgt Moody is presently on TDY at Kirkland on Project Cloud Gap. At 0945 Sgt Moody called and I asked him to get together with the UFO reporting officer at Kirkland and investigate the sighting. At 1125 Major Connor, Kirland UFO reporting officer, and Sgt Moody called and I suggested the manner in which they should conduct the investigation and the people whom they should contact. Major Connor and Sgt Moody left for White Sands after my phone call equipped with a Geiger Counter.

At 2135 I received a telephone call from Sgt Moody who was now back at Kirkland. Major Connor and Sgt Moody had talked with the witness Lonnie Zamora. Mr Zamora is the Soccorro, New Mexico Deputy Marshall. He uses the same radio frequency as the New Mexico State Police and that is the reason the New Mexico State Police arrived at the scene as fast as they did. Mr Zamora called the New Mexico State Police over his radio when he was scared by the vehicle. At his closest observation, he was 103 feet from the object. Major Connor and Sgt Moody measured the area of alleged landing for radiation - no radiation was present. Photos of the area were taken and will be on the way 27 April.

Sgt Sam Charez of the New Mexico State Police was interviewed by Major Connor and Sgt Moody. He could add little to the investigation except that he arrived at the scene about three minutes after the incident happened and that Mr Zamora was scared.

Major Connor's formal report will be on the way on 27 April. He will include copies of Lt Col Kings report, the FBI report, and possibly the soil analysis report if he receives it in time, otherwise it will come later.

At the present time we don't know what it was, but Major Conner and Sgt Moody are still checking. They'll check out the Helicopter activity today.

When Sgt Moody called, he was getting ready to accompany Lt Col King on another alleged sighting. Everybody wants to get into the Act!

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Captain, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch

Summary of UFO Report received by phone on 25 April 1964:

Caller: Captain Theodore W. Cuny, 1005th Special Investigation Group, Wash.

Called at 2130 EST, 25 April

Call received by OD (Maj K S Sameshima)

UFO data was received by Capt Cuny from a Lt Col King, Counter Intelligence Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who in turn read about it in the lodal newspaper and also was provided data by the FBI.

The alleged UFO sighting took place at about 1800 MST on 24 April. The object allegedly was witnessed in a rural area on the Stallion Range Center, Cocorro, New Mexico.

The alleged witness was a reputable local police officer by the name of Lonnie Damora. Damora was chasing a speeding motorist when he saw the bbject from the road at a distance of about 200 feet. He claims to have seen two men in white overalls get into the silver colored foot-ball shaped object about 15 feet long. The vehicle allegedly took off with a roar, rose to an altitude of 20 feet and disappeared rapidly to the west.

Upon being informed of this, the Army (a Captain R T Holder of White Sands) roped off the area. Also the FBI at Albuburque proceeded to the area, and allegedly confirmed that "something" had been there. They reportedly found 4"x5" impressions in the ground somewhat like stand legs; the impressions appeared burned--none of the other area appeared to be burned.m The newspaper stated that the Army took soil samples.

The above is all Capt Cuny could report.

It is sugested that Lt Col King, Albuquerque 268-2107 be contacted for proper questioning of Lonnie Damora.

26 April

0330 Col Cole, AF Com. Post called - wanted to know if there is any follow-up action being taken on call last nite to LT. Contact.

0430 Col Harris, Emerg. Action Gp, JCS Com Ctr called -- wanted additional details, esp. names.

0530 Col Perkins, AF Com Post called - suggested we touch base with Capt Holden
835-1385
thru SCAN White Sands

Damora interviewed by Sgt Chavez, New Mexico State Police

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TDEW/UFO

UFO Sighting Socorro, New Mexico 14 May 1964

Test Support Officer (Col K. Young)
Test Hqs, Project Cloud Gap
NAS, Los Alamitos, California

1. The Pictorial Branch of the Secretary of the Air Force Informative Office has been overwhelmed by queries regarding an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) which was sighted on 24 April 1964 in the Socorro, New Mexico area. People have been asking the President, their Congressman, and the Secretary of the Air Force for an explanation of this sighting.

2. The object which was observed in Socorro, New Mexico exhibited the characteristics of a helicopter or a vehicle which has the characteristics of a VTO. In this respect, you or one of your people might be able to help us find the answer to this riddle. Any information which you might be able to supply will be appreciated. Colonel Moss from AFX-PD-PA has informed us that Project Cloud Gap might have had some activity in the Socorro Area on 24 April 1964. The activity could have been planned, authorized, unauthorized or it could have been a vehicle which strayed from its flight plan. Our interest lies in finding an explanation for the sighting and not what the vehicle was doing in the Socorro area.

3. It is most urgent that we receive a reply as soon as possible. Feel free to call the Aerial Phenomena Branch, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ext 69216/66378 as soon as you have any positive or negative information.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA JR
Captain, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena
Branch

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Resume of Socorro Sighting

M/R: On 18 May 1964 TSgt Moody called Mr Opal Grinder at 835-9916 in Socorro New Mexico regarding the article appearing in the Socorro ElDefansor & Chieftan concerning an additional witness to the Zamora sighting. Mr Grinder manages the Whting Brothers Service Station. He could give no information other than that appearing inthe newspaper article. He did not remember the type of car or license. He assumed that the occupant was going or returning from vacation, due to luggage and clothing in the car. The car ~~was~~had a single occupant. He stated that the witness said the object came from the East over the highway and had remarked about the low altitude and odd appearance of the craft.

He will be on the look out in case the witness returns to Socorro.

M/R: Capt Quintanilla contacted the FTD liaison office at Holloman AFB regarding the Socorro sighting and requested that he, Maj Mitchell make discreet inquiry as to a possible vehicle which may have caused the sighting.

During the latter part of May Lt Col Conkey visited W-P AFB, and at this time informed Capt Quintanilla that he had no knowledge of a vehicle at White Sands capable of causing the sighting as described by Lonnie Zamora.

TDEW/Capt H Quintanilla/69216

Request for Identification of Markings 27 May 64

FAA Control Systems Division
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir,

The attached marking has been observed and reported to the USAF in connection with an unidentified flying object sighting at Socorro, New Mexico. The Air Force is investigating the case and identification of this marking would assist in determining the cause of the sighting. The marks were estimated to be about one foot to eighteen inches in height, colored red. Any assistance which you may offer will be greatly appreciated. The attached TWX indicates the high level of interest in this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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1. Marking
2. TWX

Excerpt from letter J Douglas Stewart

"With reference to the marking of U.S. X A/C, the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 14, Pars 1-19, has some very specific things to say about how our A/C must be marked, experimental and otherwise. Also, a ~~x~~ civilian firm must apply for an Experimental Certificate on Form ACA-305 (Para. 1.74-1) ..... and 3-D drawings of the A/C. As I'm sure you know ....~~x~~ FAA's Control Systems Division in Oklahoma City. "

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AIR MAIL

Eric T. de Jonckheere
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems
Air Force Systems Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of May 27, 1964, we are unable to furnish any information as to the type markings you submitted for our examination.

United States registration markings for civil aircraft are preceded by the alpha "N" followed by one-to-five digits, one-to-four digits followed by one letter, or one-to-three digits followed by two letters, displayed in twelve-inch characters. We have no knowledge of any particular country using symbols as reference to their registration.

If we may be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jay H. Moody, Manager
Control Systems
Data Establishment

PROJECT CLOUD GAP
TEST HEADQUARTERS
U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION
Los Alamitos, California

IN REPLY REFER TO:
CG-12/ojk
20 May 1964

Captain Hector Quintanilla Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Captain Quintanilla,

Reference is made to my phone call this morning. I have talked to Major Casper who was the Cloud Gap Field Operations Officer at Albuquerque, based at Kirtland AFB, during the time this incident took place. Cloud Gap operations were conducted in an area about a hundred miles north of Socorro, New Mexico. Cloud Gap personnel did not have any equipment nor special clothing which could possibly be related to the description provided by police officer Lonnie Zamora.

Since certain aerial surveillance flights were being conducted by Navy aircraft, RA 5C's, in the area in question, a check on such flights revealed none were flown on 24 April 1964 in connection with Cloud Gap.

We have no information on this sighting other than that provided by your SGT MOODY who was a participant on our project and that picked up from the newspapers.

I have enclosed an article found in the Los Angeles Time of 20 May which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Young

KENNETH A. YOUNG
Colonel, USAF

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46 OFFICIAL CASES, 25 Apr - 17 May 64. 5 CASES of sightings in 1963 or early 1964 reported subsequent to Socorro Sightings

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AREA

25 Apr	Socorro	Unidentified Observer	Rotaing Navigation Beacon
26 Apr	LaMadera	Gallegos	Fire in dump
27 Apr	Edgewood, N Mexico	Adams	Hoax
28 Apr	Albuquerque	Sharon Stull	Dr Report, Conjunctivitis caused by dust wind, etc

(Also reports of ECHO, Venus and night photo missions accounted for 10-15 other reports answered by phone at local level, Sgt Moody and Major Conner's, and no formal reports turned in.)

OTHER REPORTS

19-25 Apr	Miles City, Montana	Insufficient Data
22 Apr	Wasinee, Wisc (Reported 28 Apr)	ECHO I
25-26 Apr	Phoenix, Arizona (w/Photos)	A/C (Photo Mission)
28 Apr	Miamisburg, Ohio	Venus
28 Apr	Minot AFB, South Dakota (w/Radar)	A/C
28-29 Apr	San Jose, Calif	Balloon
29 Apr	Pacific	Satellite
30 Apr	San Jose, Calif	Venus
Early May	Ashville, North Carolina (Multiple)	Other (Misinterpretation of Conventional objects)
1 May	Mahlville, Mo	Venus
1 May	St George, Utah (Film/no object)	Balloon
1 May	Pacific	Prob Satellite
1 May	North Carver, Mass	Venus
4 May	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	1. Venus 2. Balloon
4 May	Boise, Idaho	Flares
5 May	Middletown, Ohio	Venus
6 May	Outlook, Montana	Hoax
6 May	Yellow Springs, Ohio (Phs Spec)	Part of Crashed B57
6 May	Savannah, Georgia	A/C
6 May	Pacific	Satellite
8 May	Ft Collins, Colorado	ECHO I
9 May	Chicago, Ill	Meteor
10 May	Warrensville Heights, Ohio	ECHO I
11 May	Hawaii	Flares
11 May	Kettering, Ohio	A/C
13 May	Denver, Colorado	(Pending)
13 May	Caresbad, New Mexico	Astro (SXar/Planet)
14 May	Dayton, Ohio	Venus
15 May	Dayton, Ohio	ECHO
15 May	Dayton, Ohio	Balloon
16 May	Dayton, Ohio	A/C
16 May	Dayton, Ohio	Insuff/Data
17 May	Canton - Akron, Ohio	A/C
17 May	Wilmington, Ohio	Insuff Data

Sent to Hale 20 May 64

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THE FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO THE AIR FORCE AND MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO SIGHTING:

1. 26,Apr 64, Grants,New Mexico sighting of a large white light shining down and illuminating the terrain and also criss crossing US Route 66 was caused by an a/c on a Low Level Photo Reconnaissance Mission or Project Cloud Gap. Incidentally the photos which the observer claims he took with the camera did not come out.

2. 28 Apr 64, Santa Cruz Mountain Range sighting has been evaluated as a balloon and a sighting by the same observers, but at a later time in the day, has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

3. 28 Apr 64, Miamisburg, Ohio sighting has been evaluated as a searchlight.

4. 1 May 64, St Louis, Mo sighting has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

5. 1 May 64, St George, Utah sighting has been evaluated as a balloon.

6. 2 May 64, North Carver, Massachusetts has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

7. 4 May 64, Clovis, New Mexico multiple sighting has been evaluated as a balloon.

8. 5 May 64, Boise, Idaho sighting has been evaluated as a flare.

9. 5 May 64, Middletown, Ohio sighting has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

10. 6 May 64, Glasgow, Montana sighting has been evaluated as possibly [illegible]. We can't say for sure that it is Venus because they failed to tell us how long they observed the object.

11. 6 May 64, Savannah, Georgia, sighting has been evaluated as a balloon.

Venus - 2, 2 questionable 10.

SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO 24 Apr 64

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RETURN TO:

Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: [illegible] Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO 24 Apr 64

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RETURN TO:

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Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: [illegible] Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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29 April 1965

Dr. Donald Menzel
Mrs. Lyle Boyd
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Don and Lyle:

At long last I am prepared to make a reply to your letter of February 19.

I am also enclosing a piece of the identical type of cardboard originally picked up by me at the landing site. The only difference between this cardboard and the one that I picked up and turned into the Air Force is that the original piece had charred edges which may or may not have had any connection with the alleged landing. But that it was charred I will attest to. This sort of cardboard gets caught under many of the bushes in that area. As you know the winds there can get very high in the windy season, and you not only see tumbleweeds batting across the country, but papers, old lunch boxes, packing crates, etc. also merrily batting along. These get wedged in under the bushes and stay there to weather sometimes for a year or more, I would judge. This cardboard, as you can see, has plainly been weathered quite some time and is hardly the kind that would have been used to fake a model of a spaceship.

I should mention that I discussed this whole matter with Major Quintanilla, and he and I are in agreement on what follows.

In my visit to Socorro, I determined that Zamora had been urged by the Mayor to get into the movie and that he himself had been rather reluctant to do so. The movie is due to have its world premiere in Socorro, and I am hoping to get down to see it!

I don't think we can say too much about the flame which could be pretty subjective. A swirl of dust, etc. might from the distance have been interpreted as a flame. As far as smoke or a burning bush, etc., I couldn't get anyone to say at this time that they had seen smoke or that anything was burning. Chavez insisted only on the fact that a greasewood bush appeared to be charred in spots or rather seared and that the searing was highly localized. Greasewood is notoriously hard to ignite, and a match or ordinary flame held to it hardly affects it. Chavez said that the burns appeared as though intense but localized flames had seared the grass and the ushes, but remarked that right next to a seared portion he found portions quite untouched. Again, I don't know how much credence can be placed on all the burning bush, etc. I think we must go to other major points.

The hoax hypothesis is, of course, one that suggests itself immediately. It is Quintanilla's and my opinion that both Chavez and FBI agent Byrnes must have been in on the hoax if we adopt the hoax hypothesis. They testified that there were no tracks in the immediate neighborhood and so that the hoaxsters must themselves have arrived and left by balloon! Had it been a hoax, certainly some paraphernalia should have been left around if the pranksters beat a hasty retreat. These gentlemen said that nothing of that short was found.

The wind was blowing strongly from the south, yet the object was reported to have gone on directly west. This would hardly fit a balloon, unless, of course, the directions are wrong. I questioned and requestioned the people on this point and couldn't shake them from that.

Pranksters could have hidden behind the knoll directly to the south, particularly had they lain prone. The dynamite shack is too small and too far away to have risked hiding behind it.

Opal Grinder does have a highsschool student working for him, and I talked with him at length. Teenagers generally hate Zamora's guts, but it was added that they hate all "fuzz" and that if they wanted to get even with Zamora, they would simply beat him up or do something more direct, like letting the air out of his tires or something with immediate results rather than resort to an involved hoax. Opal Grinder, of course, would have to be in on the hoax, also. He again told me the story of the tourist who said that he had sighted a strange object crossing directly in front of him on the road and landing in the gully, and toward which an instant or so later, he saw a police car going. I checked out the time on that, and it fits. Opal Grinder's wife was just preparing to get to the bank before it closed at six (apparently she takes the week's loot to the bank on Friday's just before they close). The sighting as you know, was supposedly at 5:45 P. M.

Some of the high school students do have walkies-talkies, but the hoax hypothesis does involve Chavez, Opal Grinder, and FBI agent Byrnes; the reported tourist would have to be mythical.

Zamora knew exactly where the dynamite shack was, because this is precisely why he left the road when he heard the noise. He thought there had been an explosion in the dynamite shack.

The dynamite shack does not stand on legs as I have inspected it closely and have taken photographs. The shack and the reported UFO must be considered distinct.

Furthermore, I doubt very much whether a hoax could have been kept secret this long. If a hoax comes off well, perpetrators like to gloat abit, and there would have been no point about getting even with Zamora if they couldn't have gotten some kudos out of it. La Paz once told me of an instance in which some college students wanted to get even with a geology professor so they planted a "meteorite" and contrived an explosion at some distant part of the state, and had this poor professor running around ragged chasing a meteorite. The perpetrators, however, were caught and expelled from school because they simply couldn't keep their secret. They "confided" to friends who in turn confided to others, and there you are.

But waiving all that aside, the things that would seem to militate against a hoax are the fact that no tracks coming to or going from the region were found, minutes after the sighting occurred; paraphernalia was not located, again within minutes; Chavez and the FBI agent would have to have been in on the hoax; and finally, the object took off crosswind. Paraphernalia I refer to would have been ropes, launching equipment, gas tanks, etc. which would have been difficult to dispose of in a few minutes and certainly without making any tracks. You say "the whole thing could have easily been planned to come off as it did." I think otherwise; itwwould have been quite difficult to have a thing like this come off, even as to the original timing. Zamora did not have a regular patrol route so his approximate whereabouts would not be known at a given time. I questioned Chavez on this, and Zamora patrols the whole town in an unscheduled fashion. By the way, there is no local UFO club. The fake UFO would have had to have been rather sizable since it looked to Zamora like an overturned car, upended, first off from a considerable distance.

You suggest that when Zamora's car crested the hill, the hoaxers triggered another blast of flame and released the UFO, and ran like hell. The terrain is such that when a car crests the hill, it suddenly comes upon the site. There simply would not have been time to wait until this happened to release the UFO and then hide; not unless there were elaborate ropes and wires running over some distance on the ground. As long as Zamora wears his glasses, his eyesight is good, and you must remember that he did not lose the glasses until after he saw the flame and thought the object was about to explode.

Your suggestion that we re-enact the event is more difficult than you think. I have not yet discovered how to make a balloon go off cross-wind or to wait to release it and cause an explosion until someone was just one hundred feet away from me, and then disappear and hide "instantaneously." If the purported balloon release had been by means of delay mechanism, with the hoaxsters having had time to hide, then the release mechanism or some parts of it would have been left behind as tell-tale evidence.

Zamora is having his troubles: the boys he picks up are rather direct. Zamora stopped a teenage speeder, and the kid fired back at Zamora, "What are you giving me a ticket for? Don't you know a flying saucer might come down on you any minute?" You may say that this strengthens the hoax hypothesis, but on the other hand it is a perfectly natural remark for kids to make to a man held up to ridicule for having "seen things."

I come back also to the trenchant fact that Zamora was a thoroughly scared person. Chavez has remarked this to me a number of times; that never in his long association with Zamora has he seen him in anything at all approaching the state he was in when Chavez joined him. I honestly don't think a small gas-filled balloon carrying a cardboard spaceship could have frightened a gruff, practical type like Zamora who is used to accidents, bloodshed, fights, and even murders. We all seem to agree that Zamora saw something that really and truly frightened him.

It seems much more likely to me that he saw a strange test craft which is super secret. The flaws in this reasoning are that if it is so super secret why would anyone be landing a half mile south of a town. Why, also, have we been unable to unearth from various agencies any classified clues as to such goings-on?

The year 1964 had fifteen other unidentified cases besides Zamora's. I investigated two others, one a very interesting incident which occurred to two graduate students in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin along with their mother-in-law and their kid sister. They were "buzzed" by some strange craft; after talking with them for nearly two hours, I came away still puzzled. A radio announcer in Toledo, Ohio, who when leaving the station at night, saw a similar array of lights hover in a wheat field by the side of the road he was walking on.

There is no question that a mighty folklore is being built up in this whole field. Someday, it might be worthwhile to document all this for the benefit of historians who will look back on this era. I believe I have found one generalization which, being a generalization, is subject to all the ills of generalizations, but be that as it may: the people who believe in flying saucers are generally distinct from those people who report them. This is Hynek's Axiom No. 1 and is as full of holes as Swiss cheese, but it has struck me many times that the "believers" are so thoroughly wishful in their thinking that they just don't need any personal experience to bolster their faith. Any newspaper clipping or any rumor is all the fuel they need. They have their fan clubs, and their meetings as they get a cheap thrill out of vilifying the Air Force and in "gee-whizzing" each other.

On the other hand, the rest of the reports of UFO's that I have come across are from people who have had little contact with UFO material previously, remain skeptical even though they have had an experience that they can't understand, and are generally quite reticent about saying anything about it at first. Very frequently they are articulate and solid citizens, and, in talking to them, one gathers that they wish the whole thing hadn't happened to them. Time and again, they will write to ask that I please tell them what they saw, or they will write "I don't ever want to see anything like this again." They do not join UFO Clubs after their experience and generally do not care to talk about the experience. When they do make the mistake of talking about it, they find that ridicule is their reward, and although I can't document it, I feel certain that their social life is affected and that even jobs and promotions have been lost by their having reported their experiences in the first place.

It is reports such as these that constitute the phenomenon to which I feel more attention should be paid. It is easy to dismiss the cases of birds, balloons, meteors, and the like, but when good citizens of average or better than average intelligence, and above all, sincere citizens report something puzzling, I think we have some sort of social obligation to do as good a job on it as we can. I don't like a mystery any more than you do and these series of "unidentifieds" down the years I regard as rather a blot on the escutcheon. Somehow, as scientists, we should be able to (if we are given the opportunity) come up with answers that would stand up in court, but I am still somewhat of a voice crying in the wilderness in this respect. The Air Force is no primarily a scientific organization, and its concern in these

matters is to determine whether UFO reports contain any hostile elements. If they do not, it is not in the Air Force charter, so to speak, to conduct lengthy investigations as to the nature of the stimulus that gave rise to the report.

Of course, I have come to regard all this as rather a hobby; there is such a delicious variety of reports and of the people making them. As long as it does not take too much time, I enjoy talking to people who have made the reports and, of course, waste no time on them as soon as I discover they are off the beam. But take these two graduate students in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin: they live in a typical sort of house that young married graduate students live in, with some avant-garde paintings and a scattering of New Yorkers and the ubiquitous hi-fi set. They are people that you and I know and have associated most of our lives. I honestly would like to be able to give their case the time I think it deserves. This would mean not only re-enacting the crime with them and visiting the locale of the sighting under similar temporal and meteorlogical conditions, but it might involve house-to-house canvass of people in the area. You made mention in your letter that "had the sighting been related to a bank robbery or murder some rather obvious clues might have been better followed." I heartily agree. If a good UFO case were related to a counterfeit or narcotics ring, think of the funds the government would spend in tracking down every possible clue. But I guess that it would be hard to justify the expenditure of taxpayers' money just to satisfy your and my curiosity. Some of the cases that we have classed as "ball lightning" should certainly have been followed up more closely, I think, because as in the Lock Raven Dam case, ball lightning that is several feet in diameter and lasts many minutes might lead to the solution of the magnetic bottle problem! Is it really possible for ball lightning to be so large and to last so long? Naturally, the first thing is to find out whether it really was that large and whether it really did last that long? ~~Naturally, the first thing is to find out whether it really was that large and whether it really did last that long.~~ This could be a full time job!

Vallee's book will be published June 15. I have acceded to his request, somewhat reluctantly, to be quoted on the dust jacket to the effect that his suggestion that UFO's be given indreased scientific attention should be given serious consideration. This is, of course, what I have been saying all along because a mystery makes me uncomfortable, and I don't like to have these unidentified things hanging around, particularly when they are capitalized on by the cultists, etc. I would really like to see a really good report made by several witnesses of good intelligence investigated to the bone and then to have a paper written on the case, much in the manner a M. D. would write up a case study of an extra large goiter or a rare tropical disease. I would like to see them written up as "The Case of the Lighted Bridge" or "The Case of the Toledo Lights" or "The Case of the Baffled Anthropologists." Vallee's book, incidentally, is entitled Anatomy of a Phenomenon and makes for good reading.

Coming back to the Socorro case: I'm sorry that I couldn't have been of any more help. Both Quintanilla and I find it impossible to dismiss it as a hoax unless we have some evidence that there was a hoax. I feel that if it was a hoax, this fact must leak out sooner or later if we keep in touch with some citizens of Socorro over a considerable length of time. Perhaps this is our best means of attacking this particular problem. I am to visit

there at least once a year (on my way to Las Cruces) just to see if anything has turned up. Sometimes confessions come years afterwards.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to seeing both of you in Cambridge this summer. As you may know, we have rented a house at 57 Avon Hill Street. I hope very much that we can spend some pleasant evenings, the three of us, arguing cases.

All is well here. The 24-inch in New Mexico gets delivered in about a month, and construction has started on the 40-inch for the observatory here. Sorry to have been so late in answering your letter, but here it is anyway.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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Report on the Trip to Socorro - Albuquerque - Socorro, March 12-13, 1965

Left Las Cruces 7:45 A. M., Friday, March 12. Arived Socorro 10:30 A. M. and had an immediate conference with Mr. ~~Chet~~ Ted Ralph, Editor of the El Denfensor Chieftan, the Socorro newspaper. Our first subject was the movie that had been made by the Empire Films whose address in Hollywood is 7417 Sunset Blvd., ~~and~~ A name connected with it is Morry Malkin, a phone number is AC 213, 876-6800. Malkin is coming back to Socorro in a few weeks to arrange for the world premiere of the UFO movie in Socorro. This will be a white tie affair probably! Do you think the Air Force official consultant should be present at this world premiere? He does not think so. It would be exciting, but it would also give needless significance and importance to the picture. I think we had at best ignore it.

However, I learned through the grapevine that the picture is to have a Washington, D. C. preview in about three or four weeks and that Senator Symington is interested in it. We had better get Maston Jacks office, or whoever is running the show now, on to this if at all possible. That is one preview that I should attend if at all possible. The scuttlebutt ~~picture~~ has it that the picture contains movies taken in Milan, Italy of a UFO landing with a little man getting out of it. ~~This~~ Rumor has it that the Empire Film Studios paid $40,000 for that Milan, Italy filmstrip. Apparently they have sunk quite a bit of money into this picture and expect to have it shown in many movie houses throughout the country and then shortly thereafter to release it for TV use. The film runs 86 minutes.

I found the situation in Socorro largely unchanged. Zamora is still generally believed, but the current feeling seems to be that there is no question ~~but~~ that he saw something real, but that it was most likely a super-secret device being tested. I was asked many times whether I was really sure that the U. S. government didn't have a super secret project. I pointed out that if this were the case, that it would be unlikely that we would be testing

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

24 April 1964

2. LOCATION

Socorro, New Mexico

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 1745

GMT 25/0045Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes Physical Spec

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

Less than 10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

Stationary, SW or West

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ ☒ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Sighting of landing by Lonnie Zamora.

SEE CASE FILE.

11. COMMENTS

Initially believed to be observation of Lunar module type cofiguration. Effort to date cannot place vehicle at site. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED pending additional data.

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it on a global basis and the UFO phenomenon, apart from the Socorro case, is certainly not limited to the United States.

After these discussions in ~~Texxikoxi~~ the editorial offices, Rajnor and I went out for lunch and asked Sgt. Chaves to join us. While we were waiting for him, I showed Rajnor the letter from Menzel and his comments about parts of it were, "Childish." But we went over it point by point, and likewise Chaves did. Chaves' reaction to the letter was rather strange. He had sort of a resigned, almost pathetic look on his face, and said, "I really feel sorry for Lonnie. He's had to take an awful lot." Then he told of a recent case where Zamora was arresting a kid for speeding, and the kid said, "What do you want to give me a ticket for? Don't you know a flying saucer might come right down on us now?" (or something like that.)

I asked him what the whole movie situation had been concerning Zamora and how it had effected him. He said that Zamora had not wanted to be in the picutre, but it was at the Mayor's insistence, via his boss, that he consented to do so. I can't quite believe this myself. When I talked to Zamora later, he seemed to be reasonably pleased about being in the movie. Clearly, with a world premiere in Socorro, it would be a strange human who did not get some ~~quick~~ kick out of a thing like that.

I will come back to the Menzel letter later because I discussed it with Dr. La Paz who knows Menzel well. That was the next day in Albuquerque.

I purchased five newspapers which had various stories about the movie or about related matters. The papers were for Tuesday, February 9; Thursday, February 25; Tuesday March 2; Tuesday, March 9; and Thursday, March 11. The first one I think you have; it states, "Socorro Part of Film on UFO's Completed; Zamora's Account Jibes With Sixteen Verified Sightings." The February 25th issue contains a front page story on a UFO sighted over Gallup which, as far as I can see, is nothing more than a meteor. The March 2nd issue contains a lovely story about

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"Scientists Indicates Why UFO's Choose Areas for Landing." One Char P. Thomas of Los Angeles,"a former government scientists," is supposed to be the scientific advisor to Empire Film Studios. His theories as to why UFO's land in New Mexico lack, shall we say, a scientific solidity in my opinion as he is not listed in the American Men of Science, and I have no knowledge of him personally. There was some question as to whether he should be asked to come to Socorro to give a public lecture on the general subject. Fortunately my advice was asked, and I strongly urged that they not do so unless they find out considerably more about the gentleman's qualifications first. His principal reason for selecting Socorro seems to be the following: "The main one can be directly attributable to the subsurface geology. I would expect there is a multiplicity of faults, or ------areas where in sedimentary strata have been tilted to the vertical with the interlayer demarcations being plains largely in the North-South direction. The effects such subsurface deceptions have upon the energy distributions between the earth's core and the Van Allen radiation belt gives it the key to the answer." He also states that he has stumbled onto many answers of heretofore unswerable riddles: What is gravity; Why do planets orbit and rotate; Why do stars burn in nuclear fires; Is the speed of light really a velocity boundary; Can ship be built which would do everything people who claim they have seen flying saucers say that those vehicles do?" I hardly need say more.

The same issue, however, contains a story of about "UFO Sighted Streaking Over City." "The observer, a Socorro woman who asked that her name be withheld (I have her name, however, a Mrs. Williams,) said the "perfectly round object" with deep yellow or gold light traveled at tremendous speed. She saw the object as it came over Socorro Mountain, and as it passed southeast over the city, it did not seem far above the street light. I was unable to get in touch with this woman, but according to Rainey, this did not have a trail. It seemed to be just a light.

Would you be kind enough to send about ten blank forms to Mr. Ted Raynor, Editor, Socorro El Defensor Chieftan, Socorro, New Mexico, and he can send one of these forms to Mrs. Williams to fill out. The results will be, probably, a meteor. I tried to get in touch with her the next day, but she seemed to be at some sewing circle.

March 9 issue has a story "Film Studios Praise Cooperation Here in Film on UFO's." The letter received from Mr. Michael Mustow, (sp.?) a letter sent to Mayor Holm O. Burson, stated, "Phenomena 7.7 is now completed. It will be viewed by countless millions of people throughout the world. It will open the door to facts heretofore shrouded in secrecy. It will prepare the entire human race for a better knowledge of the universe and possible neighbors who may have been observing our earth for centuries."

Fihally, the March 11, Thursday, issue has a short article on "Zamora Saw a UFO, Not Flying Saucer." This was in response to a request by Zamora to please say in the paper that he never saw a flying saucer land, only a UFO. In part the article states, "Zamora says he was trying to coperate with persons who asked him about the UFO, which he described as egg-shaped, and he wishes that they would not ask him about a flying saucer which he says he has never seen and cannot describe. The policeman says that the account here stands unchanged from that he gave on April 24 and the following day."

I left for Albuquerque about 2:30 P. M. , arriving at the Institute of Meteoretics, where Dr. Lincoln La Paz was waiting for me, at 4:00 P. M.

Insert A: Raynor showed me a letter from Rev. Guy J. Cyr S. M. (Society of Mary) Sacred Heart Rectory, Lawrence,Mass. dated November 26, 1964. It is a long letter concerned with intelligence on other planets and trying to make out a case for civilization on the moon. The letter was rightfully published.

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I gave LaPaz a copy of Vallee's book and also the Menzel letter which he took home and by the next morning had read completely the manuscript and the letter. LaPaz is still very concerned about the green fireball incident. Another one was sighted this last Christmas night. According to LaPaz, the official investigation never satisfactorily cleared up the question of why these peculiar uranium green fireballs should have chosen New Mexico to fly over and avoid being seen in other states and why they were so peculiarly grouped. LaPaz is thoroughly convinced that both the green fireballs and Zamora's sighting were observations of tests of advanced vehicels being produced by some project, even more secret than the Manhattan Project. I am afraid that LaPaz is unshakable from this hypothesis. His primary criticism of Vallee's book was that Vallee has ignored the green fireballs which, as far as LaPaz is concerned, represent the most important part of the UFO phenomenon. It is always just a matter of viewpoint!

LaPaz showed me his excellent meteorite collection and spent much time in general conversation.

He was engaged for the evening, and we met again early the next morning during which time we took the opportunity to meet with the President of the University of New Mexico, Dr. Pokejoy (sp.?) and to establish good relations between astronomy at Northwestern and astronomy at New Mexico.

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Although LaPaz was impressed with Vallee's book, he felt that his impressive list of references was padded with too many references to unpublished articles or statements. He feels that it is not really a scientific book on the subject (I guess that about in the year 1980 I will have to write a really scientific book on the subject).

Coming now to the Menzel letter, I will consolidate the opinions of LaPaz, Cahves, and of Raynor. I did not show the letter to Zamora because I think it would merely have upset him.

Page 1. I asked Zamora about the reported flame when he first heard the explosion, when he was still on the highway. He denies ever having said anything about a flame at that time, only at the time when he saw it rise from the ground. As a matter of fact, he never mentioned anything like that to me, originally, but this did appear in Captain Holder's original report, and he purportedly got this in conversation with Zamora. However, I think this was in the original newspaper writeup. I will have to agree with Menzel that this part of Zamora's evidence is very mixed up and suggests some embroidery of the original sighting either by Zamora or by Captain Holder when excitement was running high.

Page 2. I can't agree with Menzel here. When he wears his glasses, his vision is okay. He had the glasses on when he saw the flame at the time the object was preparing to rise. Now this whole question of the "burning bush": I visited the site again on Saturday, ~~and~~ with Raynor and ~~[redacted]~~ Shrode, the owner of the radio station, and at no time was any bush or grass seen to be burning, and nobody seems to confirm any actual smoke. All that seem definitely to agree on is that the green snakeweed and the green greasewood, which are notoriously hard materials to ignite, showed evidence of having been charred, as though they have been seared by a hot flame and not burned in an ordinary fashion.

As far as Kids having it in for Zamora, there is ample evidence that this is the case. But it was also pointed out to me by Opelgrinder (sp. ?) and his assistant and by several others, that it is a national phenomenon for teenagers to hate "fuzz" and the statement by Wesley Johnston, a high school senior who works at Opelgrinders is particularly significant. He said that many of the high school kids didn't like Zamora, but that he, Zamora, was not important enough to do anything about it. He said that if the kids wanted to get even with Zamora they would simply thrash him or do something to his car, but that an elaborate hoax would not be the way they would get even with him. One should remember, that before the time of the sighting there had been no talk in the Socorro region of unidentified flying objects. This would not have suggested itself as a means of getting back at Zamora. Apparently the Socorro teenagers are much more direct in their methods of reprisal for the "fuzz." As far as the cardboard is concerned, Menzel's conjectures here fall completely flat. The cardboard was portions of very old and weathered corrugated paper from a packing box. There are many samples of this all over the region. There is a city dump not too far away, and when the wind, which blows tumbleweeds all over the place, gets hold of some of this stuff, it scatters the papers pretty well all over the whole region. Many of the bushes, I noticed particularly this time, have papers caught on their underneath side. In any case, some this paper was still there, and I shall send Menzel a sample of what this cardboard really looks like. I would say that the cardboard had been there through many rains and had suffered successive dryings. The original piece I picked up was definitely charred, This was the piece I sent to you along with soil samples, you will remember.

One rather interesting item is that the burning bush has recently exuded some sap, and one of the movie people took this to Los Angeles to

have it analyzed and found it radioactive! I have also obtained some of the sap which I shall send to you, and maybe Moody can try it out on his super-duper counter. It is odd that no one seemed to have bothered to have checked this area originally for radiation. Or did they?

Menzel's idea that the speeder was a deliberate decoy, who signaled to the hoaxes by walkie-talkie who then released a balloon with a cardboard or aluminum flying saucer attached thereto simply does not hold water. Although some of the students do have walkie-talkies, the fact of the matter is that the wind was from the south, and the object went west. A balloon released at that time would have gone directly over town. Furthermore, they would have had to release it after Zamora got there and have watched the object on the ground for a short time. A previous release would simply have had it well over town by the time Zamora got to the spot.

The dynamite shack does not have legs.
There would have been a place for hoaxes to have hidden over on the other side of the knoll, particularly had they lain prone.

None of the people I talked with gave any credence to the hoax hypothesis, generally considering it to have been far above the capabilities and, motivations, and provocations of the hoaxers. Chaves says that Zamora never described the thing as looking like a balloon. Zamora knows exactly where the dynamite shack is. It is plainly visible from the site of the sighting, but about 500 feet to the west.

Zamora does not have any particular schedule for patrolling the town. He h the run of the whole town.

There is no UFO Club in town.

No paraphernalia of a hoax were ever found. It would be rather hard to have done away with all tell-tale evidence, such as tubes of helium, release

mechanism, etc. Finally, it was LaPaz's feeling that had it been a hoax, it surely would have leaked by now. He told me of an elaborate hoax that was played on one of the geologists at Ohio State University when he taught there. The students had it in for this guy and contrived an explosion in a nearby town, and the crater which it produced was reported then as a meteorite crater. It had everybody excited for a while and would have succeeded except those who got away with it were so pleased with themselves that they began to brag a bit and got caught. I do not believe that the Socorro high school students could have kept a secret this long. Furthermore, it would seem that any youngsters that hated Zamora sufficiently to have gone to all this trouble to perpetrate a hoax would now be very envious of the glory he is getting in a movie and all the publicity he has received and would certainly burst his bubble right now. Finally, there is the matter of the tourist who reported a strange object to Pelgrinder. This could not very well have been part of the hoax since the tourist was a complete stranger just passing through. Furthermore, if Zamora is to believed at all, the object rose vertically and took off horizontally to the west and was observed as it passed well over the dynamite shack and disappeared over the pearlite mill. This is entirely too big a hoax for high school students to perpetrate.

Perhaps I spent too much time on this matter, but the letter was a very convenient device for re-discussing the whole situation. Sgt. Chaves indicated that Menzel should have been a science fiction writer. Actually Lyle Boyd has done some of this, and I believe also Menzel has.

I left Albuquerque in the late morning on Saturday and arrived in Socorro about 1:00 P. M. Raynor, Shrode, and I visited the site and took some more samples, particularly of the sap, and I took a few more pictures, particularly of the dynamite shack to show Menzel. Then I went back to the radio station

and tried to call the Empire Film Studio, but it was closed.

In view of the fact that the prevailing opinion in the town still is that what Zamora saw not the result of hallucinations or of a hoax, but a secret test vehicle, what has become of my suggestion to have this left as"an exercise for the students"? It would be a marvelous exercise for neophyte intelligence officers.

There is also the opinion expressed in Socorro, and expressed to me a number of times in the past, by several people (and also by LaPaz) that I am merely a part of a super-smoke screen and so is FTD and Wright Field, and that the whole Project Bluebook is a grand coverup for something the government does not want discussed. Best way to give a lie to this, of course, is to point out that if this were the case, the U. S. government should also have been responsible for the sightings in France, Brazil, Spain, and in England. Maybe the U. S. government has really gone global! On that happy thought I conclude my report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

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P. S. I now have a slightly infect/finger from the thorns on the bush that was originally charred. The bush drew blood when I attempted to get some soil samples. Undoubtedly, the finger will now wither away from radiation burns. Unfortunately, I do not have interplanetary Blue Cross coverage!

Tab A	Lt Holder Report
Tab B	TSgt Moody Report
Tab C	Dr Hynek Report
Tab D	Lab Analysis (ASD)
Tab E	Photos
Tab F	News Clippings
Tab G	Associated (Resulting from Initial Report)

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Tab A — TWX and Messages

1. TWX regarding Capt Quintanilla's visit to Socorro dtd 30 Jun
2. TWX from SAFOI dtd 13 May
3. Summary
4. Letter to SAFOI dtd 28 May
5. Memo from Capt Quintanilla to Col de Jonckheere, dtd 27 Apr
6. Initial report received at FTD

Tab B — Investigative Data

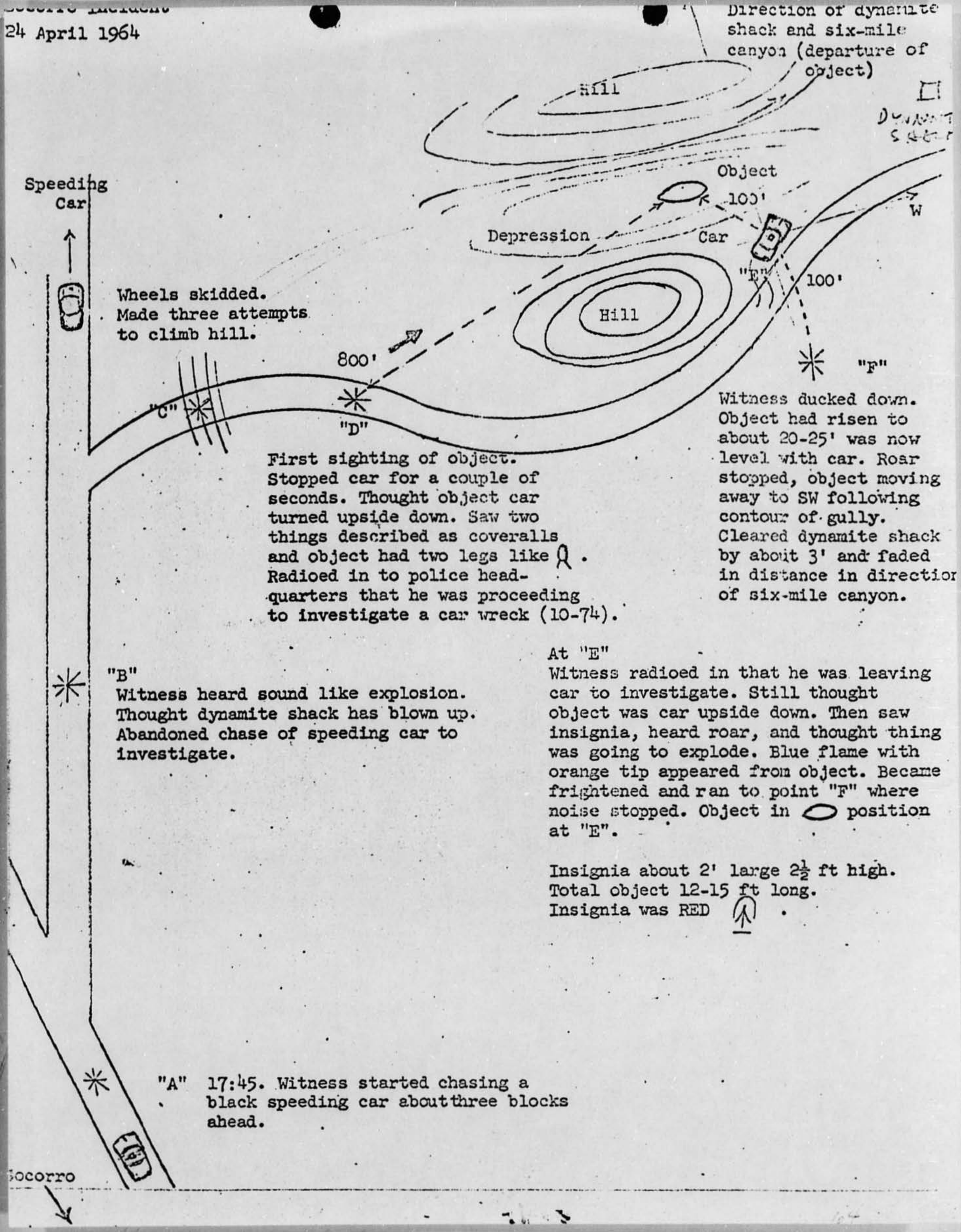
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2. Opal Grinder
3. Maj Mitchell
4. Ltr to FAA, 27 May
5. Miscellaneous Data

Tab C — Lunar Module Information

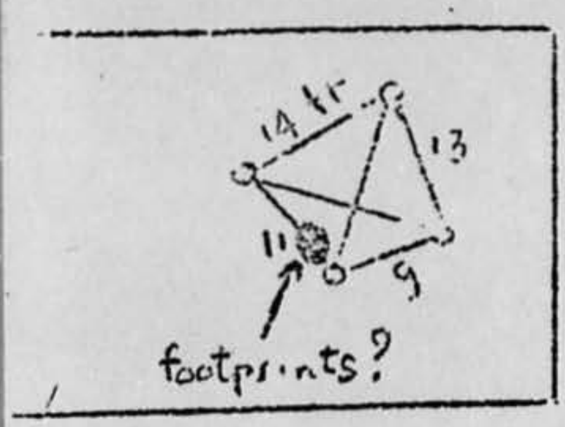
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3. Hughes A/C, dtd 20 May & 26 May 64
4. Cleveland Pneumatics, dtd 20 May 64
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6. Menasco, dtd 20 May 64
7. Unanswered letters (seven)

Tab D — Miscellaneous Notes

Socorro Incident
24 April 1964

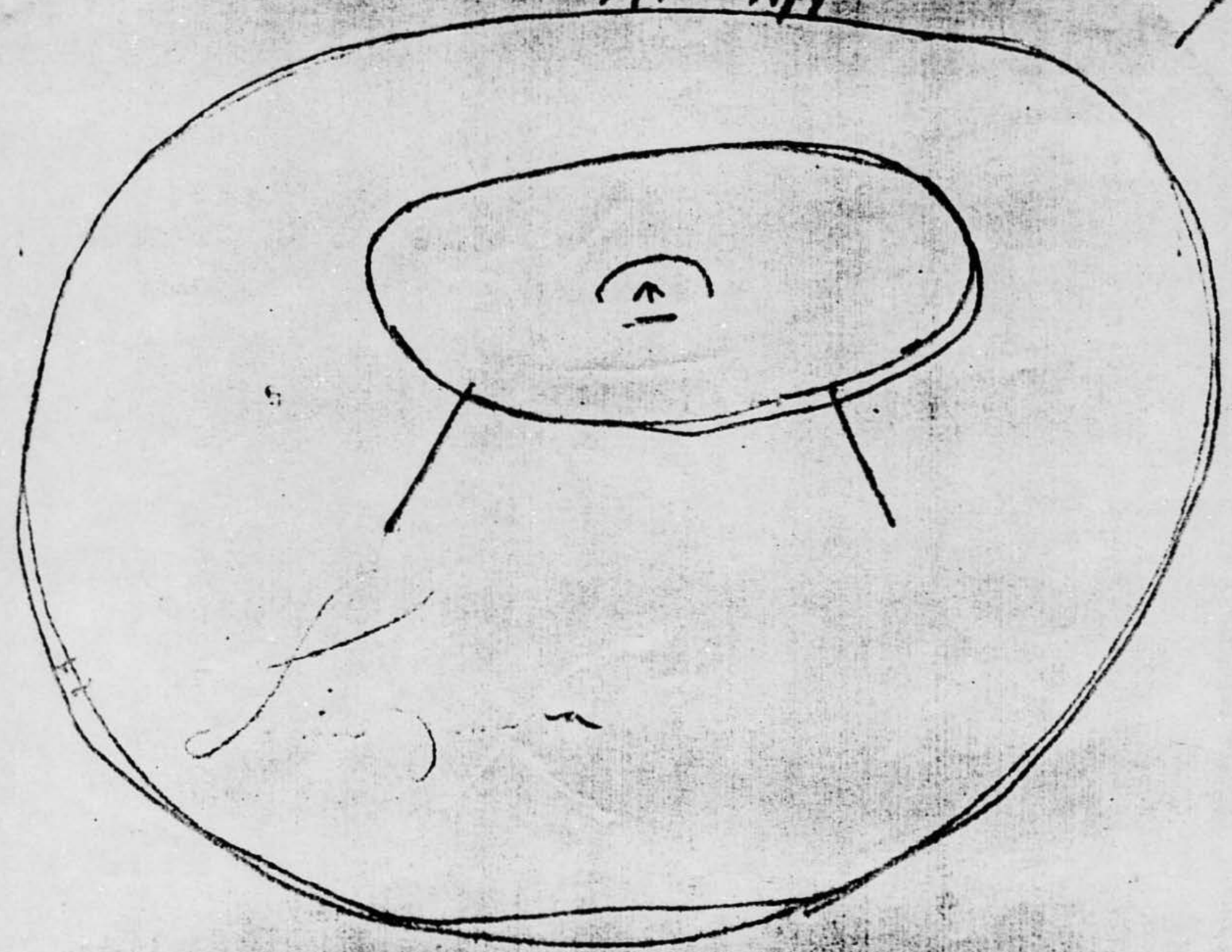


Socorro incident
24 april 1964



FIRST VIEW
FROM Approximately .15 miles
Looking Down

SKETCH OF OBJECT
FROM MY POSITION -
AT APPROXIMATELY 10 3/4 FT. -



DISTANCE [illegible]

FIRST SIGHTING OF FLAME APPROX 3/4 MILE.

FIRST SIGHTING OF OBJECT WITH PEOPLE(2)

By OBJECT .15 MILES

2ND SIGHTING OF OBJECT 10 FT.

WHERE: "INSIGNA" OBSERVED

"OBJECT" STARTED TO DEPART OR LIFT OFF SURFACE

3RD SIGHTING OF OBJECT APPROX. 200 FT.

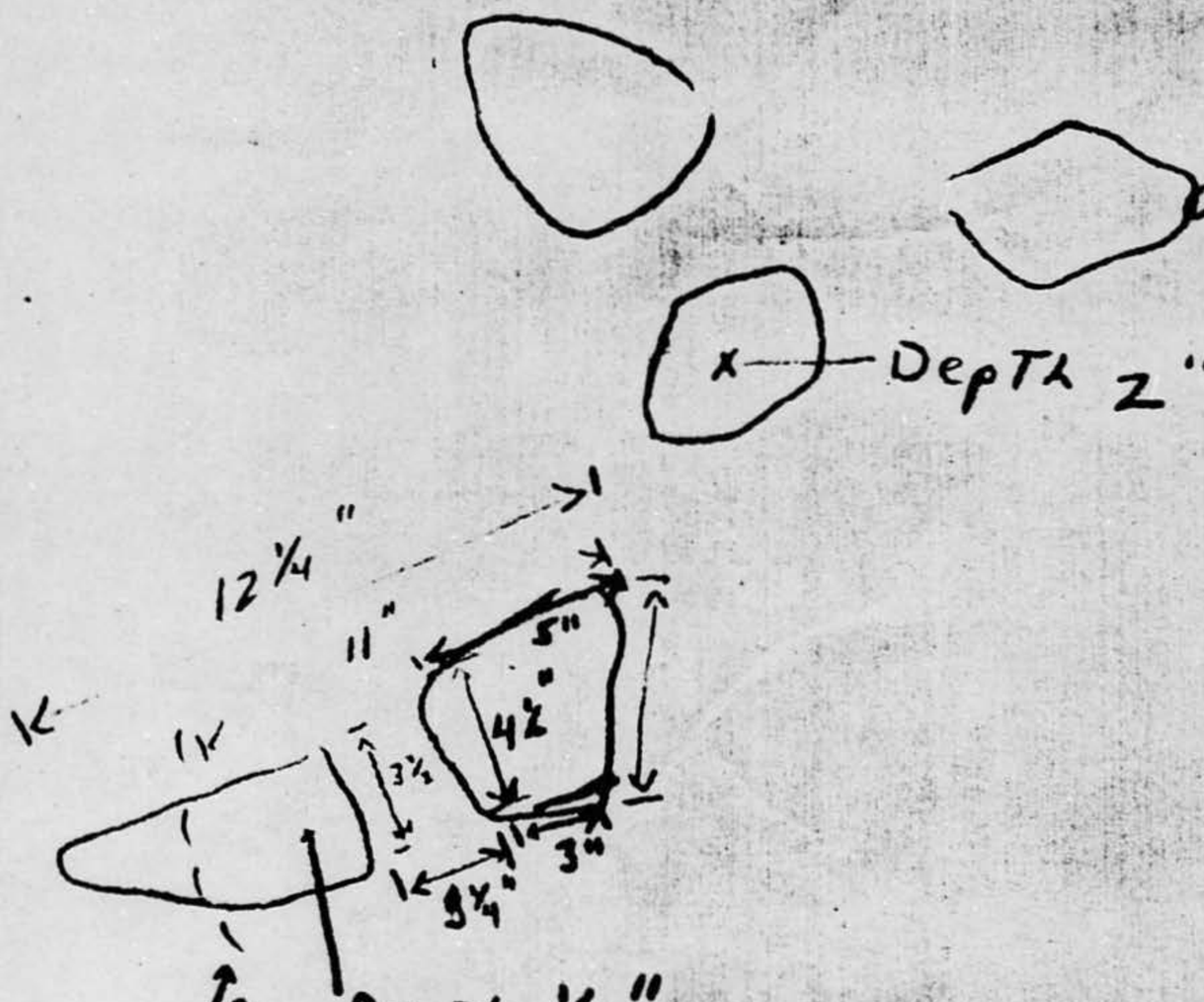
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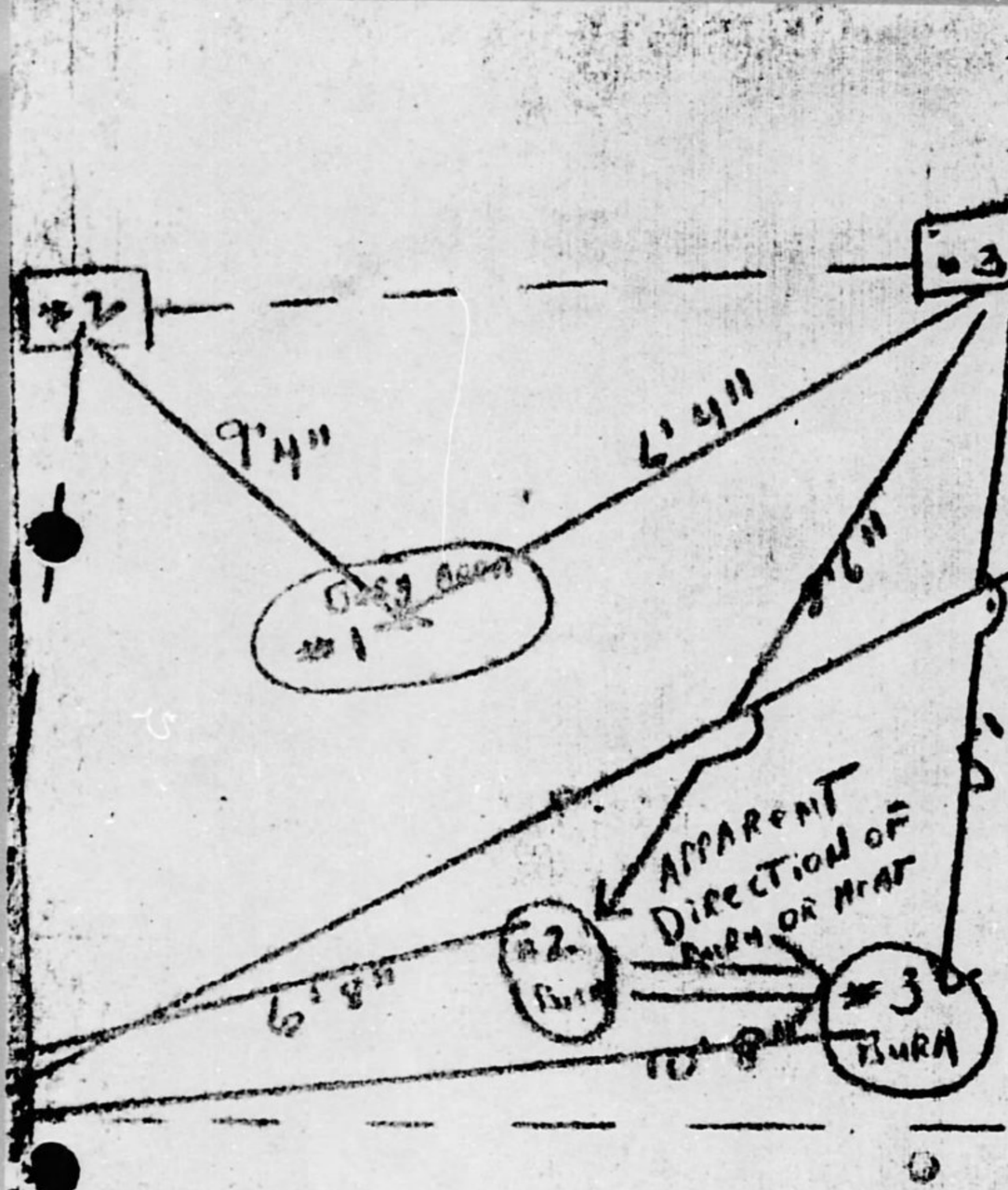
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FOOTPRINTS

-IN SOFT SAND

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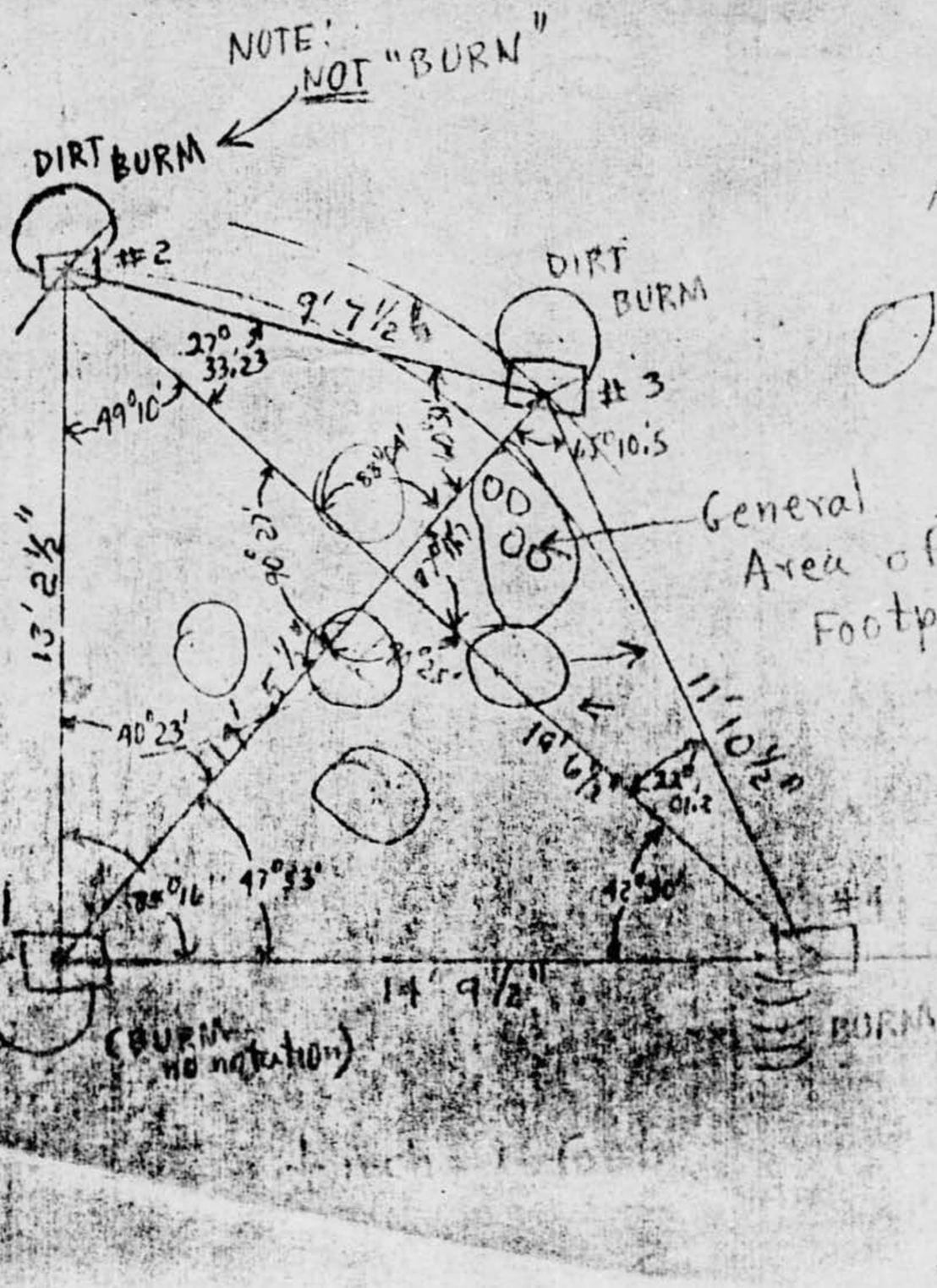
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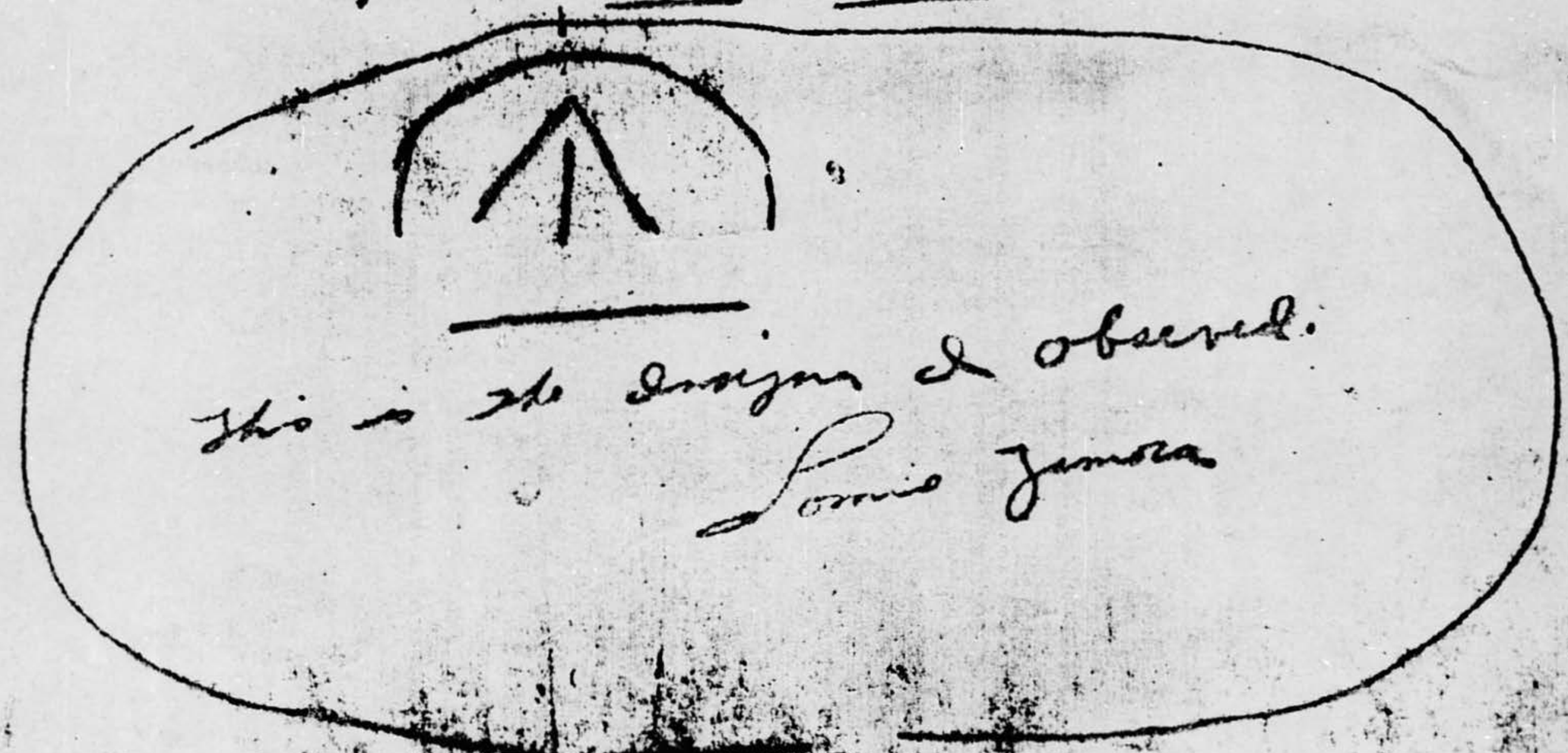
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Lonnie Zamora

7-24-64

Socc. New Mexico
April 1964

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UFO REPORT

Lonnie Zamora, 606 Reservoir Street, Socorro, New Mexico, 835-1134, Officer Socorro Police Force for about 5 years, office phone 835-0941, now on 2-10pm shift.

About 5:45 pm, 4-24-64, while in Socorro 2 Police Car ('64 white Pontiac), he started to chase a car due south from west side of Court House. Car was apparently speeding and was about 3 blocks in front of police car. At point on Old Rodeo Street (extension of Park Street south) near George Morillo residence (about 1/2 mile south of Spring Street) the chased car was going straight ahead toward rodeo grounds. Car chased was a new black Chevrolet (it might have been Floyd Reynold's boy, Vivian, about 17). Chased car still about 3 blocks ahead. Lonnie alone.

At this time, heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest, some distance away--possibly a 1/2 mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car go.

Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and couldn't pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down" --a funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3degrees or so in width --not wide.

Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not notice if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over perscription glasses. Could not see bottom of flame because it was behind hill. No smoke noted. Noted some "commotion" at bottom--dust? Possibly from windy day-wind was blowing hard. Clear sunny sky otherwise--just a few clouds scattered over area.

Noise was a roar, not a blast, not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly 10 seconds--was going towards it at that time on the rough gravel road. Saw flame about as long as heard the sound. Flame same color, as best as recall. Sound distinctly from high to low until it disappeared. Windows were both down. No other spectators noted--no traffic except the car in front--and the car in front might have heard it but possibly did not see it because car in front was too close to hill in front to see the flame.

After the roar and flame, did not note anything while going up the somewhat steep rough hill--had to back up and try again, two more times. Got up about half way first time, the wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try again before making the hill. Hill about 60ft. long, fairly steep and with loose gravel and rock. While beginning third time, noise and flame not noted.

After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westward. Noted nothing for a while...for possibly 15 or 20 seconds, went slowly, looking around for the shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150-200 yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over. Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to quickly jump somewhat.

At this time, I started moving my car towards them quickly, with idea to help. Had stopped about only a couple seconds. Object was like aluminum--it was whitish against the moss background, but not chrome. Seemed like (_____) in shape and I at first glance took it to be overturned white car. Car appeared turned up like standing

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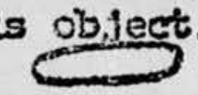
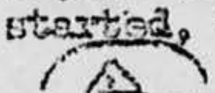
on radiator or on trunk, at this first glance.

The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats or headgear. These persons appeared normal in shape--but possibly they were small adults or large kids.

Then paid attention to road while drove towards scene. Radioed to sheriff's office Socorro 2, possibly 10-44 (accident). I'll be 10-6 (busy) out of the car, checking the car down in the arroyo.

Stopped car, was still talking on radio, started to get out, mike fell down, reached back to put up mike, then replaced radio mike in slot, got out of car, and started to go down to where knew the object (car) was.

Hardly turned around from car when heard roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar--at that close was real loud. Not like a jet--knows what a jet sounds like. Started low frequency quickly, then roar rose in frequency (higher tone) and in loudness--from loud to very loud. At same time as roar, saw flame. Flame was under the object. Object was starting to go straight up-slowly up. Object slowly rose straight up. Flame was light blue and at bottom was sort of orange color. From this angle, saw what might be the side of object (not end, as first noted). Difficult to describe flame. Thought, from rear, it might blow up. Flame might have come from underside of object, at middle, possibly a four foot area--very rough guess. Cannot describe flame further except blue and orange. No smoke except dust in immediate area.

As soon as saw flame and heard roar, turned away, ran away from object but did turn head towards object. Bumped leg on car--back fender area. Car facing southwest. Object was  in shape. It was smooth -- no windows or doors. As roar started, it was still on or near ground. Noted red lettering of some type like  Insignia was about 21/4 inches high and about 2inches wide, guess. Was in middle of object, like  . Object still like aluminum-white.

After fell by car and glasses fell off, kept running to north, with car between me and object. Glanced back couple of times. Noted object to rise to about level of car about 20 to 25 feet guess--took I guess about six seconds when object started to rise a nd I glanced back. I ran I guess about halfway to where I ducked down--about fifty feet from car is where I ducked down, just over edge of hill. I guess I had run about 25 feet when I glanced back and saw the object about level with the car and it appeared about directly over the place where it rose from.

I was still running and I jumped just over the hill--I stepped because I did not hear the roar. I was scared of the roar, and I had planned to continue running down the hill. I turned around toward the object and at the same time put my head toward ground, covering my face with my arms. Being that there was no roar, I looked up, and I saw the object going away from me, in a southwest direction. When the roar stopped, heard a sharp tone whine from high tone to low tone. At end of roar was this whine and the whine lasted maybe a second. Then there was complete silence about the object. That's when I lifted up my head and saw the object going away from me. It did not come any closer to me. It appeared to go in straight line and at same height--possibly 10 to 15 feet from ground, and it cleared the dynamit shack by about three feet. Shack about eight feet high. Object was traveling very fast. It seemed to rise up, and take off? immediatelyacross country. I ran back to my car and as I ran back, I kept an eye on the object. I picked up my glasses (I left the sun glasses on ground), got into the car and radioed to Sgt. Lopes, radio operator, to "look out the window, to see if you could see an object.

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He asked "What is it?" I answered, "It looks like a balloon." I don't know if he saw it. If Nep looked out his window, which faces north, he couldn't have seen it. I did not tell him at the moment which window to look out of.

As I was calling Nep, I could still see the object. The object seemed to lift up slowly, and to "get small" in the distance very fast. It seemed to just clear the Box Canyon or in Mile Canyon Mountain. It disappeared as it went over the mountain. It had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and no smoke or noise.

Feeling in good health. Last drink--two or three beers--was over a month ago. Noted no odors. Noted no sounds other than described. Gave directions to Nep Lopes at radio and to Sargeant MS Chaves to get there . Went down to where the object had been, and I noted the brush was burning in several places. At that time I heard Sgt. Chaves (N.M. State Police at Socorro) calling me on radio for my location, and I returned to my car, told him he was looking at me. Then Sgt. Chaves came up, asked me what the trouble was because I was sweating and he told me that I was white, very pale. I asked the Sgt. to see what I saw and that was the burning brush. Then Sgt. Chaves and I went to the spot and Sgt. Chaves pointed out the tracks.

When I first saw the object (when I thought it might be a car,) I saw what appeared to be two legs of some type from the object to the ground. At the time, I didn't pay much attention to what it was--I thought it was an accident--I saw the two persons.

I didn't pay much attention to the two "legs." The two "legs" were at the bottom of the object, slanted outwards to the ground. The object might have been about three and a half feet from the ground at that time. I just glanced at it.

Can't tell how long saw object second time (the "clear" time), possibly 20 seconds--just a guess--for a from the time got out of car, glanced at object, ran from object, jumped over edge of hill, then got back to car and radio as object disappeared.

As my mike fell, I got out of car, at same area, I heard about two or three loud "thumps," like someone possibly opening or shutting a door hard. These "thumps" were possibly a second or less apart. This was just before the roar. The persons were not seen when I got up to the scene area.

Just before Sgt. Chaves got to scene, I got my pen and drew a picture of the ? insignia on the object.

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INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE SOCORRO SIGHTING OF UFO BY LONNIE ZAMORA

At 0530, Sunday 26 April 1964, I received a call from Captain Hector Quintanilla requesting that the Socorro sighting be investigated immediately and that he be advised as soon as possible of the results of an initial investigation. This action was dictated by a call from the Command Post at 330, a call from the Emergency Action Group at 430 and another call from the Command Post just prior to my notification of the event. The contacts for data already collected were Lt Col King (268-2107) and Capt R T Holder (Scan White Sands 835-1385).

At 0600 I contacted the Base Duty officer and was informed that Major Conner was the Kirtland Investigator for UFO reports. I contacted Major Conner and requested permission to accompany him to Socorro. I contacted Col King and a meeting was arranged for 0830. The only information that Col King had was in the form of an FBI report made by agent Barnes on Friday night following the sighting. This report was forwarded to Washington and Col King had NOTIFIED the Command Post. (This FBI REPORT to be included as an attachment in Major Conner's report.

A geiger counter was obtained and Major Conner and I departed for Socorro at 1030 arriving 1200 in Socorro. We contacted Sgt Chavez, the State Police officer who was the first to reach Lonnie Zamora (Only witness) and during the interview the following information was obtained.

Shortly after 1700 Lonnie Zamora was on patrol and radioed in to the city Police that there was a 10-74 (auto accident) and he was proceeding to investigate. It appeared as if an auto had turned over and two people were standing by it's side. From the ensuing activity monitored on the radio Sgt Chavez immediately made an effort to reach patrolman Zamora and arrived about 3 minutes after the object under observation by Lonnie Zamora had disappeared. Sgt Chavez then went to the area where the craft or thing was supposedly sighted and found four fresh indentations in the ground and several charred or burned bushes. Smoke appeared to come from the bush and he assumed that it was burning, however no coals were visible and the charred portions of the bush were cold to the touch. Sgt Chavez contacted the FBI, who in turn contacted White Sands and Agent Barnes and Lt R T Holder of the latter organization arrived to conduct an investigation and obtain various samples of the soil and charred bush. Sgt Chavez secured the area and made an investigation of the ground surrounding the scene. to see 108 He determined that the only tire marks were those of Patrolman Zamora's vehicle and the State Police car ~~800 yards~~ and found no prints or track activity of any kind other than that noted in the FBI report. Further he stated that the marks were definitely "fresh", and the dirt showed evidence of "dew" or moisture. Sgt Chavez is firm in that no track activity was evident. At no time did he observe the craft or object described by Patrolman

Zamora and explained that he had taken the wrong road as was, IN fact looking in the opposite direction for a part of the time. Therefore, had the object been visible he would not have been in a position to see it. Sgt Chavez took polaroid pictures of the holes and area. These are available to us.

Following the interview with Sgt Chavez, Sgt Zamora was interviewed and a trip to the location made. All persons interviewing Zamora are impressed with his sincerity and are of the belief that if a hoax has been perpetrated Lonnie Zamora is definitely not a part to it. The object was described as white or "light in color and egg shaped." During the interview it was apparent that a visit to location was necessary to determine the time sequence of the event and the related motion of the object, as well as to obtain speeds and distance of flight. At approximately 4 pm we proceeded to the site, accompanied by two reporters from the local press. The sequence of events was repeated and total duration from the initial contact with the event to time of it's disappearance did not exceed 10 minutes. A gieger counter check for background radiation was made in the presence of the press and Sgt Zamora and no radioactivity count was present. The counter was checked with Major Conner's watch and found to be in good working order.

The following is a sequence of the event as reported by Lonnie Zamora. Shortly after 5 pm he was on patrol when he heard a noise that he thought to be an explosion of the Mayor's dynamite shack known to be in that direction. He turned off the road and proceeded to a point up a hill where he could see what looked like a car turned upside down with two white things he assumed to be the occupants of the car and he radioed this information to Police headquarters. He went down a hill where the object was not visible and had to make two tries to get up this hill in his car. As he came over the tope of the hill (about 300 yds from the object) it appeared to be a thing on four pronged legs and the two white things (described as coveralls) were no longer visible. Continuing to a point about 150 yds from the object he parked the car and got out and approached the object to a point about 100 ft. At this time the object made a rumbling noise or rattling noise and a blue flame like an arc welder turning to yellow or orange at the end came from the center of the bottom. The object was about the size of an auto and light colored, not reflective, but white or silver or just light colored. From this position the base of the craft was in the bottom of the gully and not visible to Lonnie Zamora. He thought the thing was going to explode and became frightened. He ran to a point behind his car, dropping his glasses on the way. He hid behind the car using his arm to shield his eyes. He remained in this position for not more than 10 seconds, at which time the noise stopped and his initial fear of the object lessened. He looked up and the object rose to a point of 15-20 ft altitude, with the legs still not visible. A Red marking was evident

and a drawing of this marking will be attached at the end of the report. Mr Zamora is firm in that the color was Red. At this point of altitude (20 ft max) the flame was no longer visible and the craft hovered for not more than a few seconds and began to move laterally to his right (SW) along the line of the gully just missing the dynamite shack by not more than two or three feet and fading in the distance near a mill about 6 miles away. Lonnie Zamoras description of the object is vague. The only specific detail being the red marking. All descriptions are general in nature. At no time did the flight of the object rise above the mountain background. Disappearance of the object from time of hovering took about 3 minutes. About 3 minutes later Sgt Chavez arrived on the scene.

Area background. Photos have been obtained of the background. An airfield (Private) is located about a mile to the opposite side of the gully where the object was located and Zamora's car was parked. There is a large white signboard at the edge of the area. To the right about 200 ft is the dynamite shack, about 6ft tall, 4 ft square and silver in color. Measurements of these factors can be made if deemed essential. The sighting was made at least an hour before sunset. At 630 pm the sun was still visible above the mountains to the West.

Lt Holder was visited and the report made by the FBI agent (Mr Barnes) and Capt Holder read by Major Conner. Capt Holder claimed no knowledge of the red mark. Extensive diagrams of the holes had been made and measurements taken. He indicated that the samples could be analyzed at White Sands. Also a check had been made with the local Radar stations and no U/I tracks carried at the time of the sighting. Further check indicated that no helo activity was in the area. White Sands has two or three white helos, but at the time were located at the other end of the range and were not in operation, the base activity being secured until Monday morning. A copy of the FBI report and Capt Holder's report and measurements to be forwarded to Major Conner, along with analysis of the charred specimen.

No conclusion as to cause could be reached by myself or Major Conner.

Coral Lorenzen and husband were in Socorro at the time and had interviewed both Lonnie Zamora and Sgt Chavez, and also Capt Holder prior to the arrival of Major Conner and myself.

Included in Major Conner's IR as attachments will be the FBI report, Capt Holder's report, Photos of the area, and specific slides taken that evening by a state Trooper accompanying Sgt Chavez to the scene. Specific statements as to radar activity, (none) Helo activity (all known helos not in area) and inquiry into the red marking should be made.

Copies of the local news releases have been forwarded to Capt Q and the basic investigative efforts have been completed. I called Capt Q upon return from Socorro at 1930, Sunday 26 April and advised him of the above information.

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TSGT, USAF

REPORT ON SOCORRO NEW MEXICO TRIP

On Tuesday, April 28, 1964, in response to a call from Captain Quintanilla, I enplaned for Albuquerque to meet with Major Conner of Kirtland Air Force Base and associates. I called a prospective graduate student in astronomy, now working at Kirtland Air Force Base, before I left the office, asking him to meet me. This proved totally unnecessary since, when the plane from Denver arrived in Albuquerque, I heard some mummurs from the front part of the plane to the effect that "there must be a celebrity aboard" and discovered to my amazement that, as I left the plane, numerous flash-bulbs began popping, and I was importuned for one interview after another. Since I knew nothing, there was very little that I could say, and consequently I got out of the situation very easily. It would appear that Major Conner's PIO man was very effective. I had unfortunately neglected to ask Major Conner in advance to keep things quiet.

As soon as I got the reporters out of my hair, we went to Major Conner's office at Kirtland Air Force Base, where I called Dr LaPaz by phone to ask whether he might go down to Socorro with us. He was unable to make it, but told me that a number of a years before he had worked with Zamora on a field trip in search of a fallen meteorite. He gave Zamora a very clean bill of health and said that he was a completely reliable person. We then headed down in an Air Force car for Socorro, which is some 75 miles south of Albuquerque, and when we were nearly there, we had a flat tire. It turned out that the jack was missing, although the car had been reported in excellent shape, and so we had to hail passers-by,finally snagging one car whose occupants indicated that they would inform the sheriff's office when they got into town. Time passed and we snagged another car, this time with four women in it. They took me into town so that I could relay the call, and this was rather fortunate, all in all, because I had the chance to have a preliminary with Sergeant Chaves before the rest (Major Conner and Mr James Wray, the prospective graduate student) got down. It was during this preliminary interview in the jail that Sergeant Chaves told me that Zamora was getting disgusted with the whole thing and with the general misrepresentation he was the victim of. After some general reluctance, Sergeant Chaves agreed to have Zamora there that evening after dinner, provided that Zamora and he could talk to me privately. I agreed to this, and when the repaired car finally got down with its occupants, we went to dinner (paid for all the meals of the two from Albuquerque both this day and the next), and after dinner, Major Conner and Mr Wray went back to Albuquerque, and I went to the jail to talk for the next two hours with Zamora and Chaves.

After a fairly lengthy time spent in getting them warmed up to the subject, I got the major sketch of the situation. During one or two times when Zamora (who was on duty) had to step out of the room, Chaves told me of some of Zamora's reactions. Apparently Zamora was not going to say anything about it, but it was at Chaves' advice that he did. He then apparently

asked Chaves whether Chaves thought that he, Zamora, should first speak to the priest before saying anything. Chaves indicated that this was up to him. Chaves described Zamora's radio call to him on that evening, and indicated that Zamora had asked him to come out alone. Chaves indicated that, when he got to Zamora, he found him very badly shaken, pale, and sweating. He attempted to kid him, saying, "What's the matter, Lonnie; you look like you've seen the devil." And Zamora stated, "Well, maybe I have." Chaves indicated that Zamora was reluctant to go down into the small ravine, and asked that Chaves preceed him, even though it was still bright daylight. It was Chaves who first discovered the imprint. During the interview, Zamora was far from talkative, and there seemed to be a few minor contradictions as to just where he was when he first radioed in, etc., and even as to how many times he had radioed in. Both Zamora and Chaves appeared to me to be hoping that I could tell them that this had been a secret air force devise, so that they could dismiss the whole thing from their minds. Zamora was still evidently troubled over some of the towns' reactions, and Chaves was disturbed by the hullabaloo and the misrepresentation, and the flurry of "me too" reports.

After my talk with the two men at the courthouse, I called Captain Holder and asked him to have anightcap with me. He came down to pick me up, and invited me to his home instead, and transmitted to me a carbon of his report, and the statement describing himself.

Exhibit A) Captain Holder was most helpful and anzious to demonstrate that he had done a good job in procuring measurements, and other data before the coming of the crowd of curiosity seekers. I, of course, questioned Captain Holder, as to his impressions about Zamora's reliability and of the connection of the tracks with the sighting, etc., and he, as did all others whom I subsequently questioned, indicated that the markings were, to all intensive purposes, fresh and were associated burned, or that the burning seemed to be sporadic. Clumps of grass in close proximity to the burned ones were untouched,while others just a short distance away from the unburned ones were again burned, etc.

I put up at a local motel, making arrangements to be taken out to the site first thing in the morning. Mr Zamora and Sergeant Chaves joined me at breakfast the next morning, but just previous to that, a man whose name I did not get, he introduced himself as from the FAA, and indicated to me that it was strange that their radars had not picked up anything. He felt that, MTI radars can pick up cars on the road, that this object should certainly have been picked up by the radar equipment.

In going out to the site, I asked that precisely the same road be traveled that was traveled on the evening of the sighting, and so we did, and as we went along, Zamora pointed out the place where the

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speeding car had turned into his line of sight from a side road, and we followed the pursuit path, going to the place about 1/2 mile south of town where Xamora then pointed in the direction in which he had seen the flame and had heard a loud roar. It must be remembered that at this time he was giving chase to a speeding car, and it would seem that, to be diverted from this jolly procedure, the noise and/or light must have been fairly strong. Zamora did not describe the light to me in the detail that he has described it in Captain Holder's report. He stressed only the roar and the fact that he thought the Mayor's dynamite shack had exploded and that somebody might have been in trouble.

From that point on, his report to me was virtually identical to that he gave to Captain Holder - his three attempts to get up the hill, his sighting of the object at a distance, as his line of sight went longatudinally down the small arroyo - it was at this point that he thought he saw an overturned car standing, however, either on the trunk or on its radiator. He described that, at this point, he picked up the radio and called back to Sergeant Shaves. There is a little contradiction here, probably not serious, as to where he had made the call, and exactly how many calls he made.

He then stated that he proceeded down the very poor gravel road, temporarily losing sight of the object behind a slight rise in the land, that is, behind one of the hillocks that formed an arroyo between them. He thus came up upon the object from behind the hill and from the side, so to speak, he apparently saw the object again while he was driving and continued to drive for some distance. He finally stopped the car at the clearing just before the ground descends into the little arroyo (see photograph number 2) Photograph No 2 is important in that it shows how close he was to the object. It is clear from this that any common object would certainly have been easily recognized. It would seem virtually incredible that an ordinary object, such as a balloon, heliocopter, private small plane, etc., could have remained unidentified, and further, could have caused Zamora to become as frightened as he did.

Zamora drove up to this spot, windows rolled down, and looked to his left out of the window, to see the object. At this point, he indicated that he still thought that "it" might have been an overturned car. It is not clear whether he made a call to the station at this time (presumably he did), but, in any event, he knocked the mike to the floor, as he got out of the car, apparently in some excitement. He started to walk toward the object, but apparently did not get very far before he heard some noises. The noises were described as two or three bangs, as though someone were shutting a door (the space visitors were undoubtably saying "Let's get the Hell out of here") and this was followed almost immediately by a roar. He did not describe the pitches of the roars to me as well as he had in Capt Holder's report. Apparently, by this time Zamora was

thoroughly tired of going into details. It is clear that he turned tail at this time and ran for cover, thinking the object was about to explode. He banged his leg against the rear fender of the car as he tried to round it, at which time his glasses, and his sunglasses fell off into the ground, but he did not stop to retrive them. This is an indication of the state of panic he was in. He ran some distance behind the car, as indicated in photograph No 3, which shows him crouching down, but not as he had done that Friday evening. At that time, he had crouched quite close to the ground, covering his eyes with his arm. It was at this time that he saw the object rise to essentially the level of his car and proceed in the direction of the dynamite shack, shown in figure 4 which shows the small dynamite shack about 7 or 8 feet high, off to the right and shows Zamora's arms extended, his left arm pointing to the direction in which he had seen the object originally, its takeoff position, and the right arm pointing in the general direction in which the object had disappeared. A shadow cast by Zamora in this picture, which was taken approximately at 10 am, at which time the sun was in the south-east quatrin of the sky, indicates that Zamora is facing southwest, with the shack somewhat to southwest by west. The dynamite shack is also shown in figure five, which shows the car parked as it was on the evening of the sighting. Zamora was looking out of the left hand drivers' window at the object when he parked the car. Photograph No 6 shows the position from which Zamora first saw the object whose location was approximately under the X mark on the photograph. It was from this distance that he thought that the object looked like an overturned car. Photograph 7 is the position Zamora was in, looking at the object disappearing, said object having missed the dynamite shack by some 3 feet, according to Zamora. Photography No 8 is approximately the position Chaves and Zamora were in, on their way down from the rise toward the place where the object had been, when Chaves first saw the markings the object had left. Photograph No 9 is 180 degrees, approximately, from that of No 6. No 9 shows the town of Socorro in the distance, looking down longatudinally through the gulley toward the "road" along which Zamora was stationed when he first saw the object, looking inthe direction Socorro to the spot from which Photograph 9 was taken.

Resume:

From all of the above and from my personal observations, I would conclude the following: That Zamora, although not overly bright or articulate, is basically sincere, honest, and reliable. He would not be capable of contriving a complex hoax, nor would his temperment indicate that he would have the slightest interest insuch. He was simply a cop on duty, relinquished one discharge of that duty (chasing a speeding car) for another which he thought was ofmore immediate importance. (Investigating the possible explosion of a dynamite shack). His fright was genuine,

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and his feeling that he had seen something truly unusual is attested by the fact that he asked whether he should speak to the priest first before saying anything about it.

Any question of hallucination seems clearly out. He is a non-drinking man, and is a solid, well-built, physically healthy individual (Photogrph No 10). He is a cop who looks as though he could be pretty gruff with his customers, and in fact, his complaint about the UFO sighting was that it did not allow him to give out his full quota of tickets for the day. Photograph N 11 is of Sergeant Chaves, who is considerably more articulate than Zamora, and appears to have a greater awareness of things and relations than Zamora does. Both men seemed to give every indication of being devoted to duty and being basically simple and honest. Photograph No 12 is a close-up of one of the markings, made very shortly after the craft had departed.

By the time that I got to see the area, it had been so badly trampled over that I could make no assesment of the burned areas. There appear to be a fair amount of charred particles mixed in with the dirt, and some charred cardboard was also found (enc). In conclude, therefore, that Zamora saw a tangible, physical object, under good daylight illumination, and from fairly close range (at the closest, almost as little as 100 feet).

It appears essential that we discover what the physical object actually was. It is clear that the UFO officianados are going to make a great case of this one. Two days before my visit, Mr Lorenzen, husband of Carol Lorenzen of APRO, had visited and taken numerous samples of charred remains and of rocks and ground, etc. I had not been at the site more than ten minutes when Mr Sanford of NICAP showed up and took samples, photographs, etc. It was remarked at the time as to how Menzel would go about explaining this one! No doubt was left in my mind but that NICAP and APRO, and possibly others, would consider this the best authenticated landing sighting on record. They will use it, very likely as a lever for a congressional investigation, and will deride any attempt to "explain it away" as a balloon, conventional heliocopter, etc. They will set great store on the paucity of the burns and the relative lack of disturbance would have been very much greater. They will probably say that the burns are "plasmaburns" which can scorch locally, I understand.

It is therefore essential to consider this one of the major UFO sightings in the history of the Air Force's consideration of this subject, and to spare no effort in establishing whether maneuvers of any sort were taking place in that locality either on the part of the Air Force, the Army, or even the Navy. However, I am quite certain that it will not be sufficient for the Air Force in this case to indicate that the sighting was "probably a new type of craft being tested," or that a secret war

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NUMEROUS INQUIRES CONCERNING AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION AND EVALUATION OF THE RECENT UFO SIGHTING AT SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, 24 APRIL, CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED FRON NEWS MEDIA, FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THIS HQ IS UNABLE TO RESPOND PROPERLY PENDING RECIEPT OF YOUR CONCLUSIONS. REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTION BE TAKEN TO INSURE THAT REPORTS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE AND EVALUATE THE SIGHTING BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY.

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maneuver was in progress, unless the log of such maneuvers is produced, and better yet, the entire "crime" reinacted, preforably in Zamora's presence. I recognize that this will be a very difficult task, but in view of the importance of this case, I think every attempt should be made to do this. It will require, very possibly, the attention of the Secretary of the Air Force himself.

It would be well, further, for "files protection" for the Air Force to tabulate from its records, and from available records from other sources, of other reported landings, such as, for instance, the cronological list which appeared in the January-February 1964 issue of Flying Saucer Review. Ignorance of what NICAP and APRO will designate as similar cases will be of little help.

In about a month, I shall have occassion to return to the Socorro area, at which time I will discuss with Zamora and Chaves after the excitement has completely simmered down, some of the finer points of the sighting, such as the location at which radio calls were made, etc.

The wind at that time was blowing very strongly from the south and I established by repeated questioning that the object had taken off either at right angles to the wind, or partially into the wind.

I have not stressed the insignia which Zamora reported, since he drew exactly the same thing which he had drawn for Capt Holder. I did question him many times on the shape of the object, as to whether it had clear cut edges or fuzzy edges, as to bits of color, etc., but the results were virtually the same as the information given to Capt Holder. The object was egg-shaped, had the inverted V insignia on it, two legs seemed to be protruding from the object,which was not chrome but "whitish-aluminum', and it was further established that the great roar during its initial take-off disappeared suddenly and the horizontal flight away and over the dynamite shack was noiseless.

I questioned Mr Art Burns of the FBI, and several others who had been on the site within the first hours after the sighting as to the alleged freshness of the tracks. They were all of the opinion that the tracks were, indeed, fresh.

Although Zamora was the only witness to the actual sighting, nine people in all saw the markings. Altogether nine people saw the markings within hours of the sighting and before the hourds of curiosity seekers descended upon the place the following day.

After I visited the place of the sighting, I had several other talks with local people, and, in particular, with the reporter of the El Defensor Chieftan, or perhaps it was the editor (its a small paper). I believe that I talked with Mr Lewis A Reddell, the publisher of the El Defensor.

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He had gone into this thing quite thoroughly and in a quite sedate and unexcited manner. His story, published Tuesday, April 28, 1964, is an excellent summary of the sighting. It includes one point not mentioned previously: "At least one other person - an unidentified tourist traveling north on US 85 - saw the UFO just before it landed in a gulley. Opel Grinder, manager of Whitting brothers' Service Station on 85 North, said the man stopped at the station and remsrked that aircrafts flew low around here. Grinder replied that there were many helocopters in this vicinity, and the tourist said, "It was a funny looking helocopter, if that's what it was." The man said further that the object had flown over his car. It actually was headed straight for the gully where it landed moments later. The tourist also commented that he had seen a police car heading up the hill. This was apparently Zamora's car.

I believe that we can dispense with the rash of other reports that sprang up immediately thereafter. This was the case near Santa Fe, the case in Montana, the girl with scorched eyes because she looked at a flying saucer in Albuquerque, and others. But, it is essential that the Socorro case be given the treatment.

I also questioned, while in Socorro, my old friend, Dr Jack Whothmen, President of the New Mexico School of Mines, who said he knew of no geophysical or other types of experiements going on in the area at the time. He, as the rest of the townspeople, were puzzled by the event, but the general underground slull of opinion was that it would turn out to be some device which the government still had under raps. Not one person whom I talked with in the least, by either implication or inuendo, challenged Zamora's veracity.

Finally, the drawings which Captain Hilder and his associates made, when replotted according to scale, (already enclosed with the report of Captain Holder, already sent to you) which indicate that the diagonals between the markings intersected perpendicularly. It would appear essential that for this case to be fairly closed out, if the interpretation is that of a new device and its dimensions be shown to match the markings found on the ground; that is, that the device finally selected as the culprit, be indeed capable of producing the marks observed.

I left Socorro shortly after noon on Wednesday April 29th, Major Conner and James Ray having come down late that morning to pick me up. We had a late lunch enroute to Albuquerque.

In Albuquerque, I had the opportunity to talk with Mr Arthur Burns, of the FBI, who added nothing new to the situation but confirmed the general reliability and stability of Mr Zamora. He also was of the opinion that the marks might well have been fresh ones. I also called the mother of the young girl whose eyes were alledgedly burned by having looked too long at a flying saucer, and found that the name of the Doctor who treated her and who had confirmed the burns,was a Dr Best of Albuquerque. Major Conner indicated that he would investigate further. That is all.

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Additional Notes to the Report:

It should be noted that, at the time Zamora saw the insignia, the craft was well illuminated by sunlight which was streaming in from Zamora's right. It might be well to perform some experiments with placards with insignia and different patterns inscribed thereon to see how well these are visable, under good lighting, at 100-200 feet.

Additional Note: What is the power of Zamora's glasses? Does he suffer from a stigmatism?

Additional Note: Several things are a pity in this situation. One is that there was not an additional witness. Second is that no photographs were taken. Third, that no radars picked up the object, andfourth that the witness whom we did have was not a better observer and more articulate.

Recommendations: The object which produced this, if it was a new device under test or in maneuvers, be brought to same location and movies be taken of it departing in the manner described by Zamora, and under the same lighting conditions. This then could be played at any future hearings on flying saucers. This, it seems to me, could go a very long way toward exploding the myth of flying saucers, and might do more goodthan all the previous years of propaganda.

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AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS DIVISION

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EVALUATION REPORT

Soil Analysis

REPORT NR: MAY 64-8

DATE: 19 May 1964

PROJECT NR: G 661-02

TYPE EVALUATION:

MANUFACTURER:

SPEC NR:

SUBMITTED BY: FTD
Sgt D. Moody

ITEM SERIAL NR:

I. PURPOSE

Determination of the composition of the soil samples for the purpose of comparison.

II. FACTUAL DATA

1. The samples were submitted for analysis and assigned Analytical Branch numbers 4-891 - 4-898.

2. Spectrographic analysis indicated the gross composition to be the same for all samples. The following elements were found in the indicated concentration range:

Principal element - Silicon
Major elements - Mg, Al, Fe, Na, K and Ca
Minor elements - Manganese and Titanium

III. CONCLUSION

There is apparently no significant differences in elemental composition between the different samples.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

None, data merely submitted.

PREPARED BY:

James H. Muntz

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gested the need for a study of Appalachian power resources, with the possibility of building Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) steam plants.

THE PROGRAMS would affect the worst-hit areas of unemployment and substandard living in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.

Specifically, Johnson's proposals would provide:

—CONSTRUCTION OF 2150 miles of highways in isolated areas at an estimated cost of $840 million over several years.

—Speed-up in construction of water resource facilities, to cost $35.8 million in the year starting July 1.

—Acceleration of new sewage and water treatment facilities that

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Hoffa on Trial In Fraud Case

United Press International

CHICAGO, April 27.—Teamster Union President James R. Hoffa, currently appealing a conviction for jury tampering, goes on trial with seven associates today in a $20 million fraud case.

Hoffa and the others are charged with fraudulently obtaining the $20 million from union pension funds and diverting more than $1 million of the amount to their own use.

All eight men pleaded innocent.

THEY WERE INDICTED last June after a two-year investigation of Teamster pension funds by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After his arraignment, Hoffa said the case was "just another propaganda scene" by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Both prosecution and defense counsels have predicted the trial

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slowed to six inches an hour.

At least 50,000 persons were removed from their villages.

Moscow radio said last night that Soviet engineers rushed to the danger area planned to use high explosives to break up the huge mound of earth and rocks, and to deepen the river bed.

AN ARMY of bulldozers and excavators ate through the earth in an effort to force a new channel around the dam to permit the waters to escape, thus easing the pressure.

The danger zone, about 1700 miles southeast of Moscow, was in the mountainous region of the Soviet Republic of Tadzhikistan near the confluence of the Afghan, Kashmir and Chinese borders.

Samarkand lies down the valley in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The legendary city is 25 centuries old and today has about 200,000 population. Once the capital of Tamerlane, its ruins and mosques have made it a prime tourist attraction.

A LARGE portion of Mount Darivorz, about 90 miles from Samarkand, broke off last Friday and sent 13 million cubic yards of earth and rock crashing into the Zeravshan River.

The mountain-slide, caused by two months of heavy rain, forced the river to back up and form a new lake.

Court Shuns Rail Jobs Case

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Supreme Court refused today to examine the railroad arbitration board decision that could eventually eliminate 30,000 firemen's jobs and leave the status of 19,000 other crewmen in doubt.

The brief order lets stand as final a decision upholding the board handed down on Feb. 20,

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Ended By Agreement



LYNDA BIRD JOHNSON, daughter of the President, broke her engagement to Navy Lt. Bernard Rosenbach, both shown above in a recent photo. (UPI Telephoto.)

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Lynda Bird Johnson, older daughter of President Johnson, has broken her engagement to Navy Lieut. Bernard Rosenbach.

The White House confirmed the break up Saturday.

Rosenbach, 23, now on sea duty, would only say that the ending of their 11-month engagement was "mostly her idea."

The announcement ended speculation of a June wedding in the White House. It had been Mrs. Johnson's repeated policy, when asked about Lynda Bird's wedding plans, to say that her daughter belonged to college and Rosenbach belonged to the Navy.

LYNDA BIRD, 20, is a sophomore history major at George

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Government Hopes to Destroy Hoffa's

By DICKSON PRESTON
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

CHICAGO, April 27. — The federal trial of James R. Hoffa which opens here today marks the keystone of the long Justice Department effort to destroy his power.

It strikes directly at the main source of that power—the $275-million Central States Pension Fund which the teamster president allegedly controls.

The government case charges, in effect, that Hoffa has used this giant jackpot as a personal bank, lending its funds to people and projects he favors and withholding them from those he dislikes.

It hopes to prove, moreover, that Hoffa enriched himself at the expense of his own membership—and thus to shatter his picture of himself as a persecuted friend of the working man.

HOFFA HAS BEEN indicted seven times on U.S. charges since 1957—and convicted once, in the recent Tennessee jury-tampering trial. But never before has the government gone to the heart of Hoffa's operations and tried to show how he wields his enormous influence.

In Chicago, the Justice Department is doing more than simply trying to send Hoffa to jail. It also is trying to separate him from the cash base and the rank-and-file support which have put him where he is.

The trial is expected to be long and complicated. It could last six months. Testimony will involve millions of dollars in allegedly manipulated funds, which must be traced through tortuous paths in and out of various banks, companies and private hands.

The indictment alone runs 53 pages, covering 28 counts and eight defendants, including Hoffa.

U.S. JUDGE Richard B. Austin has taken extraordinary precautions to protect the jury and witnesses from outside influence.

Names of the 300 members of the jury panel are being kept secret even from the office of the U.S. marshal. Attorneys will not know who they are until they appear in court — and even then Judge Austin may do the questioning of prospective jurors.

The judge also has agreed to let the prosecution keep names

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The Herald-Post
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Police Capture Three Burglars

Police captured three burglars in two separate incidents over the weekend.

A Burns Detective Agency officer, investigating a burglar alarm at Feder's Jewelers at Bassett Shopping Center Saturday night, found a broken window. He notified police, and a short time later Radio Patrolmen Troy Bunn and R. R. Macias picked up a suspect wandering the neighborhood nearby. He admitted stealing 49 rings and some cigarets, and implicated his partner who was arrested at home. The first suspect also had a marihuana cigaret.

Officers Darrell Gilbert and Robert Gonzalez arrested another
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Maryland Views Wallace

Maryland will be the best testing ground to date for Alabama's segregationist Gov. George Wallace.

The Democratic primary there comes May 19.

POLLSTER Samuel Lubbell has been sounding out Maryland's "Little Dixie"—the Eastern Shore — Baltimore's "big city" voters, and the white collar suburban belts.

HE HAS found curious reactions and significant trends—all of which he sets forth in "The People Speak—" in today's HERALD-Post on Page B-3.



RICHARD H. FEUILLE

Richard H. Feuille, local attorney, has been named general vice-chairman of the coming annual United Fund appeal, Ray Lockhart, general campaign chairman this year for the United Fund, announced today.

Lockhart, a former El Pasoan who left a vice-presidency of Stone and Webster Service Corp. in New York City to assume presidency of El Paso Electric Co. last July, was recently appointed general campaign chairman. Charles H. Leavell is president of the United Fund of El Paso County.

MR. FEUILLE has been president of the Community Concert Ass'n. for the last four years, is on the YWCA board of trustees, and is a director of El Paso National Bank and the Northgate National Bank.

A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School in 1948, he began practicing law here with the firm now known as Hardie, Grambling, Sims and Galatzan and was with it until 1957 when he was made a partner with the firm now known as Scott, Hulse, Marshall and Feuille.

He is president of the school board of St. Clement's Episcopal Parish School, was a senior warden of the Church and has served on its vestry.

HE WAS a founder and secretary for both the International Club and the Coronado Country Club, is a former director of El Paso Country Club, is a member of El Paso Club, and El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the Order of Coif, an honorary law school award.

one of the deputies who keep an around-the-clock watch on him, when Bowlin turned away to get a drink.

Decker said Ruby suddenly backed off two or three feet in his 10-foot wide cell and hurled himself into the plaster wall. He was taken to Parkland Hospital, where President Kennedy and Oswald were pronounced dead last November, and treated by an intern for a one-inch gash on his head.

X-RAYS SHOWED no other damage, and he was returned to his maximum security cell. The gash swelled into a small bump.

It was the second commotion in three days at the tumult-torn county courthouse. On Thursday night, 163 Negro prisoners rioted for two hours, breaking windows and hurling blazing mattresses,
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El Paso Sunshine

The sun shone today for the 831st consecutive day. The sun has failed to shine only 12 of the last 1985 days.

April 27, 1964

Inside Your Herald-Post

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UNLIKE MOST pension funds, Central States money has been invested largely in real-estate loans. According to the grand jury, Hoffa and his associates worked this way:

—Various of the seven others would represent themselves to prospective borrowers as being close to Hoffa. The indictment charges they would demand "fees, stock options and stock interests" as payment for using their influence with him.

—Hoffa, it is alleged, then "made false representations and misleading statements" about the loans to the trustees and their professional advisers. As a trustee, he also allegedly "spoke out and voted in favor of the loans."

—once the loans were made, the indictment says the defendants diverted more than $1 million "for the personal use and benefit" of themselves.

IN ONE CASE, according to the charge, Hoffa told the trustees that a North Miami, Fla., hospital which sought—and got — a $2 million loan would be leased to Dade County and that the county would put up at least as much money as the pension fund. Both statements were false, the grand jury said, and actually a "substantial portion of the loan was diverted to purposes other than construction.

In another instance, it is charged, at least $100,000 was diverted to clear up Hoffa's personal involvement in Sun Valley, Inc., a Florida development he helped promote as a retirement center for aged teamsters.

Altogether, 14 specific loans involving $20 million in six states are cited in the indictment. Additional cases are expected to be brought during the trial.