



September 16, 2020

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
THE BLACK VAULT
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FOIPA Request No.: 1474900-000
Subject: UFO NEAR SOCORRO

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 25 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to—Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI’s FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state “Dispute Resolution Services.” Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552


- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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3:06 AM MST DEFERRED 4/27/64 JNS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBUQUERQUE 62-1028 3P

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, SOCORRO, N.M., APRIL TWENTYFOUR SIXTYFOUR
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TEL FOUR TWENTYFIVE LAST.

OSI, ALBUQUERQUE ADVISES INCIDENT NOT KNOWN TO BE CONNECTED
WITH MILITARY OR OPERATION CLOUD GAP.

AN ADDITIONAL INCIDENT HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAPPENING AT
ONE AM, FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST, AT LA MADERIA, N.M., ABOUT SEVENTY MILES
NORTH OF SANTA FE, N.M.

B. APPROX. 1:27

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] NMSP, ESPANOLA, N.M., ADVISES HE
INTERVIEWED ONLY KNOWN WITNESS, [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] SOBER
AND FRIGHTENED, OF SANTA FE, N.M. [REDACTED] WAS VISITING HIS FATHER
[REDACTED] AT LA MADERIA, [REDACTED] WENT OUT TO TEND SOME
NOISY HORSES AT ABOUT ONE AM, FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST AND NOTED,
LOCATED ABOUT THREE HUNDRED FEET FROM HOUSE, SOMETHING SHAPED LIKE A
BUTANE TANK, POSSIBLY TWELVE TO FOURTEEN FEET HIGH, AND "LONG AS
A TELEPHONE POLE". APPARENTLY ON THE GROUND AND SURROUNDED WITH
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BLUE WHITE FLAME, WHICH APPEARED TO COME FROM PORT HOLES.

HE WATCHED SCENE FOR ABOUT ONE MINUTE, WHEN FLAME WENT OUT. OBJECT NOT NOTED TO MOVE, WAS SILENT AT ALL TIMES, [REDACTED] WNET INTO HOUSE, TOLD FATHER, WHO LAUGHED AT HIM. NEW MORNING HE VISITED SITE., SAW SMOLDERING AREA. LATER IN DAY SAW A STATE POLICE OFFICER AND RELATED INCIDENT TO HIM.

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT HE CHECKED SITE AT SEVEN THIRTY PM FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST, NOTED SCORCHED CIRCULAR AREA ABOUT THIRTY TO FORTY FEET IN DIAMETER. HE NOTED ONE RECTANGULAR, V SHAPED INDENTATION IN GROUND, EIGHT BY TWELVE INCHES, AND ABOUT THREE TO FOUR INCHES DEEP. A FELLOW OFFICER, WHO WAS THERE EARLIER, POINTED TO PLACES OF THREE MORE INDENTATIONS, INDICATING THE INDENTATIONS WERE RECTANGULAR.

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED HE SAW SEVERAL SMOOTH CIRCULAR PRINTS ON GROUND ABOUT THREE AND ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER AT SITE.

NO OTHER WITNESSES KNOWN TO HAVE OBSERVED THE OBJECT.

PROPER MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT KERTLAND AFB, ALBUQUERQUE

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ADVISED. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY FBI, ALBUQUERQUE.
LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED.

MILITARY OFFICERS CONTACTED ADVISE THE TWO INCIDENTS REPORTED
ARE NOT A PART OF A MILITARY EXERCISE TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND TO
DATE HAVE NO EXPLANATION.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC-Mr. DeLoach

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To: SAC, Albuquerque

From: Director, FBI

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Reurtel 4/25/64. Assure facts this matter are furnished to local Air Force. Submit letterhead memorandum.

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NOTE:

A police officer described as sober, dependable, mature, and not known to engage in flights of fantasy reported seeing an unidentified flying object rise from the earth with a roar, emitting bluish and orange flames and disappear over a distant mountain. When he reported his observations, representatives of the local law enforcement agencies searched the scene and noted four small irregularly shaped smouldering areas and four regular depressed areas at the site. The unidentified flying object was described as oval shaped; about twenty feet long; with a red insignia; there is no indication in the referenced teletype that Air Force had been advised. Our policy is not to investigate but assure that Air Force is cognizant. Military is investigating and Albuquerque Office is maintaining liaison.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ALBUQUERQUE 62-NEW

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, SOCORRO, N.M. APR TWENTY FOUR, SIXTYFOUR
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

INFORMATION RECEIVED APR TWENTY FOUR AND TWENTY FIVE, FROM
LONNIE ZAMORA, CONSIDERED SOBER, DEPENDABLE, MATURE, NOT OF
FANTASY, OFFICER OF POLICE DEPARTMENT SOCORRO, N.M. THAT AT ABOUT
FIVE FIFTY PM MST, WHILE IN SOUTH AREA OF SOCORRO NOTED FLAME IN
SKY TO SOUTHWEST, WHICH HE DECIDED TO CHECK OUT IN BELIEF DYNAMITE-
SHACK IN AREA HAD BLOWN UP.

WHILE TRAVELING IN ISOLATED AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE
SOUTH AREA OF SOCORRO, NOTED IN DEPRESSION ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED
FEET AWAY WHITISH OBJECT WHICH, UPON GLANCING AT SAME, APPEARED
TO BE OVERTURNED AUTOMOBILE. TWO PERSONS IN APPARENT WHITE
COVERALLS WERE ADJACENT TO OBJECT.

THEN TRAVELED OVER ROUGH ROAD TO SPOT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED
THREE FEET FROM OBJECT AND ABOUT TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE FEET HIGHER.
NO PERSONS VISIBLE. HEARD TWO OR THREE LOUD THUMPS, LESS THAN
A SECOND APART, THEN WITH A ROAR AND BLUISH AND ORANGE FLAMES,
OBJECT SLOWLY VERTICALLY ROSE TO ABOUT CAR HEIGHT, THEN NOISE AND
FLAME STOPPED AND OBJECT TOOK OFF AT HIGH SPEED IN STRAIGHT LINE AND
ALMOST HORIZONTALLY TO DISAPPEAR OVER DISTANT MOUNTAIN.

ZAMORA, GREATLY FRIGHTENED, RADIOED HIS OBSERVATIONS AND
NMSP SERGEANT AND SOCORRO COUNTY UNDERSHERIFE, QUICKLY ON SCENE,
NOTED FOUR SMALL IRREGULARLY SHAPED SMOULDERING AREAS AND FOUR
REGULAR DEPRESSED AREAS APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN BY SIX INCHES IN
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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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RECTANGULAR TYPE PATTERN AVERAGING ABOUT TWELVE FEET APART.

ZAMORA STATES OBJECT WAS OVAL SHAPED, SIMILAR TO FOOTBALL, POSSIBLY TWENTY FEET LONG, AND HAD A RED INSIGNIA ABOUT THIRTY INCHES HIGH AND TWO FEET WIDE, CENTERED ON OBJECT. NO OTHER WITNESSES KNOWN TO NOISE, FLAME OR OBJECT.

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] UP RANGE COMMANDER, STALLION RANGE CENTER, SOCORRO, N.M., ADVISED AT ONCE APRIL TWENTY FOUR AND IS HANDLING.

MILITARY PRESENTLY CONDUCTING OPERATION KNOWN AS CLOUD GAP WHICH IS JOINT OPERATION DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ARMY CONTROL, DISARMAMENT AGENCY IN SOUTHWEST STATES INCLUDING NEW MEXICO. NOT KNOWN IF ABOVE INCIDENT RELATES TO CLOUD GAP.

CONSIDERABLE INTEREST OF PRESS IN MATTER. ALBUQUERQUE CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION, IS MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH MILITARY. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/64

From
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-1028) (C)

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

0 Flying Saucers

file

Re Albuquerque airtel to Bureau, 4/28/64, and Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 4/28/64.

As noted in Albuquerque airtel, Captain [redacted] Up Range Commander, Stallion Range Center, Socorro, N. M., was immediately advised, 4/24/64, of the facts in this case. He observed the site of the incident, 4/24/64, and made measurements while SA D. ARTHUR BYRNES, JR. was placing rocks around the four earth indentations and around one other mark at the site.

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Late 4/24/64 and into 4/25/64, Captain [redacted] who is with the U. S. Air Force, and SA BYRNES interviewed Officer LONNIE ZAMORA of the Socorro Police Department.

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SA BYRNES typed up a statement like account from Officer ZAMORA as given by ZAMORA under lengthy interrogation. Captain [redacted] diagramed his measurements of the scene.

606 Riverside Street Socorro, N.M. 87100

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Early 4/25/64, Captain [redacted] and SA BYRNES delivered the original and a copy of ZAMORA's statements and Captain [redacted] diagrams to the authorities at Stallion Site, approximately 30 miles southeast of Socorro.

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Two letterhead memorandums are enclosed, one from Officer ZAMORA and one of observations of SA BYRNES. Also enclosed is a copy of charts made by Captain [redacted] of the pertinent area.

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1 - Albuquerque
DAB/dac
(3) *xerox copy made of drawing*
cc of such enclosure to OSI by [redacted] 5-26-64 JFW/puy

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EXCC. BELONGS FILE

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Calls concerning subject matter are being referred immediately to Major [redacted] [redacted] Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

May 8, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964

Special Agent D. Arthur Byrnes, Jr., Federal Bureau of Investigation, stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was at Socorro, New Mexico, and at the State Police Office there on business late afternoon of April 24, 1964.

At approximately 5:45 to 5:50 P. M., [redacted] radio operator in the Socorro County Sheriff's Office, located about thirty feet down the hall from the State Police Office, came into the State Police Office.

[redacted] advised [redacted] New Mexico State Police, that he had just received a radio call from Officer Lonnie Zamora to come to an area about one mile southwest of Socorro. The call was in relation to some unknown object which "landed and has taken off." Agent Byrnes finished his work in the State Police Office at Socorro at approximately 6:00 P. M., April 24, 1964, and thereafter proceeded to the site where Officer Zamora, Socorro County Undersheriff [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] [redacted] and Officer [redacted] New Mexico State Police, were assembled.

It may be noted that it has been the observation of Agent Byrnes that Officer Zamora, known intimately for approximately five years, is well regarded as a sober, industrious, and conscientious officer and not given to fantasy.

Officer Zamora was noted to be perfectly sober and somewhat agitated over his experience.

Special Agent Byrnes noted four indentations in the rough ground at the "site" of the object described

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by Officer Zamora. These depressions appeared regular in shape, approximately sixteen by six inches rectangular. Each depression seemed to have been made by an object going into the earth at an angle from a center line. Each depression was approximately two inches deep and pushed some earth to the far side.

Inside the four depressions were three burned patches of clumps of grass. Other clumps of grass in the same area appeared not to be disturbed. One burned area was outside the four depressions.

There were three circular marks in the earth which were smooth, approximately four inches in diameter and penetrated in the sandy earth approximately one-eighth of an inch as if a jar lid had gently been pushed into the sand.

No other person was noted in the area the night of April 24, 1964. No other objects were noted in the area possibly connected with the incident related by Officer Zamora.

So far as could be noted, there were no houses or inhabited dwellings in the area or in sight of the area.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 24, 1964

The following data were obtained from Officer Lonnie Zamora, Police Department, Socorro, New Mexico, the night of April 24, 1964, and early morning, April 25, 1964, as related by Officer Zamora.

Lonnie Zamora, 606 Reservoir Street, Socorro, New Mexico, 835-1134, Officer Socorro Police Department about five years, office phone 835-0941, now on 2:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M. shift.

About 5:45 P. M., April 24, 1964, while in Socorro 2 Police Car (1964 Pontiac white) started to chase a car due south from west side of Courthouse. Car was apparently speeding, and was about three blocks in front. At point on Old Rodeo Street, (extension of Park Street south), near [redacted] residence (about one-half 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 [redacted] boy, [redacted] [redacted]). Chased car still about three blocks ahead.


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Lonnie alone.

At this time heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest some distance away--possibly a half mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up. Decided to abandon the chase, and to check on the flame. The flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving the police car and could not 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 three degrees or so in width--not wide. The flame was possibly a mile south of Socorro, in isolated area.

The 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 note if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over prescription glasses.  Could not

see bottom of flame because it was behind the 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.

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Noise was a roar, not a blast. Not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly ten 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. Both car windows were down. No other spectators noted--no traffic except the car in front--and 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 toward the flame site. Got up about half way first time, wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try twice again before made the hill. Hill about sixty feet 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 westwardly. Noted nothing for awhile, for possibly ten or fifteen seconds, went slow, looking around for the dynamite shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

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Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 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.

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 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.

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 mesa background, but not chrome. Seemed like  in shape and I at first glance took it to be an 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 to Socorro, possible 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 turned to go down to where knew the object (car) was.

AS my mike fell, I got out of car, at scene area, I heard about two or three loud "thumps," like someone possibly hammering or shutting a door or doors 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.

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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 jets sound 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 roar, it might blow up. Flame might have come from underside of object, at middle, possibly a four feet area--very rough guess. Can not 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 several times towards object. Bumped leg on car--back fender area. Car facing southwest. Glasses fell to ground, left them there. Ran to north--car between him and object.

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  .

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Insignia was about two and one-half feet high and about two feet 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 twenty to twenty-five feet, guess--took I guess about six seconds when object started to rise and I glanced back. I ran I guess about half way to where I ducked down--about fifty feet from the car is where I ducked down, just over edge of hill. I guess I had run about twenty-five 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 stopped 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 same time put my head towards 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

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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 a straight line and at same height--possibly ten to fifteen feet from ground, and it cleared the dynamite shack by about three feet. Shack about eight feet high. Object was traveling very fast. It seemed to rise up and take off immediately across 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 sunglasses on the ground), got into the car, and radioed to [redacted] radio operator, to "look out the window, to see if you could see an object." He asked, "What is it?" I answered, "It looks like a balloon." I don't know if he saw it. If [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 Six Mile Canyon Mountain. It disappeared as it

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went over the mountain. It had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and no smoke or noise.

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

Just before Sergeant [] got to scene, I got my pen and drew a picture of the insignia on the object.

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 [] at radio and to Sergeant [] 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 Sergeant [] (New Mexico 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 Sergeant [] came up, asked me what the trouble was, because I was sweating and he told me I was white, very pale. I asked the Sergeant to see what I saw, and that was the burning brush. Then

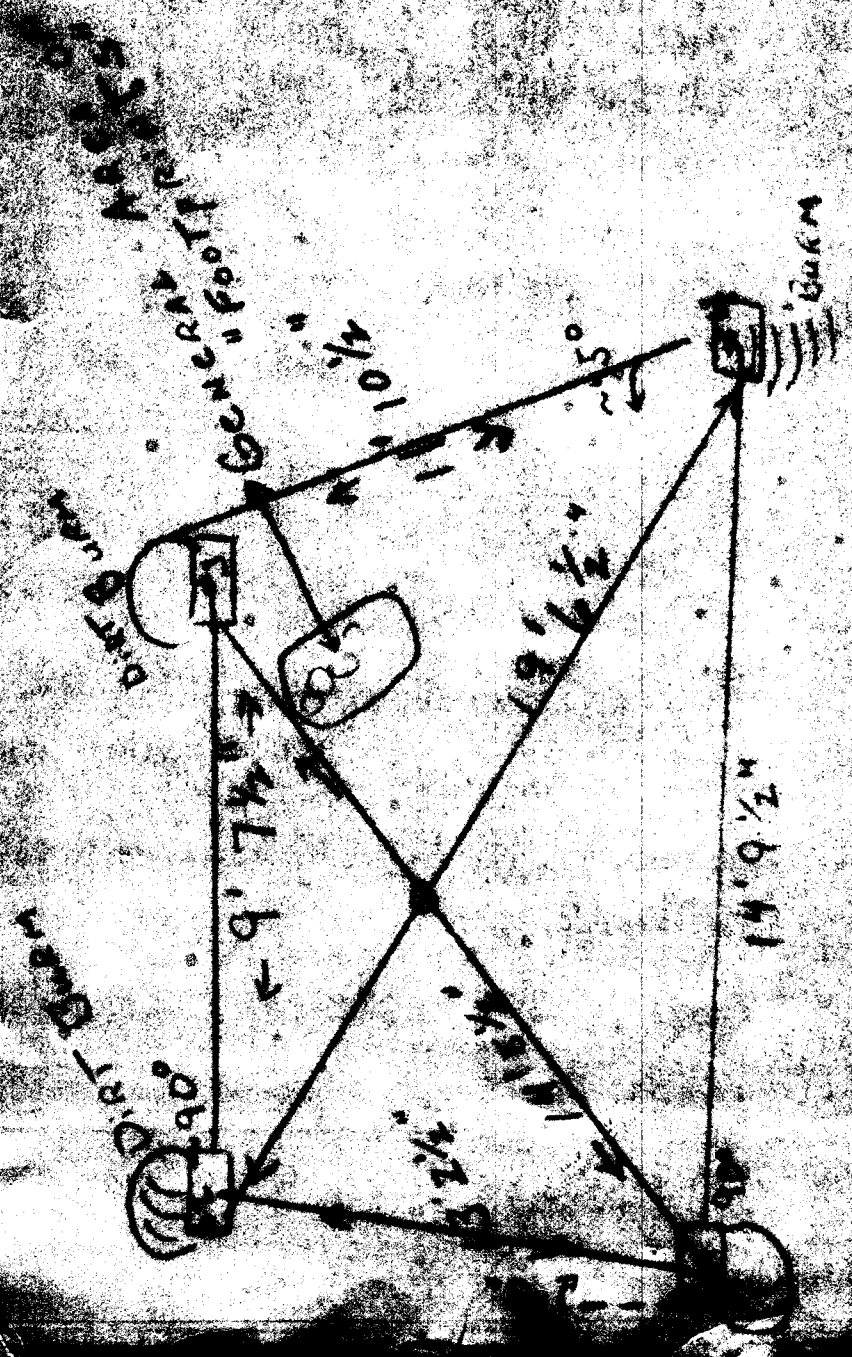
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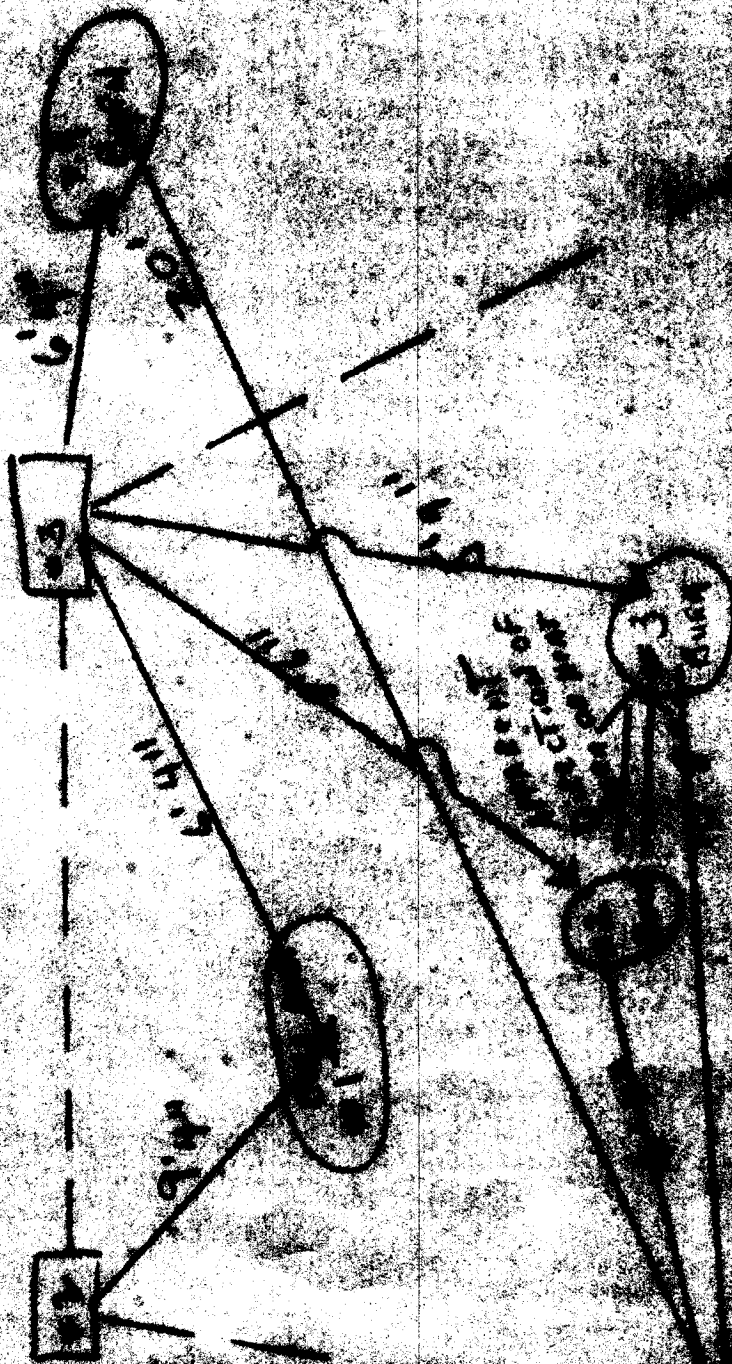
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Sergeant [redacted] and I went to the spot, and Sergeant

[redacted] pointed out the tracks.

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RE: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT,
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO,
4/24/64
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Re Albuquerque teletypes to the Bureau 4/25/64 and 4/27/64.

Lt. Col. [Redacted] Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 4/26/64, advised that he cannot explain the observations described by Officer LONNIE ZAMORA at Socorro, New Mexico.

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Major [Redacted] KAFB, Albuquerque, advised that he is the proper officer to handle such reports.

Major [Redacted] advised that he and T/Sgt. [Redacted] had examined the site at Socorro, New Mexico, and interviewed Officer LONNIE ZAMORA. They were impressed by Officer ZAMORA's sincerity. They noted no radio activity at the site. They cannot explain Officer ZAMORA's observations. He did learn that the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology at Socorro does some blasting in its work, however, their blasting is not in the area of this incident.

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Major [redacted] on 4/27/64, advised that on 4/26/64, he had met [redacted] at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and both proceeded to La Madera, New Mexico, to check out [redacted] observations. He stated that at the scene there was still some smoldering material. He noted that there was miscellaneous rubbish in the area and the site may have been a dump at one time. In his opinion, some material, such as a can of paint, could have caught fire and exploded. He also noted that [redacted] had an odor of alcohol about him. Major [redacted] stated he would advise the FBI, Albuquerque, of any pertinent developments.

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It may be noted that New Mexico State Police Sergeant [redacted] and Socorro County Undersheriff [redacted] on 4/24/64, advised that they answered ZAMORA's radio calls and went to the site quickly. They noted several small burning areas at the site and the indentations. No one else was noted in the area. Officer ZAMORA, a well regarded and capable officer, was noted to be perfectly sober and thoroughly frightened.

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SA D. ARTHUR BYRNES, JR. was at Socorro, New Mexico, 4/24/64, and had noted the four irregular burned spots and the four indentations at the site. SA BYRNES immediately advised Captain [redacted] Up Range Commander, Stallion Range Center, Socorro, New Mexico. Captain [redacted] along with Officer ZAMORA and SA BYRNES checked the Socorro site and interviewed Officer ZAMORA at length. Officer ZAMORA's observations were taken in the form of a statement. A copy of this lengthy statement is retained at the Albuquerque FBI Office as well as a small sample of charred material taken at the scene.

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An unusual observation made at the Socorro scene was that there appeared to be no "blast" effects. Between the burned spots were unburned areas, including patches of unburned brown range grass.

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It may be noted that Captain [] immediately contacted proper military personnel concerning this incident.

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Liaison will be maintained with Major [] who advised he has received several more reported incidents to which he will give attention.