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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	763d AC&W Squadron Lockport, New York	REPORT NO.	13-47-32-B	PAGE	3	OF	3	PAGES
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6. Weather - 25,000, scattered clouds, winds aloft, 20 knots from 270°.

7. Meteorological activity unknown.

8. No physical evidence available.

9. Intercept action taken by this station using F-47 aircraft. Intercept unsuccessful.

10. No local air traffic.

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NR JEDWP  
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FM HQ USAF WASHDC  
TO CGAMC WPAFB OHIO

ATTN ATIC ATIAA-5 FROM AFCIN 41629 FOLG MSG RECEIVED FROM MARCH AFB  
FLT SVC CLN "CIRVIS PART 1. FLASH THE OBJECT WAS ELIPTICAL TO A  
DELTA SHAPE AND PREDIMENTIAL. AND APPEARED TO THE NAKED EYE THE SIZE  
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PAGE TWO JEPHQ 350A

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FM HQ USAF WASH DC

TO JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDWP/CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN ATIC FOR ATIAA 41316 FOLLOWING MSG FR FLT SV CTR MARCH  
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ACTION

FM MARCH FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER MARCH AFB CALIF  
TO ZEN/HQDRS USAF WASHDC  
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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ZEN/CO MATS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
ZEN/CMDR FLIGHT SERVICE WASHDC  
ZEN/CG 15TH AF MARCH AFB CALIF

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1. THE OBJECT WAS ELLIPTICAL SHAPE TO A DELTA SHAPE AND THREE DIMENSIONAL AND APPEARED TO THE NAKED EYE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A DIME WHILE ONLY ONE OBJECT AND WAS OF A BRIGHT SILVER CVLOR WITH GRAY AT THE BACK PD WHEN FIRST SIGHTED IT APPEARED AS ONLY ONE OBJECT BUT LATER BROKE UP INTO SEVEN OBJECTS PD THERE WERE NO EXHAUST TRAILS OR SOUND PD IT BROKE UP VERY SMOOTHLY AND TURNS WERE SMOOTH PD IT APPEARED AS A STACK OF COINS THAT SEPERATED INTO SEVEN AND WAS A FORMATION OF 3 OBJECTS WITH TWO IN FORMATION TO THE STERN AND ANOTHER FORMATION OF TWO TO THE STERN OF THAT PD THE



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HIGH SPEED AND VERY HIGH ALTITUDE PD

2. 27/1835PST TO 27/1855P AND WAS OBSERVED FOR 26 MINUTES

3. THE OBJECT WAS SEEN BOTH VISUAL AND BY THE AID OF 20/50 POWER  
BINOCULARS

4. THE OBSERVATION WAS MADE AT ██████████ CAK AVE MANHATTAN BEACH  
CALIF

5. THE OBSERVATION WAS MADE BY MR. ██████████ OF THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
PHONE FRONTIER ██████████ AND BY SEVEN OTHERS AT THE SAME ADDRESS  
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6. WEATHER AT 1830P 180 SCTD 15 MILES ALOFT 20000 090/  
15K 3000 900/17K 40000 080/120K 50000 090/24K

7. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN THE LOS ANGELES OR MANHATTAN BEACH  
AREA AT THAT TIME

28/0625Z JUL JEDWP

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27 July 1952

Manhattan Beach, California

**Description:**

An unidentified aerial object was observed from the ground at Manhattan Beach, California, 27 July 1953. First sighted at 1835 PST and observed both visually and with the aid of 20/50 binoculars by a civilian observer. Object was elliptical or delta shaped, and appeared to the naked eye to be about the size of a dime. It was a bright silver color with gray in the rear. When first sighted, it appeared as one object, but later broke up into seven objects. There were no exhaust trails or sounds. It broke up very smoothly and the turns were smooth. It appeared as a stack of coins that separated into seven in a V formation of three objects followed by two formations of two each. The entire operation was very gracefully executed. It was overhead at Manhattan Beach and turned south breaking up and disappeared out of sight on a north northeast heading. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed at a high altitude. Weather at the time of sighting was 18,000', scattered clouds, visibility 15 miles, winds aloft ~~from~~ from 20,000 to 50,000' were from the east varying from 15 to 24 knots. There was no known air traffic in the Los Angeles or Manhattan Beach area at the time of sighting. Observer was an ex-Navy pilot now employed as an aircraft engineer and should be a well qualified aerial observer. This report was verified by seven other persons.

**COMMENT:**

No aircraft in the area. Balloons released in the area were not in the vicinity at the time of sighting. Length of time observed and the speed eliminate the possibility of this object being astronomical in nature.

**CONCLUSION:**

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FM CO MARCH FLT SV CEN MARCH AFB CALIF

TO CC ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

1958 AUG 5 20:4  
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~~REDACTED~~ 5-H-1 REFERENCE TWX 31/2145Z PROJECT BLUE BOOK  
ON 27 JUL 52 (LONG BEACH AFB CALIF) RELEASED TWO WEATHER BALLOONS CMA  
ONE AT 1300 PST AND ONE AT 1900 PST PD BURBANK WEATHER BUREAU BURBANK  
CALIF RELEASED TWO WEATHER BALLOONS CMA ONE AT 1300 PST AND ONE AT  
1500 PST PD THESE WEATHER BALLOONS WERE 30 INCHES IN DIAMETER WHEN  
RELEASED PD AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1735 PST AND 1845 PST WERE 89 AIR  
CARRIER AIRCRAFT CMA 15 CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT AND ONE NAVY AD AIRCRAFT  
PD NO JET AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AIR PD END HANLON CO MARCH FLT SV CEN  
MARCH AFB CALIF

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# JOINT MESSAGE FOR

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO WASH AF3 CALIF

INFO:

FROM: ~~AFOW-ATIAA-3-1~~ FOR FLIGHT SERVICE

Re your message to Hq USAF regarding unidentified object sighting by ██████████  
 ██████████ Oak Ave., Manhattan Beach, Calif., on 27 July 52. Request reinterrogation of  
 source and other witnesses and forwarding of detailed AF Form 112 to ATIC, Attn:  
 ATIAA-5. Would also like immediate information on balloon releases from all sources  
 and a/c in area between 1735 and 1845 PST, 27 July 52.  
 In reply cite Project Blue Book.

DATE-TIME GROUP 11750Z Aug 52		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION ██████████
PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION ROUTINE	INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE	
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
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### SECURITY INFORMATION

WRITER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT J. K. ROTHEBERG/vb

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TELEPHONE

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OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF  
Air Adjutant General

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## PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

## I. GENERAL

1. DATE 27 Jul 52	2. LOCATION Ransomville, N.Y.	3. TIME Local: 262030Z Zebra: 0132
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made	<input type="checkbox"/> No
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) 763 <sup>rd</sup> ACW Sq., Lockport, N.Y.		

## II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? None		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data from Air Almanac) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset		

## III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



**IV. BALLOON DATA**

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?  Yes  No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

**V. EVALUATION**

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unreliable
- Extremely Doubtful
- Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- Was Balloon
- Probably Balloon
- Possibly Balloon
  
- Was Aircraft
- Probably Aircraft
- Possibly Aircraft

- Was Astronomical
- Probably Astronomical
- Possibly Astronomical
  
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- Unknown

24. COMMENTS:



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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000	20	270	55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what altitude? \_\_\_\_\_)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what quadrant? \_\_\_\_\_)

7. CLOUD COVER: *25,000' scattered*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ tenths at \_\_\_\_\_ feet.      \_\_\_\_\_ tenths at \_\_\_\_\_ feet.  
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8. VISIBILITY WAS \_\_\_\_\_ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:



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I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>27 Jul 52</i>	2. LOCATION <del>Western N.Y.</del> <i>RIPLEY, N.Y.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1900 EST</i> Zebra: <i>2400</i>
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5,000			50,000		
6,000	20	270°	55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
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5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what altitude? \_\_\_\_\_)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what quadrant? \_\_\_\_\_)

7. CLOUD COVER: *25,000 scattered*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ tenths at \_\_\_\_\_ feet.      \_\_\_\_\_ tenths at \_\_\_\_\_ feet.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ tenths at \_\_\_\_\_ feet.      \_\_\_\_\_ tenths at \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS \_\_\_\_\_ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:



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State of California, USA  
Flight Service, WAFS, 3800 Newark  
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

Civilian Observer of Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Teletype FLYOERPT Submitted by March Flight Service Center 272035 PST July

Object was sighted over Manhattan Beach, California at 1835PST 27 July 1952. The object was elliptical or Delta shaped, three dimensional, and appeared to the naked eye about the size of a dime. It first appeared as one object, later breaking up into seven objects. Speed and altitude were both given as very high.

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Major, USAF  
Acting Intelligence Officer

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1. An unidentified flying object was observed from the surface at Manhattan Beach, California, 27 July 1952. First sighted at 1835PST and observed for 20 minutes both visually and with the aid of 20/50 binoculars by civilian observer.

2. The object was elliptical or Delta shaped, three dimensional, and appeared to the naked eye about the size of a dime. It was a bright silver color with gray in the rear. When first sighted it appeared as only one object but later broke up into seven objects. There were no exhaust trails or sounds. It broke up very smoothly and turns were smooth. It appeared as a stack of coins that separated into seven in a V formation of three objects followed by two formations of two each. The entire operation was very gracefully executed. It was overhead at Manhattan Beach and turned south breaking up and disappeared out of sight on a north northeast heading. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed and very high altitude.

3. Weather in the area at the time of sighting was 18,000 feet, scattered clouds, visibility 15 miles, winds aloft from 20,000 to 50,000 feet from the east varying between 15 and 24 knots.

4. Witness: Mr. [REDACTED], Manhattan Beach, California, telephone Frontier [REDACTED]

5. There was no known air traffic in the Los Angeles or Manhattan Beach area at the time of sighting.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Mr. [REDACTED] is an ex-Navy pilot now employed as an aircraft engineer and should be a well qualified aerial observer. This report was verified by seven other witnesses at the same address, names unknown.

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