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1006th AISS Ent AFB, Colorado	6 Nov 57
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WILLIAM P. BRUNSON Lt. Colonel, USAF	13 Nov 57
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PART ONE: Description of Sighting by Cpl Glenn H. Toy and PFC James E. Wilbanks

PART TWO: Description of Sighting by SP-3 Henry R. Barlow and SP-3 Forest R. Oakes

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FOUR: Comments of the Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: This report contains information about an Unidentified Flying Object sighted on two occasions by two separate MP motor patrols in the vicinity of the STALLION SITE CAMP about ninety miles north of White Sands Proving Grounds Headquarters; results of supplementary investigative efforts; and possible identification criteria. All SOURCES are assigned to the US Army Garrison (Det 5) at White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico.

III. INVESTIGATOR: Captain Patrick O. Shere, AO 1639638

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I. SOURCE: Cpl Glenn H. Toy, RA 13542160
Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 21

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: Half of tenth grade

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: SOURCE appeared to be quite ingenuous, naive and impressionable. He was immaculately dressed in his Army uniform and meticulously observed military courtesy. SOURCE appeared to be quite sincere, cooperative, and was eager to describe the sighting. By the time this interviewer was able to talk with SOURCE, he had been interviewed several times by press representatives as well as military personnel, had discussed it with the other patrol, and so gave all answers without hesitation or uncertainty. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE is quite sincere in his belief that he truly saw "something:" however, it is believed that this has been magnified out of all proportion.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 030930Z Nov 57, SOURCE, together with PFC James E. Wilbanks, was on a routine motor patrol of the "up range" area of the White Sands Proving Grounds, when he noticed a "very bright" object high in the sky. This object slowly descended to an altitude estimated to be approximately fifty (50) yards where it remained motionless for about three (3) minutes, then descended to the ground where the light went out. The object was not blurred or fuzzy, emitted no vapor or smoke. The object was in view for about ten (10) minutes, and SOURCE estimated that it was approximately two (2) or three (3) miles away. It was estimated to be between seventy-five (75) and 100 yards in diameter, and shaped like an egg. SOURCE stated that it was as large as a grapefruit held at arms length. The weather was cold, drizzling, and windy, and SOURCE stated no stars were visible. After the light went out, SOURCE and PFC Wilbanks continued north to the STALLION SITE CAMP and reported the incident to the Sergeant of the Guard, who returned to the area but failed to find anything. SOURCE's signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"At about 0230-0300 Sunday morning I, CPL GLENN H TOY and PFC WILBANKS were on patrol in Range Area when we noticed a very bright object high in the sky. We were proceeding north toward South Gate and object kept coming down toward the ground. Object stopped approximately fifty (50) yards from the ground and went out and nothing could be seen. A few minutes later object became real bright (like the sun) then fell in an angle to the ground and went out. Object was approximately seventy-five (75) to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. Object landed by the bunker area approximately three (3) miles from us. Object was not seen again/ END OF STATEMENT"

PFC Wilbanks was not available for interview, since he was on a three (3) day pass; however, his signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"I, PFC JAMES E WILBANKS, saw a fire like object about 0230 the 3 Nov 57 between the bunker area and South Gate, this is about all I remember seeing it was about sixty (60) or eighty (80) feet off the ground and it started down slow then it went out for a while, then I saw it again and it started down in about a forty (40) degree angle. It was about three (3) miles away and was about 120 feet in diameter./END OF STATEMENT"

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1. SOURCES: SP-3 Henry R. Barlow, RA 28228708
Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 21

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: High School Graduate

SP-3 Forest R. Oakes, RA 13524749
Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 19

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCES: Both SOURCES, interviewed by press and military personnel prior to this interviewer's talk with them, gave identical accounts of the sighting. The two (2) SOURCES were neat and observed military courtesy at all times, but impressed this interviewer as being not at all observant or competent witnesses. The general tenor of their conversation did not indicate keen insight of details, nor did it indicate above average intelligence. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE's account of the sighting has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance, and the attendant publicity has been more sensational than factual.

III. SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 040300Z Nov 57, the two (2) SOURCES were on a routine motor patrol near the Trinity site at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, driving west in a jeep. The night was fairly bright with some stars visible through scattered clouds. The moon was visible. At the same moment, both SOURCES became aware of a bright light in the sky, which slowly climbed to approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon. The light appeared to pulsate, and was the color of heated metal; red, then white. At no time did it disappear behind clouds. SOURCES did not observe any smoke or vapor, nor did they hear any unusual sounds. The object climbed in the sky until it looked like a star, and then disappeared. The object did not have a distinct silhouette, but appeared blurred and fuzzy. SOURCES viewed the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Signed and sworn statements made to their Commanding Officer are quoted below:

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Henry R. Barlow to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"On the four (4) to twelve (12) Patrol, 3rd Nov 57, SP-3 OAKES and I, SP-3 Henry R. BARLOW Jr. on our check at Trinity Site, at approximately 2000, we looked in the general area of the West Impact area, and seen a bright light leave the ground and proceeding slowly into the air, we watched it for a few minutes and then proceeded to Nip Site, when we reached the Range Road, the object kept getting brighter, then going dimmer, then out then proceed to get brighter again. On arriving at Nip Site, we set and watched it for a few minutes then it disappeared, we then proceeded to the PMO and notified the SGT of the Guard. On our way to the PMO we seen the object several times and then disappear again./END OF STATEMENT"

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Forest R. Oakes to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

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On or about 2000 hours 3 November 1957 SP-3 Barlow and myself, SP-3 Forest R Oakes, RA 13524749 saw a large bright light hanging approximately fifty (50) feet over bunker. It took off at forty-five (45) degree angle and went up into the sky, then it started blinking on and off. Then it disappeared. I would say it was two or three hundred feet long and just about as wide. It was very bright, as the sun. We were approximately four or five miles west of the light./END OF STATEMENT

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Head of the Department of Meteoretics at the University of New Mexico, revealed that no unusual meteorological or astronomical phenomena occurred during this period.

2. Weather records reveal that the planet Venus was at first magnitude at 2000 hours MST, and at 15 degrees elevation, with an azimuth of 225 degrees.

3. Moonset on 3 November 1957 was at 0229 hours MST at an azimuth of 270 degrees.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The opinion of the preparing officer is that the first patrol mistook moonset for an unidentified flying object, and that the second patrol merely witnessed the planet Venus.

2. Both sightings were made by young and impressionable SOURCES, on duty in lonely and isolated areas.

3. Identification criteria for planets are applicable for each sighting.

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