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Sonoma, California

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I. Description of Incident

At 0905 W two civilian sources observed one small flying object moving at a great rate of speed and performing violent maneuvers. The object's sound was similar to that of a jet aircraft. The object made three 180° right turns in nine seconds then performed abrupt 90° turns first to the right, then to the left. The object then stopped, accelerated to its former speed, rose vertically and disappeared.

II. Momentum of Incident

The only known aerial object capable of appearing to go through the described maneuvers would be a balloon; however, the time factors and velocity estimates do not support this conclusion.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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