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SUBJECT: Report Upon Sighting of "So-Called" Flying Saucer

TO: Director of Intelligence
 Department of the Air Force
 Washington 25, D.C.

Place: Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Date: 19 April 1952

Time: 2130 local daylight savings (1620 Z)

Weather Conditions: Night, cloudless skies, maximum visibility,
 no moon but starlit.

1. While reclining alone on my patio for an after-dinner smoke, I noticed in the far distance in the general south-southwest area of the sky what, at first glance, I thought was the tail end of a "shooting star" which are commonly seen in this area of the world. My next instant realization was that this object in the sky was not falling toward earth but was travelling horizontal to the ground at a constant altitude and on a constant course. My next mental reaction was that it was an aircraft approaching the Air Base. This was instantly dispelled by the high rate of closure of the object coming almost directly toward me and by the fact that although conditions surrounding me at the time were extremely quiet, I heard absolutely no sound from this flying object. The speed was so great that I knew it could not be an airplane of any type. At this point, knowing the tricky illusions one gets in looking into a starlit sky, I looked completely away from the object and back again; my eyes immediately picked it up, although it was considerably farther along on its course. By this time I was positively convinced that it was some unusual phenomenon. I continued to follow the object along with my eyes until it disappeared into a generally north-northeasterly direction beyond the scope of normal vision. It was necessary for me to turn almost a complete 180 degrees in order to follow the object until I lost sight of it. I would judge as a fairly accurate estimate that the object was visible to me for a period of from 5 to 6 seconds. I would judge its speed as considerably in excess of any jet aircraft I have seen in flight. If I were forced to estimate the speed it would be in the neighborhood of a thousand to twelve hundred miles an hour.

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