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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

NO. 24-176	DATE 27 JUN 1952
REPORT MADE BY: Thomas J. McGrile, S/A	
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TITLE: Unidentified Objects Reported over EL CENTRO, Calif. on 13 May 1952

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: Ltr fr DO #5, dated 27 May 1952, File No. 53-24-21

SYNOPSIS:

Referenced letter requested the name and address of sources of information regarding subject, description of the incident including shape, bearings, and elevations at beginning and end of flight, and time in sight. Basic information received from El Centro, Calif., Sheriff's Office. El Centro Sheriff's Office contacted and state[illegible] reports received from Officers CLANKAHAN and CHANEY, Imperial, Calif., Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff S. L. MONK, El Centro County Sheriff's Office, stationed at Niland, Calif., also Naval Air Station Control Tower, El Centro, Calif., and Army Control Tower, Yuma, Arizona. Interview with Police Chief SIMO SHERMAN, Police Department, Imperial, Calif., reveals CLANKAHAN denies seeing any unidentified objects. CHANEY since discharged as unreliable. Deputy Sheriff S. L. MONK believes subject sighted to be Navy flare on weather balloon. Operations Officer, Naval Air Control Tower, El Centro, Calif., states strange object sighted by control operator to be morning star. Yuma Control Tower located in District Office #17.

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