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stated that upon CHASEY's discharge, he left Imperial and the Chief had no record as to CHASEY's present whereabouts.

5. CDR J. G. ANDERSON, Operations Officer, Naval Air Station, El Centro, Calif., was interviewed and made available the official Navy log covering the hours of said sightings. CDR ANDERSON stated that with the use (1) exception of the control tower operator reporting the sighting, none of the aircraft staff could observe any of the reported objects in the sky. CDR ANDERSON stated that upon checking with the control tower after receipt of said sighting, he found the control tower operator was viewing the morning star through a set of binoculars and that at that particular hour of the morning, the morning star gives off a pulsating light that when viewed through a set of binoculars appears to be red, yellow, orange and green and the pulsating effect has a tendency to appear that the star is moving. CDR ANDERSON stated that the Tuna Tower after listening to the conversation on the drop wire, said drop wire being an inter-tower communication, reported that a strange object in about the same position had been sighted. CDR ANDERSON stated that he had no knowledge as to what the Tuna Tower Operator was viewing, but from the position given, stated that he was personally satisfied that the Tuna Tower was also viewing the morning star.

6. Lt. (SS) WEN H. SMITH, Air Officer of the Day, Naval Air Station, El Centro, California, was on duty as Air Officer of the Day 12 May 1968, and also observed the Control Tower Operator's sighting, and stated that it was the morning star. Lt. SMITH stated that there were numerous aircraft up on early morning flights at this time, and upon notification, all pilots were alerted to observe for aerial phenomena. All reported negative.

7. Mr. HAROLD V. JOHNSON, CNA Office, NAS, El Centro, Calif., was interviewed in lieu of Mr. LAYNE, CNA, El Centro, Calif., and stated that they were unable to confirm reports of unidentified objects over El Centro, Calif., on 12 May 1968. The only records in reference to the above report were copies of the El Centro, Calif. Sheriff's Office message incorporated in this report. Mr. JOHNSON stated that contact was made with the 761st ASW Squadron, Naval Air Station, Calif., with negative results. Mr. JOHNSON stated that the Tuna Tower had reported on the drop line the sighting of a mysterious object in the eastern sky, and after a check by CDR J. G. ANDERSON and Lt. W. H. SMITH of the Operations Office, NAS, El Centro, Calif., the officers reported that their tower operator was viewing the morning star through his binoculars, and it was their opinion that the Tuna Tower was also sighting the same object. Mr. JOHNSON stated that no further investigation was made by CNA.

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