

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 May 49 06/1735Z	2. LOCATION Livermore, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS TWO	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted two objects. They were very brilliant as they were reflecting quite a lot of sunlight. They were heading Northnorthwest and they were going through numerous maneuvers. They were up very high and traveling at a high rate of speed. A trail of gray-colored vapor was left behind.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NNW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Livermore, Calif.

Dear Mr. 

Receipt of your communication dated 6 May 1949 is acknowledged by this Command.

Your contributions relative to "flying saucers" have been made a matter of record, and will be incorporated into the present study of this phenomena.

Your interest and action in reporting this matter to this Headquarters is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Livermore, Calif.

Dear Sirs.

In regard to the so called flying saucers this morning at nine thirty five I was walking along highway fifty adjacent to Livermore airport when I saw two objects which I shall hereinafter refer to as saucers.

I had been watching a twin engine transport plane flying in a southeasterly direction at approximately eight thousand feet. It was still faintly visible when I saw the two saucers to the left and higher up. They were at about a sixty degree angle from the earth surface traveling from south southeast to north northwest judging from the plane's altitude I estimated them to be at around twenty thousand feet. They were smaller appearing than the plane but much higher. So relatively I would say they were about the same size.

I watched them closely for fully five minutes from the time they appeared until they disappeared to the northwest. Except for one instance they they rotated around each other in approx. half mile circles first one then the other in the lead, all the time moving in the northerly direction. Six or eight times I saw them turn up on edge throwing off a brilliant reflection. The reflections were cast when they were making the circles around each other and on the farther side of the turn away from me. To me these reflections seemed to be cast off from the top side of the saucer as they banked in the turn.

Towards the middle they appeared to be several feet thick and tapering down to a thin edge. Their speed was from five to seven hundred m.p.h. and their northwesterly speed from three to four hundred miles per hour.

After the first three circles I witnessed one of the saucers changed its course and traveled 5-10
westward at a similar rate at several thousand

a trail of grey colored vapor behind. After about 30 seconds it came down again and rejoined the other which had been moving along as before. They resumed their circling then and disappeared shortly thereafter still proceeding at about the same speed and altitude. They did not just vanish but passed gradually out of visual range.

The wind velocity was about 25 m.p.h. from north north east. I ascended to the wind direction finder atop Livermore airport just to my left.

Having read about the saucers being illusions I tried looking at them from the corners of my eyes to see if there was any difference in their appearance. Once I shifted my eyes completely off them and moved around the edge of a tree and peeked them up again just as before. Personally, I am positive I was not seeing an illusion.

After the saucers disappeared I walked about 50 yds to a service station and asked the attendant if he had seen them. He stated that he had not as he had been working.

Sincerely,


Livermore, Calif.