

TO DEL RAY
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National Invest. Commission Aerial Phenomena
5102 Del RAY Ave.
Washington D. C. 20014

Greetings,

This letter is to inform your organization of a UFO sighting that I had over one year ago. You may be wondering why it took me so long to report this incident. When I think back on it I find that I am amazed by my own response to an incident that changed my life.

Immediately after having seen the object my friends and I (there were four of us) asked ourselves, "Who should we tell". We could think of no one we would wish to tell. We live in a fairly small town in New Mexico where anything on the fringe of reality is given a wide berth (at best). After having considered calling the police (we decided that we would be laughed at- and besides what could they do?) and the local airforce base we concluded that no one cared. I had done some reading on the subject and found that the air force no longer had channels for reporting or investigating UFO's (officially, that is). Where were we to go with our strange tale? We told a few well chosen friends and let it go at that. The problem for myself was that I really couldn't let it go at that. The way in which I viewed my world had been fundamentally altered.

Two weeks ago I could no longer stand the haunting feeling that accompanies not knowing. I called Holloman Air Force Base. The public affairs secretary took all the information concerning my sighting and told me that she would get back to me the following day, which she did. Her return call was to tell me that the Air Force no longer took reports of UFO sightings. Dead End. The following pages contain a complete record of my sighting for whatever it is worth. Any feedback of information you could supply would be greatly appreciated. I would be pleased to supply any additional information or submit to any reasonable verification test you may want to conduct.

Thanks for listening,

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Date & Time: 2 January 79 at approx. 9:30 pm.

Atmospheric conditions: 40-50 degrees. cloudless sky.
wind- minimal.

Light: street lights all around.

Place: 217 N. Raymond Street, Las Cruces, N.M.

Distance: first noticed light at about 200 yards. Craft eventually passed directly overhead.

Velocity: less than 20 mph.

Closest view: approx. 80 feet or less when directly overhead.

Description of Craft: the craft was roughly 50 feet long by 60 feet wide. It appeared dark in color almost chocolate colored and totally without insignia or numbering of any kind. The overall appearance was triangular or boomerang shaped. It looked metallic though not at all shiny. There were several lights on the craft. There was one large light at the nose that shone brightly with a white ~~colored~~ light. This light in the front seemed to sweep the ground back and forth from side to side as though looking for something on the ground. There were other much smaller lights under the craft and around the perimeter. Their colors were blue-green, white and red. One of the distinguishing features was the lack of a canopy or porthole (ie., there was no detectable means of seeing in or out). Also, there was no visible means of propulsion (ie., no propeller, engine compartments, etc.). There was a slight whirring or humming noise that came from the craft. The craft was very streamlined and lacked protrusions. It flew with level trajectory with the nose tipped slightly downward.

Duration of sighting: approx. 3-4 minutes. I was able to view the craft closely for about half that time.

Direction of flight: It flew out of the north and maintained a southerly course until it passed out of sight.

It was difficult to tell how deep the craft was from top to bottom. All four observers got together later (separately) made drawings and general description and with only minor differences agreed that we had indeed seen the same thing.

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