

## INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET

Incident No. 176a

1. Date and Time of Observation: 23 Sept 48      Approx 1230
2. Where Sighted: Castro's Ranch - 4 miles due east of San Pablo, Calif &  
4.1 miles south of Pinole, Calif.
3. Observer's Position: ground  
(i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
4. Name and Address of Observer: Mr Sylvester Benthon, 2655 Dam Road  
Richmond, Calif.
5. Occupation and/or hobbies: retired butcher
6. Attention Attracted by: Col Ekins calling his attention to the object
7. Number of Object(s) Seen: 1
8. Size of Object(s): Appeared from observer's viewpoint to be 2 inches by  
1 inch by 1 inch.
9. Color of Object(s): Buff or gray in color
10. Shape (Sketch if Possible)      rectangular outline with sharp corners  
(See attached drawing)
11. Nature of Luminosity:      N/S  
(directed beam of light?)
12. Altitude of Object:      Very high  
(estimated)
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer:      N/S
14. Estimated Speed of Object:      faster than any plane he had ever seen
15. Time in Sight:      At least 3 minutes
16. Tactics:      horizontal flight
17. Sound Made by Object(s):      no noise
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s)      northwest then turned north
19. Apparent Construction:      Seemed to be covered with a translucent material
20. Effect on Clouds:      N/S
21. Exhaust Trail Color of):      Left no exhaust or trail
22. Manner of Disappearance:      flew out of sight gradually fading from view.
23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting:      N/S
24. Peculiarities Noted:      Seemed like a vegetable crate flying thru the air
25. Summary of Incident:      (over)  
(See attached page)