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Major CONNER, on 4/27/64, advised that on 4/26/64, he had met ORLANDO GALLEGOS at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and both proceeded to La Madera, New Mexico, to check out GALLEGOS' observations. He stated that at the scene there was still some smoldering material. He noted that there was miscellaneous rubbish in the area and the site may have been a dump at one time. In his opinion, some material, such as a can of paint, could have caught fire and exploded. He also noted that GALLEGOS had an odor of alcohol about him. Major CONNER stated he would advise the FBI, Albuquerque, of any pertinent developments.

It may be noted that New Mexico State Police Sergeant M. S. CHAVEZ and Socorro County Undersheriff JIM LUCKIE on 4/24/64, advised that they answered ZAMORA's radio calls and went to the site quickly. They noted several small burning areas at the site and the indentations. No one else was noted in the area. Officer ZAMORA, a well regarded and capable officer, was noted to be perfectly sober and thoroughly frightened.

SA D. ARTHUR BYRNES, JR. was at Socorro, New Mexico, 4/24/64, and had noted the four irregular burned spots and the four indentations at the site. SA BYRNES immediately advised Captain R. T. HOLDER, Up Range Commander, Stallion Range Center, Socorro, New Mexico. Captain HOLDER, along with Officer ZAMORA and SA BYRNES checked the Socorro site and interviewed Officer ZAMORA at length. Officer ZAMORA's observations were taken in the form of a statement. A copy of this lengthy statement is retained at the Albuquerque FBI Office as well as a small sample of charred material taken at the scene.

An unusual observation made at the Socorro scene was that there appeared to be no "blast" effects. Between the burned spots were unburned areas, including patches of unburned brown range grass.