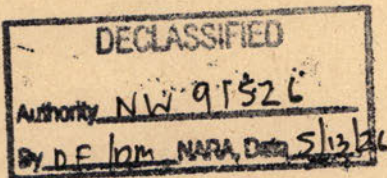


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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

1. This is a comprehensive summary of all observations of unidentified aerial phenomena possessing similar characteristics which have been observed in the New Mexico-West Texas area. The common characteristics of most of the incidents are:

- a. Green color, sometimes described as greenish-white, bright green, yellow-green, or blue green.
- b. Horizontal path, sometimes with minor variations.
- c. Speed less than that of a meteor, but more than any known type of aircraft.
- d. No sound associated with observations.
- e. No persistent trail or dust cloud.
- f. Period of visibility from one to five seconds.

2. All of the incidents reported do not possess all of the above characteristics, but in each case one or more are present. In none of the reported incidents has any natural or man-made object been determined to be responsible.

3. The body of this summary consists of a tabulation of observations with notes attached to clarify or amplify certain of the more important observations. Note numbers 1, 3, and 5 are taken directly from reports compiled by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, University of New Mexico. Dr. LaPaz is internationally known and respected as a meteoriticist, and has taken a great interest in these phenomena.

4. The tabulation of sightings is not a complete record of all reported observations, but comprises only those in which interviews were conducted by OSI personnel. Many other persons were interviewed by Dr. LaPaz and his colleagues, but inasmuch as complete data is not available, these interviews are not taken into account in this summary. In addition, numerous reports have been received from individuals who could not provide

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