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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. FLYOBRT 1A-1	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 572945
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT INVESTIGATION OF FLYOBRT		
AREA REPORTED ON La Grande, Oregon	FROM (Agency) Flt 1-A, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 26 Aug 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 Aug 1953	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt ANTONY POGREBNEAK	SOURCE Mr. John F. Hamilton, CAA La Grande, Ore.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Source of this information is Chief of the Civil Aeronautics Authority ground station located at La Grande Airport, La Grande, Oregon.
2. Winds aloft up to 100,000 ft. in La Grande, Oregon area;
a. 10,000 ft. 25 knots 230 deg. 40,000 ft. 80 knots 260 deg.
20,000 ft. 40 knots 240 deg. 50,000 ft. 60 knots 250 deg.
30,000 ft. 60 knots 250 deg. No further information.
3. No physical evidence of object to support sighting.

COMMENT: This statement is evaluated C-3 due to observers experience with CAA.

TECHNICAL INVESTIGATOR:
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OBSERVERS REPORT

1. Description of object;
 - a. Shape: 
 - b. Size: with naked eye, size of golf ball. 
with 25 power scope .
 - c. Color: color of incandescent lamp with naked eye. red round bottom and green top with 8 power binoculars. color of sun with 25 power transit scope.
 - d. Number: one.
 - e. Aerodynamic features: 
 - f. Trail or exhaust: None.
 - g. Propulsion: None.
 - h. Speed; very slow.
 - i. Sound: None.
 - j. Maneuvers: None.
 - k. Manner of disappearance: drifted North.
 - l. Other features: with 25 power scope object looked like balloon without basket, lines were visible.
2. Time of sighting; 2010 Standard Pacific time. 19 July 1953.
 - a. Length of time observed: 35 minutes.
3. Manner of observation; Naked eye, 8 power binoculars and 25 power transit scope.
4. Location of observer; 907 G Ave., La Grande, Oregon.
 - a. Location of object: observer was standing in his yard facing East South East during the entire observation of object. Estimates altitude of 18,000 feet.
5. Identifying information of observer; Mr. John Franklin Hamilton, Chief CAA station La Grande Airport, La Grande, Oregon.
 - a. Estimate of reliability: C-3.
 - b. Reliability of sighting: no physical evidence of object.
6. Weather conditions at ground level; sky clear - wind calm - visibility unlimited.
7. Activity or condition which might account for sighting; None.
8. Existence of physical evidence; None.
9. Interception action; None.
10. Location of any air traffic; Navy A/C V 0811, enroute from Seattle NAS to Buckley NAS, Denver, Colorado. Pilot; LCDR Brant, J.E., Ser. No. 99789, VR 711 Buckley NAS, Denver, Colo..

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Observers account of sighting;

Observed object color of incandescent lamp, about size of golf ball by naked eye. Used 8 power binoculars and saw triangular object with red round bottom and green top. Looked at it thru 25 power transit scope and saw what looked like a balloon without basket, color of sun. Lines were visible. Believe color was due to reflection of sun on balloon. Estimate altitude of 18,000 feet. Sky clear - wind calm or nearly so - visibility unlimited. Balloon did not seem to move, had it sighted between two telephone wires. Possible slight North course. Several other people there and they came to same conclusions looking at it from different glasses. Mr. & Mrs. L.D. McCoy, across street from me, and Mr. & Mrs. Moon, next house to me, were the other people who saw the object.

Am sure it was balloon such as Moby Dick type; and using 8 power or less binoculars you get something that looks like the reports on flying saucers, but when strong enough glasses are used it clears up to what it actually is.

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