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Tie-Line Call

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2 Nov 55
Tie-Line Call
1750 hours
S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

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Incoming Tie-Line Call

Comdr, 4602d AISS

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2 Nov 55
Tie-Line (Incoming)
1130 hours
S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between Captain Patrick O. Shere, Detachment 1, 4602d AISS, and S/Sgt DeRudder, Headquarters, 4602d AISS.

2. Captain Shere called the undersigned with respect to a UFOB investigation assigned Detachment 1 at 0910 hours, this date. Captain Shere stated that a telephonic check with the Oakland, California, Filter Center revealed that the four (4) observers of the sighting were prison inmates at the Soledad Prison, Soledad, Calif. In view of the [redacted], the distance involved, and the location of the observers, the investigation was canceled.

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Tie-Line Call

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3. It was requested that the Oakland Filter Center first be contacted to verify the fact that three (3) of their personnel had observed the object as well as the SOURCE at Solidad, California. If so, a complete follow-up investigation is to be conducted by one man only. If the object was sighted by a single observer only, a [redacted] investigation is to be conducted.

4. Captain Shere was asked if Lt Olcott's graduation orders from the Fort Benning Airborne Course had been forwarded to Headquarters. Captain Shere stated that an extract of the graduation orders was forwarded 1 Nov 55 with a list of jumps performed to date by Lt Olcott.

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DATE-TIME GROUP 01/0130Z NOV 55

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Re: Balloon

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REPORT NO.	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD HQ 4602D
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LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOGGED BY
Solidad, California		S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION	
TT Msg	Investigation authorized	
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Det 1	2 Nov 55	Lt McEntee
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2 Nov 55		

COMMENTS

Investigation assigned to Det #1, 2 Nov 55 by tie-line call. Results of investigation as indicated below: Observers were prison inmates. Investigation results below:

CONCLUSIONS

Possible Balloon

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, USA	Det 1, 4602d AISS

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
10 NOV 55	1 NOV 55	

PREPARED BY (Officer): PATRICK O SHERE, Captain, USAF

SOURCE: [redacted] and others

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

TT Msg 28th AD DI 55M-030

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.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by SOLEDAD STATE PRISON inmates, on GOC duty. Team 1 was comprised of Chester E. McWhorter, and Billy Joe Long; Team 2 members were Dwayne Hooker and Hubert H. Harris. The first team was on duty from 2400 until 0400, and the second team was on watch from 0400 until 0800.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was reported near SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, (DJPG 4126), at 01/0917Z NOV 55, (0117 hours PST, 1 Nov 55). Information contained in this report was obtained from the two GOC observers who made the original observation, and from the two GOC observers on the following watch. Supplementary information obtained from various individuals and agencies is credited in PART TWO of this report.

III. INVESTIGATOR: T/SGT FRANK B. MORGAN
AF 19214012

Patrick O Shere
PATRICK O SHERE
Captain, USAF
Officer In Charge

APPROVED:

John M White Jr
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Colonel, USAF
Commander

5 INCLS. (See Individual Parts)

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I. SOURCES: Chester E McWhorter

Address: Box 686, Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

Age: 21

Occupation: Inmate, SOLEDAD PRISON for the past 2 1/2 years. Previously served in US Marine Corps as Radio Operator for 2 1/2 years.

Education: Completed 10th grade. Radio School USMC.

Qualifications: Seven months experience as GOC observer.

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Billy Joe Long

Address: Box 686, Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

Age: 28

Occupation: Inmate SOLEDAD STATE PRISON, nine months. Telephone lineman, previously served in US Navy as cook for 2 1/2 years.

Education: High School Graduate

Qualifications: GOC observer for 1 month.

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Dwayne Hooker

Address: Box 686, Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

Occupation: Inmate SOLEDAD STATE PRISON, 21 months. NONE.

Education: 2 years High School

Qualifications: GOC observer for two months

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Hubert H Harris

Address: Box 686, Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

Occupation: Occupation: Inmate SOLEDAD STATE PRISON, 2 1/2 years. Telephone lineman.

Education: High School Graduate

Qualifications: GOC observer for seven months.

II. RELIABILITY: The four men who made the observation discussed in this report gave almost identical stories. Since the observation was made from a common point and under conditions exactly alike, the four men have been treated as one composite source. All four are inmates of SOLEDAD STATE PRISON, assigned to the Honor Barracks of the prison, which is located three quarters of a mile from the main prison compound. Inmates assigned to this section are those who have committed lesser criminal offenses and who have a record of good behavior in the prison. They are usually assigned duty on the prison farm. SOURCES volunteered for work with the prison GOC, and were selected on the basis of their prison records. They appeared conscientious and very interested in GOC work and aware of the responsibility involved. They have been commended for their excellent work by their GOC Sector Sgt, M/SGT M. H. GUTHERIE, Det 1, Sector 4, GOC, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, and are very proud of this recognition. During the interview, SOURCES tried to be precise and exact in answering questions. In the opinion of the investigator, SOURCES are considered reliable observers and reporters. No attempt has been made to assess their reliability in any other aspect.

III. SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Team 1 was at the observation post, SOLEDAD STATE PRISON on the 2400 - 0400 shift. At 010915Z NOV 55, they observed an object rising slowly from behind the mountains in the east. The object appeared to be solid, spherical, bright white, and the size of a silver dollar held at arms length. Almost immediately after this was sighted, SOURCES observed approximately one inch below, a smaller object, which they described as oval in shape, bluish in color, and the size of a half dollar held at arms length. (Refer to Incl #1 for Sketch.) Both objects appeared to be one cohesive unit, always moving simultaneously and at the same rate of speed. At 010917Z NOV 55, team 1 reported the sighting to the OAKLAND FILTER CENTER.

The objects initially appeared to rise at an angle of 45° from the eastern horizon, then slowly, at a speed estimated between 1 and 2 MPH, moved in a southeasterly direction. It was estimated at 90° from T. North. Objects were still visible in the southeast at 011230Z NOV 55, when team 1 was relieved by team 2. The objects had by this time climbed to an angle of approx 90° from the horizon, and were at approx 135° from T. North.

Team 2 watched the objects move slowly from the southeast to the southwest where they disappeared behind the mountain range in the southwest at 011345Z NOV 55.

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It was a bright moonlight night, cold, dry, windless and cloudless, with many stars visible. The objects did not apprear to change in shape, but appeared alternately clear and then blurred. Objects appeared to be stationary at times; occasionally, the smaller object was abscured, drawing closer to the larger object, and then dropping down to its original position. There was no sound from the objects. Objects sometimes, but not always, appeared as the color of fire (yellow, orange, red and blue,) when viewed through binoculars (7 X 50) several times within each hour of observation.

None of the SOURCES wear spectacles, and all observations were made from an unobstructed, unenclosed platform.

5 Incls:
1. Sketch of Object
2 - 5. SOURCES' Statements

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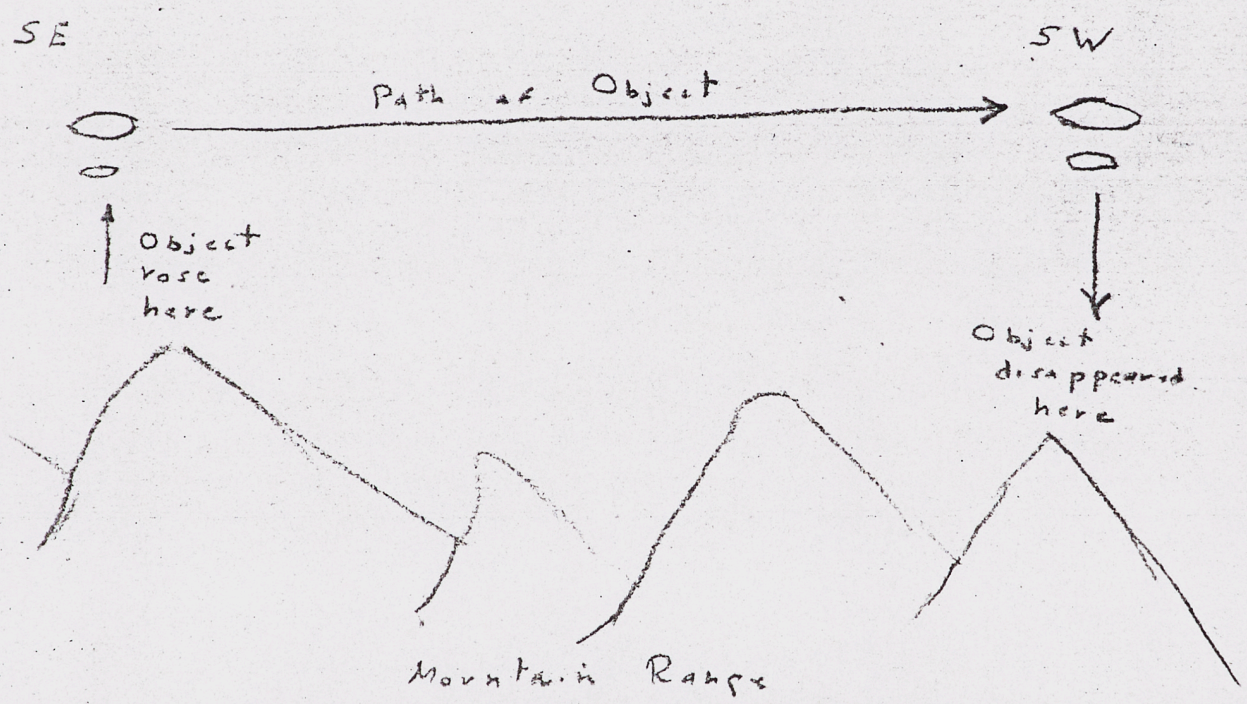
Inclosure 1 to Part One
Sketch of Course of Objects, drawn by Investigator as described by SOURCES.



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Inclosure 2 to Part One
SOURCE'S Statement

Soledad, California
3 November 1955

"We first observed the object as it rose from behind the range of mountains, the larger object appeared first, then later the smaller one joined it. They both rose steadily then appeared to stop. The smaller one then seemed to rise to meet the larger one, then dropped to its original positions then they continued upward, then changed course and traveled in a horizontal line."

/s/ Chester E. McWhorter
Ground Observer Post
Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

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Inclosure 3 to Part One
SOURCE'S Statement

Soledad, California
3 November 1955

"I was on GOC watch from 12:30 to 4:30 AM on Oct 1, 1955 here at Soledad. I was scanning the East and Southeast mountain ranges at 1:15 AM when I noticed a bright object. My watch buddie watched it for about two minutes and then called it in, at "1:17 AM." It rose slowly from the east and swung slowly to the south east rising all the time. We went off watch at 4:30 AM and it "the object" was at 1:00 o'clock high SE of the post."

/s/ Billy Joe Long
Ground Observer Post
Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

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SOURCE'S Statement

Soledad, California
3 Nov 55

"I came on duty as GOC observer at 4:30 AM Nov 1 55 at OP. The 12 to 4 watch informed me of these things and so I kept a look out for them until they went out of sight at 5:45 AM Nov 1 55."

/s/ Hubert H Harris
Ground Observer Post
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Inclosure 5 to Part One
SOURCE'S Statement

Soledad California
3 Nov 55

"At 4:30 AM 1 Nov 55 I was going on watch ten yards from Soledad observation post. I looked up and saw a yellowish white sphere moving slowly across the sky from southeast to south followed by an elliptical object."

/s/ Dwayne Hooker
Ground Observer Post
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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the Combat Operations Center, 28th Air Division (Def), Hamilton AFB, Calif (DJNJ 2904) revealed that the AC & W site near SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA (DJPG 4126) had reported negative contact during the period in question.

2. The CAA Weather Station at SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, (DJPG 2041), stated there was no unusual weather phenomena that might account for the sightings.

3. Contact was made with the LICK OBSERVATORY, located on 4,380 ft. MT. HAMILTON (DJPH 2320), approximately 50 air miles north of the SOLEDAD UFOB sighting. Dr. [redacted] astronomer and member of the staff at LICK OBSERVATORY, made the following observations: At the time of the sighting, the planet Sirius was visible high in the southeastern sky, but it was not exceptionally bright, nor likely to be mistaken for a UFOB. Mercury was not visible until just before sunrise, and definitely ruled away the possibility that it might have been Venus. The planet Jupiter rose at approximately 2400 hrs, and was bright, white in color. The planet Mars rose at approximately 0200 hrs, farther to the East than Jupiter, and was described as red-yellow in color. There were no other unusual astronomical phenomena seen from the observatory on the morning in question.

4. Major MICHAEL S. KRETOW, Officer In Charge, Project Moby Dick, VERNALIS, CALIFORNIA, (DJPH 4238) was contacted. He stated that no launching operations took place on the morning in question. Launchings occurred on 2, 4 and 5 Nov 55, but all releases were recovered.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by the planet Jupiter for the following reasons:

a. No other identification criteria are consonant with the reported facts of the sighting.

b. The planet Jupiter, bright and white in color, rose at approximately 2400 hrs on 31 Oct 55, and in the approximate location of the reported sighting. Although the reported shape and size are unusual, for a planet, I believe the SOURCES are mistaken in their report of these two aspects. The direction of movement (East to West), the rainbow variations in color, and the duration of the sighting all lend credence to the planet hypothesis.

c. Although the SOURCES claimed to have seen two objects, the fact that the distance which separated the two objects varied, and at times almost merged, plus the fact that the two objects always seemed to form a single unit, is believed to have been an optical illusion.

Patrick O Shere
PATRICK O SHERE
Captain, USAF
Officer In Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was probably caused by the planet Jupiter.

John.

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