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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 4602-UFOB-75-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON California	FROM (Agency) 320th DOI, March AFB, California	
DATE OF REPORT 18 January 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 January 1955	EVALUATION B-2
REPORTED BY (Officer) ALLAN F. DRUCKREY, Capt., USAF	SOURCE B-47 Crew Personnel	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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 11.)

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s/Allan F. Druckrey
t/ALLAN F. DRUCKREY
Captain USAF
Cphil. Intell. Off.

APPROVED:

John M. White Jr.
JOHN M. WHITE JR.
Colonel USAF
Commander

None Incls.

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- (a) Round
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- (e) N/A
- (f) Negative
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- (a) Negative
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- (c) B-47, 22164, 12000 feet, 240 degrees, 260 knots, March AFB, Calif.

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(4) Time of sighting and date:

(a) 180130Z

(b) 18 January 1955

(5) 33/25N-116/55W

(6) Identifying information of all observers:

(a) N/A

(b) Hopley, Charles W., Capt., 442nd Bomb Sq., B-47 Aircraft Commander,
B (). Fromm, Robert A., Capt., 442nd Bomb Sq., B-47
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(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Thin overcast with 15000 ft. Bottoms. No figures on winds-aloft.

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s/ Allan F. Deuckrey
t/ ALLAN F. DRUCKREY
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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Trajectory, appearance and behavior as reported by the aircraft crew, substantiated by other observers, indicates a probable meteorite.

Done

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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4 FEB 1955

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TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Inclosed is one (1) copy of Air Intelligence Report SAC 2-55
received from the 320th Bombardment Wing (M), March Air Force Base,
California.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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a/s

CHARLES J. COOKE
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