

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO.	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD HQ 4602D
AISS-UFOB-411-55	12/0350Z Dec 55	12 Dec 55
LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOGGED BY
Camp Pomponio, California		S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION	
TT Msg	Investigation authorized	
INVES UNIT	DATE INVES ASSIGNED	ASSIGNING OFFICER
Det 1	12 Dec 55	Lt McEntee
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
N/A	N/A	N/A
DATE OF FORM 5		
13 Dec 55		
COMMENTS		
Investigation authorized to Det 1, 13 Dec 55. Results of investigation as indicated below:		
CONCLUSIONS		

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DATE-TIME GROUP

12/10 350 Z Dec 55
Camp Pomponio, Calif

AISOP

Long Distance Telephone Call (Tie-Line)

Comdr, 4602d AISS

AISOP

12 Dec 55

1410 hours

Tie-Line Call

S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters, and M/Sgt Hodges, Detachment 1.
2. The undersigned call Det 1 to authorize a UFOB investigation. As the UFOB sighting took place within two (2) hours drive of Hamilton AFB, Det 1 was advised that no TDY or TPA would be authorized. It was suggested that the SOURCE be contacted telephonically, if possible.
3. It was requested that Det 1 utilize the tie-line if unforeseen complications arise.

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
AIC, UFOB Program

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FM FLIGHT SERVICE HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

EDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25, D.C.

RJWPSB/COMDR WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D / U F O B ATIN A111AA-2C

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(A) UNKNOWN

(B) ~~HEAD OF PEN~~ *PEA*

(C) MULTI-COLORED - GREEN, YELLOW, WHITE

(D) ONE

(E) N/A

(F) SHINING OBJECT WITH FLASHING LIGHTS

(G) NONE

(H) NONE

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(L) NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(A) NORMAL FIRE SEARCH

(B) ELEVATION 55DEG AZMITH 90DEG M

(C) ELEVATION 45DEG AZMITH 90DEG M

(D) OBJECT STATIONARY AT 55DEG - 90DEG M FOR 10-15 MINUTES THEN SLOWLY VANISHED IN EASTERLY DIRECTION

(E) OBJECT SLOWLY MOVED EASTWARD - OBSERVERS VISION THEN OBSCURED BY TREES.

(F) 20-25 MIN

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(A) GROUND - VISUAL

(B) BINOCULARS

(C) N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(A) 120350Z

(B) NIGHT

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(A) 37DEG 25MIN N 122DEG 23MIN W.

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER:

12/0650Z Dec 51
Honors

12/0350
11/2750
0800
11/0950
11/1950

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(A) CIVILIAN - [REDACTED] AGE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA,
FOREST RANGER.

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTINGS:

(A) SKY CLEAR

(B) SFC WND CALM

6000FT 300 DEGREES 10K

10000FT 280 DEGREES 15K

16000FT 270 DEGREES 15K

20000FT 270 DEGREES 20K

30000FT 280 DEGREES 20K

50000FT UNKNOWN

80000FT UNKNOWN

(C) NONE

(D) 4 MI HAZE AND SMOKE FROM SFC - 2000FT

(E) SCATTERED AT 20,000FT

(F) NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. N/A

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11. 1/LT LYLE B. OTTO, ASST OPNS OFF, 1481ST FSC, HAMILTON AFB
NO DIRIGIBLES OPERATING IN AREA, CAUSE FACTOR UNKNOWN.

12. NONE

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. DL-UFOB-3-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON CAMP POMPONIO, CALIFORNIA, USA	FROM (Agency) Det 1, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 14 December 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 December 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) ANTHONY H DEFRANCISCO, Captain, USAF	SOURCE [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT FLIGHT SERVICE HAMILTON AFB, CALIF, 120440Z Dec 55.		
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 Mr [REDACTED], a camp ranger at [REDACTED], CALIFORNIA. PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts. PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer. II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was reported near [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA (DJNH 4617), located near LA HONDA, CALIFORNIA (DJNH 4419), at 120330Z Dec 55, (1930 hours PST, 11 Dec 55). Information contained in this report was obtained by telephone from Mr [REDACTED]. Supplementary information obtained from various individuals and agencies is credited in PART TWO of this report. III. INVESTIGATORS: M/SGT LAWRENCE I HODGES AF 19038190 T/SGT EDWIN G NELSON AF 19048530 <i>Anthony H De Francisco</i> ANTHONY H DEFRANCISCO Captain, USAF Ass't Officer In Charge APPROVED: <i>John M White Jr</i> JOHN M WHITE JR Colonel, USAF Commander 0 INCL. (See Individual Parts)		
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], California

Age: 38

Occupation: Camp Ranger, BSA

Education: Two (2) years high school

Qualifications: Unknown

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE had served four (4) years with the US Navy as a cook on a destroyer, with additional duty as a gun-pointer on a 20mm gun. SOURCE tried to be exact and precise, as during the conversation he would repeat and emphasize his statements. SOURCE seemed to be of [REDACTED] and eager to help in any way that he could. As the only contact with the SOURCE was by telephone it was impossible for the investigator to determine the reliability.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was informed by his wife that, "that thing was there again"; as she was out gathering in her clothes. The sky was clear with many stars visible, the weather cool with a mild breeze. Object was first sighted in the East, and checked for movement by aligning it with some trees. The object was brighter than any stars in the sky. With the naked eye it appeared to be between the size of a pea and pin head, reddish-orange in color and funnel shaped. One end appeared cut off and sharply outlined while the flared end was fuzzy or blurred. Flared end seemed to be approx $\frac{1}{4}$ larger than the clearly outlined end. SOURCE then obtained a 3 inch 16 power Navy type periscope. When viewed through the periscope the object appeared to be blue-red-yellow in color. Object seemed duller then brighter at times. SOURCE established the position as 90 degrees prior to calling the authorities at MOFFET NAVAL AIR STATION, CALIFORNIA, DJNH 5724. During a time lapse of approx 30 minutes, SOURCE returned to check the object and by use of a compass ascertained that the object had moved to 95-100 degrees. SOURCE observed the object for approx one (1) hour, and when last viewed the object was in the ESE direction approx 30 degrees off the horizon.

SOURCE had observed a similar occurrence from 160900Z - 161000Z Nov 55, at which time he sighted two (2) objects, but believing them to be stars did not report the sighting at that time.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS: 1. A check with the Hamilton Flight Service Center was made by Det 1, 4602D AISS, for aircraft or balloons in the area at the time of sighting. Negative results. 2. The LICK OBSERVATORY, located on MT HAMILTON (DJPH 2320), was contacted for any unusual astronomical phenomena during that period with negative results.				

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the preparing officer, this sighting was probably caused by an unknown planet shining through a thin layer of clouds, giving it a distorted effect. (Some clouds were reported by Dr. [REDACTED] of the Lick Observatory.)

2. The star Ceres also fits the circumstances of this case, however, since its movement is in the wrong direction i.e., from the southeast diagonally toward the northeast, the direction becomes reversed from that of Source's sighting.

3. Inasmuch as no astronomical reason existed for this sighting, and no balloon ~~tests~~ ^{LAUNCHES} were reported, the conclusion drawn is that Source's periscope may possibly have tripped lenses, causing the view to become distorted.

Anthony H De Francisco
ANTHONY H DEFRANCISCO
Captain, USAF
Ass't Officer In Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was astronomical in nature but probably caused by the star Betelgeuse rather than by an unknown planet.

Jmw

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