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- 1. Telephone conversation between Captain Bischofs, Detachment 2, 4602d AISS, and S/Sgt DeRudder, Headquarters, 4602d AISS.
- 2. Captain Bischofs called the undersigned with respect to the UFOB investigation conducted by Detachment 2 at Shelby, Towa. Captain Bischofs stated that the object was definitely identified as a radiosonde type balloon which had burst and dropped a parachute carrying the modulator unit. Detachment 2 is in possession of the parachute and modulator unit.
- 3. Captain Bischofs stated that the AF Form 112 on this case has been forwarded to Headquarters.

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

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- 3. It was requested that Detachment 2 investigate a UFOB sighting at Shelby, Iowa. Detachment 2 was informed that a copy of the UFOB report was available at CADF, Grandview AFB, Missouri.
- 4. Captain Bischofs informed the undersigned that at the present time they have a man on liaison in Iowa and the possibility exists that he might be contacted to perform the investigation of this sighting. In the event that the man on liaison cannot be contacted it was requested that Detachment 2 send one man and one man only to Shelby, Iowa, to perform the investigation.

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- 2. Winds aloft for the Omaha, Nebraska area were checked and found to be 20 to 25 knots at 5000 feet from 250 degrees, at 10000 feet 270 degrees 25 to 30 knots. Surface winds were light at about 5 to 10 knots. The winds were the same direction and velocity for about 24 hours.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

- l. Inquiries were made of farmers around the area in an effort to find a parachute. It was learned that one had been found on 2 Oct 55 by a farmer's son. He was located and the parachute obtained. The boy stated he had found the chute in a nearby field (about three and a half miles NE of GOC observation point). The parachute was of paper and had radiosonde attached to it. It was definitely identified as the type being used on ordinary weather balloons.
- 2. Winds aloft for the Omaha, Nebraska area were checked and found to be 20 to 25 knots at 5000 feet from 250 degrees, at 10000 feet 270 degrees 25 to 30 knots. Surface winds were light at about 5 to 10 knots. The winds were the same direction and velocity for about 24 hours.
- 3. A check of the GOC aircraft log showed a total of five planes in area from 0121552 Oct 55 to 0123152 Oct 55. The five planes were identified as three single engine, one twin engine and one multi-engine. Altitudes varied from low to very high.
- 4. A flight of two fighteer interceptors were dispatched from Sioux City, Iowa GEOREF FJJN 3730. They were airborne at 0123452 Oct 55 and checked the area around Shelby, Iowa at an altitude of 1400 feet. They reported seeing nothing unusual.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

- 1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by a Radiosonde weather balloon for the following reasons:
- a. The recovery of the parachute and Radiosonds equipment definitely establishes the fact that the first object sighted was a weather balloon.
- b. What apparently happened was that the balloon (probably released from Weather Station at Chaha, Mebr. GEOREF FJKM 0417) traveled up to a fairly high altitude and instead of exploding, as they normally do, it developed a leak and descended again with the parachute and Radiosonde equipment still attached. When balloon had become deflated enough it probably released the parachute with equipment. This obviously made the balloon that much lighter and caused it to rise again. Since air was still escaping from balloon it probably descended again. This may account for the additional sightings observed after the parachute was seen.
- c. The shiny, silver appearance can be attributed to the fact that these balloons are white in color and with the reflection of the sun in the late afternoon it could possibly given off a silvery appearance.
- d. It must be pointed out that although the above hypothesis may render some explanation of the sighting, it is difficult to determine or explain how this balloon always returned to the SW before it was observed again and then abruptly disappeared into obscurity in the NW.
- e. A definite factor to be remembered is the age and inexperience of the observers. The idea of having seen the initial sighting and subsequent release of the parachute may possibly have stimulated imagination, which resulted in seeing and reporting more than was actually there.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the recovery of the parachute and radiosonde equipment definitely establishes that the first sighting was generated by a radiosonde type weather balloon. Subsequent sightings can possibly be attributed to aircraft known to be in the area of the sighting and the nontechnical background of the observers.

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