

4602D AISS UFOB LCG

1 REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-229-55	2 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 1337-0120Z 21/3337Z July 1955	3 RECD HQ 4602D 22 July 1955
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4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING Richland, Washington Georef AB 4418

5 MEANS RECD TT Hsg	6 ACTION No investigation authorized	
7 INVES UNIT N/A	8 DATE INVES ASSIGNED N/A	9 ASSIGNING OFFICER N/A

10 DATE IR RECD HQ N/A	11 DATE IR APPROVED N/A	12 DATE IR TO ATIC N/A
13 AISOP FORM 5 22 July 1955		

14 COMMENTS The description of the sighting indicates that of a balloon. One pilot who tried to intercept the object stated it was far over 60,000 feet and stated that the object appeared to be a balloon. A check with COC Weather indicated that there was a balloon over the area at the time of the sighting at 80,000 feet. In view of the above it is the opinion of this headquarters that the object was a balloon.
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15 CONCLUSIONS WAS BALLOON

AISOP FORM 7 (2A-55)

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*Was Balloon OPS*4602D AISS UFOB REPT.....
DATE-TIME GROUP.....*220**22/11054**Check with COC
put a balloon
at**80,000 ft over**drifting
Spokane & west to south**21/1800Z**Moving west*

ENQ 02

ENAC97 YDD111 XYA179 XMA065 XXB039GRA015

RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJWPKL RJWPDM

DE RJWPGR 32A

R 211800Z

FM CO NINEAIRDII GEIGER FLD SPKANE AN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJWPHQ/DOI HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

RJWPKL/COMWADF HAMILTON AFB HAMILTON CALIF

RJWPDM/COMDR FLT 1-A 4502ND AISSRON MCCHORD AFB TACOMA AN

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/UNCLASSIFIED/90DI 5232 PD UFOB PD 1 CLN A CMA TEAR DROI PD B CNA

VERY LARGE BALLOON TYPE OBJECT PD C SILVER PD D CMA ONE ID E CMA N/A

PD F CMA SILVER WHITE WITH PLASTIC BOTTOM PD G CMA NONE PD H CMA NONE

PD 1 CMA ALTITUDE OF 60,000 FT OR MORE PD 2 CLN A OBSERVED FROM GROUND

BY GOC PD B CMA 25 TO 30 DEG ELEVATION CMA 180 DEG FROM RICHLAND

WASHINGTON AIRPORT PD C CMA NWXGA PD D CMA SLOW MOVING TO SOUTH PD E CNA

UNK PD F CMA UNK PD 3 CLN A CMA GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL PD B CMA

20 POWER TELESCOPE PD C CMA OVERTONE 10 AND 13 CMA 30,000 TO 45,000FT

CMA 168 DEG CMA 350 KTS CMA LARSON AFZ WN PD 4 CLN A CMA 21/1337Z TO

APPROX 21/1420Z PD B CMA DAY PD 5 CLN AB 4418 PD 6 CLN A CMA G. A.1

3-33 529 4:20&4 327-

*7233 :- 40 COTTONWOOD DRIVE CMA RICH

CLN [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] AND WN CHA AEC SECURITY PATROL

PD B CMA 1/LT R. T. CAMERON CMA OVERTONE 13 323RD FIS LARSON AFB ALERT

PILOT PD CLN CAPT RAVENSBURG CMA OVERTONE 10 323RD FIS CMA LARSON AFB

CMA PILOT BOTH VERY RELIABLE PD 7 CLN A CMA CLEAR PD B CMA SURFACE CALUM

CMA 6000 FT 210 AT 7 KTS CMA 10000 FT 220 AT 10 KTS CMA 16000 FT 210 AT

20 KTS CMA 20000 FT 210 AT 25 KTS CMA 30000 FT 220 AT 35 KTS CMA 50000

FT 220 AT 20 KTS CMA 80000 FT 180 AT 10 KTS PD C CMA NONE PD D CMA

UNLIMITED PD E CMA NONE PD F CMA NONE PD 8 CLN NONE PD 9 CLN TWO ACFT

FROM 323RD FIS LARSON AFB WERE SCRA ELED FOR INTERCEPTION PD ACFT CLIMBED

TO 45000 FT WITH OBJECT STILL FAR ABOVE THEM PD 10 CLN NONE PD 11 CLN

ORVILLE E. BIXEL MAJ USAF, D/I 9TH AIR DIV PD ONE PILOT OF INTCP ACFT

STATED HE WAS SURE OBJECT WAS LARGE BALLOON PD SHAPE CMA COLOR CMA SIZE

AND SPEED OF OBJECT SUGGESTS IT WAS A BALLOON PD 12 CMA NONE PD END

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