

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Nov 55		2. LOCATION Solidad, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0930Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian *prisoner)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION still in sight at reporting time		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE NW SE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong, white light white blue light under, hovering, no sound, seemed to be hovering.			11. COMMENTS Astronomical: JUPITER		

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BASEBALL PD (1) (C) WHITE LIGHT WITH BLUE LIGHT UNDER PD (1) (D)

TWO PD (1) (E) HOVERING PD (1) (F) NONE PD (1) (G) NONE PD (1) (H)

NONE PD (1) (I) NONE PD (2) (A) VISUAL OBSERVATION PD (1) (B)

45 DEGREE - 90 DEGREES PD (1) (C) N/A PD (2) (D) SOUTHEAST PD (2) (E)

N/A PD (2) (F) STILL IN SIGHT PD (EL KA) GROUND-VUSUAL PD (3) (B)

FIELD GLASSES PD KEL KC) N/A PD (4) (A) 313130 Z NOV 55 PD (4) (B)

NIGHT PD (5) PG 4537 PD (6) (A) ~~CHIL~~, 21 YRS OLD, ~~CHIL~~

~~CHIL~~, INMATE, SOLIDAD PRISON, SOLIDAD, CALIFORNIA PD. (6) (B)

N/A. (7) (A) GOMB PD (7) (B) 5,000 - 292/10; 10,000 - 313/50; 15,000

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300/35; 20,000 - 290/40; 25,000 - 280/50; 40,000 - 260/55/ 0\$ (7) (C)

UNLIMITED PD (7) (D) UNLIMITED PD (7) (E) NONE PD (7) (F) NONE PD (S)

NONE PD (9) NONE PD (10) B-36 PEDDLER 34 ROUND ROBIN FROM SUU WORKING

CAMBRIA AREA PD (11) DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 28TH AIR DIV (DEF), NO

COMMENT PF INFORMATION WAS CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE FROM OAKLAND

FILTER CENTER PD THREE OBSERVERS WATCHING IT PD CHECKED WITH NAVY -

NEGATIVE RESULT PD NO BALLOONS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE AREA PD (12) NONE PD

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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. D1-UFOB-2-55	(Leave Blank) AF 702693
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, USA		FROM (Agency) Det 1, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 10 NOV 55	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 NOV 55	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) PATRICK O SHERE, Captain, USAF		SOURCE CHESTER E. McWHORTER 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 unidentified and unidentified . Team 2 members were unidentified and unidentified . 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			
1R		<i>Patrick O Shere</i> PATRICK O SHERE Captain, USAF Officer In Charge	
5		APPROVED: <i>John M White Jr</i> JOHN M WHITE JR Colonel, USAF Commander	
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I. SOURCES: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], 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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[REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], 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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[REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], 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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Address: ~~XXXXXX~~, 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, E/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 appear to change in shape, but appeared alternately clear and then blurred. Objects appeared to be stationary at times; occasionally, the smaller object was obscured, 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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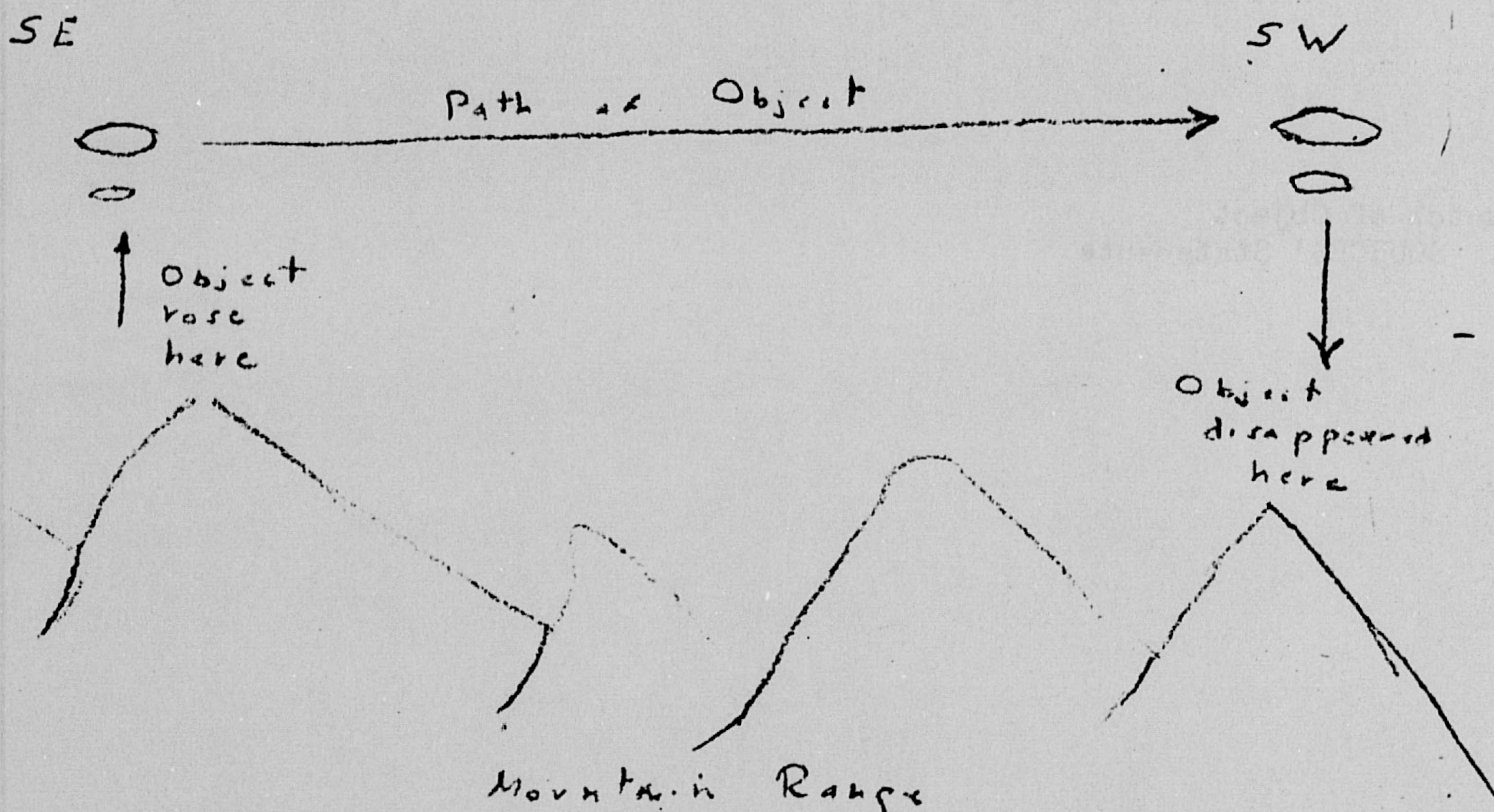
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Inclosure 1 to Part One

Sketch of Course of Objects, drawn by Investigator as described by SOURCES.



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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/

~~Patrick O. Shere~~
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/

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Ground Observer Post
Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

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Inclosure 4 to Part One
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/

Ground Observer Post
Soledad State Prison
Soledad, California

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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/

~~Patrick O Shere~~

Ground Observer Post
Soledad State Prison
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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.

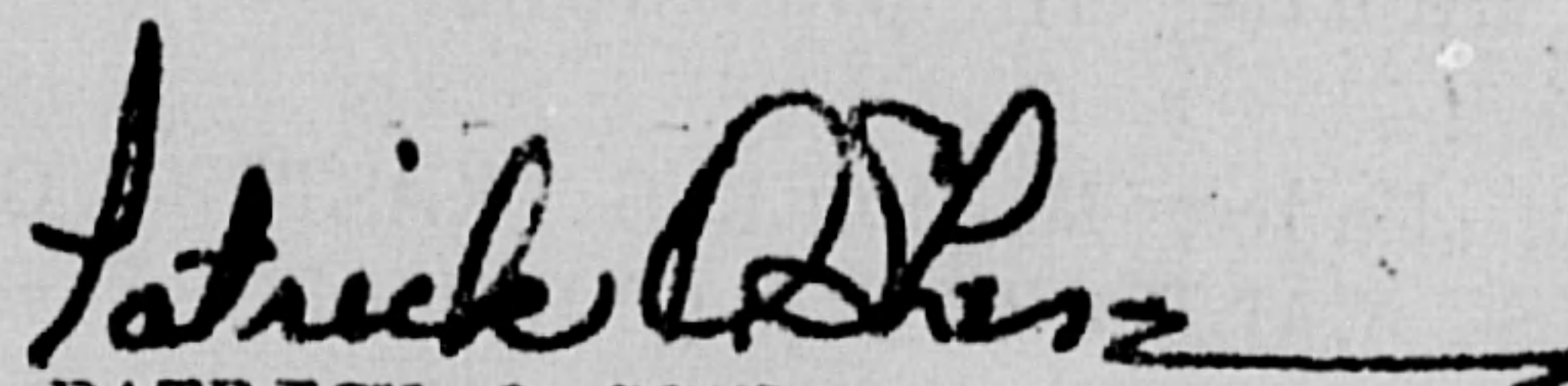
3. Contact was made with the LICK OBSERVATORY, located on 4,380 ft. MT. HAMILTON (DJPH 2320), approximately 50 air miles north of the SOLEDAD UFOB sighting. Dr. Jeffers, astronomer and member of the staff at LICK OBSERVATORY, made the following observations: At the time of the sighting, the planet Sirius 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.

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
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.

