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11. HQ CR 44, PARA 3D; HQ CR 45, PARA 3B

12. AFOSI DIST 20, MCCORD AFB WA; 20056-105/02/14

13. SA WARREN L. SMITH/RTM/AFOSI DET 2006, MALMSTROM AFB MT

14. WHITNEY C. WALKER, LT COLONEL, USAF, COMMANDER

15. DETAILS:

A. THIS REPORT CONTAINS UNPROCESSED INFORMATION. PLANS AND POLICIES SHOULD NOT BE EVOLVED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPORT.

B. ON 7 NOV 75, THOMAS W. OBRIEN II, CAPT, 490 STRATEGIC MISSILE SQUADRON, MALMSTROM AFB (HAFB), MT, SOURCE, AN OFF DUTY MISSILE LAUNCH OFFICER REPORTED THAT UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT RESEMBLING A HELICOPTER HAD APPROACHED AND HOVERED NEAR A USAF MISSILE LAUNCH CONTROL FACILITY (LCF), NEAR LEWISTOWN, MT. SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT AT ABOUT 0020, 7 NOV 75, SOURCE AND HIS DEPUTY OFFICER HAD JUST RETIRED FOR CREW REST IN THE SOFT SUPPORT BUILDING (SSB) AT THE LCF, WHEN BOTH HEARD THE SOUND OF A HELICOPTER ROTOR ABOVE THE SSB. THE DEPUTY OFFICER WENT TO THE WINDOW AND THERE OBSERVED THE SILHOUETTE OF A LARGE AIRCRAFT HOVERING ABOUT 10-15 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND AND ABOUT

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25 FEET OUTSIDE OF THE LCF PERIMETER FENCE. THE DEPUTY OBSERVED TWO RED-AND-WHITE LIGHTS ON THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT, A WHITE LIGHT ON THE BOTTOM, AND A WHITE LIGHT ON THE REAR. THE AIRCRAFT HOVERED MOTIONLESS IN THIS POSITION FOR ABOUT ONE MINUTE AND THEN DEPARTED. SOURCE DID NOT PERSONALLY OBSERVE THE AIRCRAFT, BUT FROM ITS SOUND SPECULATED THAT IT WAS A HELICOPTER. THE DEPUTY ALSO SPECULATED THAT THE SOUNDS HE HEARD WERE THOSE OF A HELICOPTER. THE DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS WERE LIMITED BY THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT WHICH PREVENTED ANY DETECTION OF PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT OR ANY MARKINGS THEREON. SOURCE LATER QUESTIONED OTHER PERSONNEL AT THE LCF, BUT ALL DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THIS EVENT. (AFOSI EVALUATION: 65 SA SMITH).

C. ON 7 NOV 75, ROSCOE E. HOULTHROP III, CAPT, 341 STRATEGIC MISSILE WING, ADVISED THAT DURING THE EVENING HOURS OF 6-7 NOV 75, TWO ADJACENT LCFS, APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES SOUTH OF AFOREMENTIONED LCF, REPORTED MOVING LIGHTS AS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO). DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF HELICOPTER NOISES FROM PERSONNEL AT THESE LCFS. (AFOSI EVALUATION: 63 SA SMITH).

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COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

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