

✓IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Two naval personnel

One

2900

Duty officer at Naval communications station at Imperial Beach, Calif., saw large orange disc of light. Object stood still for 3-4 min, then proceeded at high speed. Object later reappeared.

1. Radiosonde and pibal releases were scheduled at 0300Z from San Diego - U.S. Navy weather station.
2. Object was reported to have hovered.

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REPORT NO. 52-10

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OBJECT REPORTED Large Orange Disk of Light		DATE OF INCIDENT 16 Nov '52		TIME ("Z" or local) 1825U-1855U	
LOCATION Lat. Long. or 20 W (?) bearing 255°T from NavComSta, Imperial Beach, Calif					
Object Course 2900T	Speed High	Silhouette (bow on, off bow, broadside, quarter, stern on) Circular ("size of barrel head")			Length Unknown
Height above water of bow Inapplicable	Stern - -	Superstructure None	Mast, etc. None		
Color of markings and hull, superstructure Orange			Special fittings, lights (Describe and locate) Bluish band around perimeter		
Bow wave (Heavy, moderate, light) None	Stern wave (Heavy, moderate, light) None		Smoke or vapor seen? None		
REPORTED BY (Name, address and telephone) Carl CRITTENDEN, Asst Supervisor Security, 932 E 18th St, Apt C, National City, Calif					
Time, distance and bearing from observer When first seen 1825U, est. 400' Alt. 600' Elev, 255°T When last seen 1855U, 20° Elev, 255°T					
Observer's height above sea 35'	Binoculars used? Yes		Power? 7 x 50	Observer's course Stationary	
Observer's experience in sighting similar objects, and in estimating speed and distance 27 yrs, Naval Service; 5 yrs as Security Watch					
CONDITIONS AT TIME (Weather, maximum visibility, light conditions, sea conditions) Clear weather, unlimited visibility, late twilight, rough sea			VESSELS NEARBY (Naval vessels, merchant vessels, fishboats, etc.; locate and describe) None		
Whales, etc? None	Wrecks, projecting rocks? (Describe) None		Aircraft None	Depth of water, character of bottom (from chart) Inapplicable	
Approximate bearing (from observer) and altitude of sun or moon No sun or moon					

OTHER WITNESSES (Name, address, telephone)

Fred A. PARKS, 4186 Stephens St., San Diego, California

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OBSERVER/WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY

LCDR J.T. RUGH, JR., USNR

INFORMATION PASSED TO
USAF

(Date and time)
at **20 Nov '52**

COUNTER OPERATIONS; RESULTS THEREOF

None

RELIABILITY OF SOURCE

Excellent

EVALUATION OF REPORT

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REPORTING OFFICER

(Signature) **J.T. RUGH, JR., USNR**

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SKETCH OF OBJECT (Use additional sheet)
(Include approximate height, length, location of lights, special fittings, etc.)

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