

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 May 53 16/2210Z	2. LOCATION Inyokern, California
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON Main point is that several sources stated that the objects were balloon like. Most balloons have strings attached. Near release point for Upper Air Research balloons.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Three cream-colored objects were overhead at about 1810 PST and disappeared climbing to the NE. Other people saw the objects. They seemed to be round and balloon like with strings hanging down.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Inyokern, California

16 May 1953

I. DESCRIPTION

The Inyokern Naval Air Facility at the Naval Ordnance Test Station received a report from one of their civilian employees that three cream colored objects were overhead at 1810 PST, and disappeared to the northeast climbing rapidly. Altitude was estimated to be approximately 20,000 feet while over Inyokern. Objects appeared to be round and balloon-like with strings hanging down. No photographs were taken, exhaust or method of propulsion was undetermined, and no interception was attempted. Several other civilians at that station also observed these objects.

II. DISCUSSION

This information was taken from a TWX received from the Flight Service Center at March AFB. Many details are lacking. The description as given by this one civilian fits that of three upper air research balloons (Moby Dick) tied together. More information will be available when the USAF Form 112 is received. Also, Project Blue Book receives the plots for all Moby Dick type balloons released in that area. The Project Blue Book evaluation of possibly upper air research balloon can be substantiated or cannot be substantiated upon receipt of the balloon plots.

III. CONCLUSION

Possibly balloon (Moby Dick).

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FLYOBRYT INYOKERN NAVAL AIR FACILITY AT THE NAVAL ORDNANCE TEST

STATION, INYOKERN CALIF RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A DR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED THERE THAT THREE CREAM COLORED OBJECTS WERE

OVERHEAD AT ABOUT 1810 PST AND DISSAPPEARED TO THE NORTH EAST

CLIMBING RAPIDLY ALTITUDE APPROXIMATED AT 20 THROUSAND FT WHILE

OVER INYOKERN. SEVERAL OTHER CIVILIANS ON THE BASE ALSO SAW THE

OBJECTS. OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE ROUND AND BALLOON LIKE WITH

STRINGS HANGING DOWN. WINDS ALOFT WERE PREVAILING FROM THE

NORTH WEST IN THE AREA. NO PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN. EXHAUST OR

METHOD OF PROPULSION UNDETERMINED. NO ATTEMPT AT INTERCEPTION

WAS MADE.

ATIC Strong poss. of upper air "mooby dick" Ballon
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REMARKS:

very probably balloons.

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