

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Dec 55		2. LOCATION Camp Pompino, Calif		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0350X		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Betelgeux ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over 1 hr still insight		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE E	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shining obj with flashing green, yellow and white lights. Obj stat for 10-15 min, then slow vanished to the East.			11. COMMENTS ASTR (Betelgeux)		

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FM KFLIGHT SERVICE HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTJR

(A) UNKNOWN

(B) HEAD OF IEN

(C) MULT-COLORED - GREEN, YELLOW, WHITE

(D) ONE

(E) NFKA

(F) SHINING OBJECT WITH FLASHING LIGHTS

(G) NONE

(H) NONE

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(L) NONE

2, DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

CALLED ATIE. O.D.

-Capt Taylor - Advised

TO Hold until morning

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(A) (~~12~~) FIRE SEARCH

(B) 333; -589, 55 DEG AZMITH 98 DEG N

(C) ELEVATION 45 DEG AZMITT 90 DEG N

RJEC

(D) OBJECT STATIONARY AT 557 ^{DEG} ~~557~~ - 98 DEG ~~B~~ X FOR 10-15 MINUTES THEN

SLOWLY VANISHED IN EASTERLY DIRECTION

(E) OBJECT SLOWLY NOCED EASTWARD - OBSERVERS VISION THEN OBSCURED
DS TREES.

(F) 20-25 IN

3. MANNER OF OBSERCATION:

(A) GROUND - VISUAL

(B) BINOCULARS

(C) NFKA

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(A) 720350Z

(B) NIG T

5. LOCATION OF OBSERCER:

(A) 37 DEG 25 MIN N 122 DEG 23 MIN W.

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER: 4

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(A) CIVILIAN - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AGE UNKNOWN, CAMP IONPONIO CAALIFORNIA,
FOREST RANGER,

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTINGS:

(A) SKY CLEAR

(B) SFC WND CALM

6000FT 288DEGREES 12K

10000FT 280(DEGREES 15FK

16008FT 278DEGREES 15KK

20000FT 278DEGREES 23K

30000FT 288 DEGREES 23K

50000FT UNKNOWN

80000FT UNKNOWN

(C)N E

(D) 4 MI HAZE AND SMOKE FROM SFC - 20087!5

(E) SCATTERED AT 20,008FT

(F) NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. N/A

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11. 1/LT LYLE B. OTTO, ASST OPNS OFF, 1481ST FSC, HAMILTON AFB

NO DIRIGIBLES OPERATING IN AREA, CAUSE FACTOR UNKNOWN.

12. NONE

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO D1-UFOB-3-55	(LEAVE BLANK) AFM 05543
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON CAMP POMPONIO, CALIFORNIA, USA	FROM (Agency) Det 1, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 14 December 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 December 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) ANTHONY H DEFRANCISCO, Captain, USAF	SOURCE [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT FLIGHT SERVICE HAMILTON AFB, CALIF, 120440Z Dec 55.		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List enclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr [REDACTED], a camp ranger at CAMP POMPONIO, CALIFORNIA.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was reported near CAMP POMPONIO, CALIFORNIA (DJNH 4617), located near LA HONDA, CALIFORNIA (DJNH 4419), at 120330Z Dec 55, (1930 hours PST, 11 Dec 55). Information contained in this report was obtained by telephone from Mr [REDACTED]. Supplementary information obtained from various individuals and agencies is credited in PART TWO of this report.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the Hamilton Flight Service Center was made by Det 1, 4602D AISS, for aircraft or balloons in the area at the time of sighting. Negative results.

2. The LICK OBSERVATORY, located on MT HAMILTON (DJPH 2320), was contacted for any unusual astronomical phenomena during that period with negative results.

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I. SOURCE: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Address: Camp Pomponio, California

Age: 38

Occupation: Camp Ranger, BSA

Education: Two (2) years high school

Qualifications: Unknown

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE had served four (4) years with the US Navy as a cook on a destroyer, with additional duty as a gun-pointer on a 20mm gun. SOURCE tried to be exact and precise, as during the conversation he would repeat and emphasize his statements. SOURCE seemed to be of average intelligence and eager to help in any way that he could. As the only contact with the SOURCE was by telephone it was impossible for the investigator to determine the reliability.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was informed by his wife that, "that thing was there again"; as she was out gathering in her clothes. The sky was clear with many stars visible, the weather cool with a mild breeze. Object was first sighted in the East, and checked for movement by aligning it with some trees. The object was brighter than any stars in the sky. With the naked eye it appeared to be between the size of a pea and pin head, reddish-orange in color and funnel shaped. One end appeared cut off and sharply outlined while the flared end was fuzzy or blurred. Flared end seemed to be approx $\frac{1}{4}$ larger than the clearly outlined end. SOURCE then obtained a 3 inch 16 power Navy type periscope. When viewed through the periscope the object appeared to be blue-red-yellow in color. Object seemed duller then brighter at times. SOURCE established the position as 90 degrees prior to calling the authorities at MOFFET NAVAL AIR STATION, CALIFORNIA, DJNH 5724. During a time lapse of approx 30 minutes, SOURCE returned to check the object and by use of a compass ascertained that the object had moved to 95-100 degrees. SOURCE observed the object for approx one (1) hour, and when last viewed the object was in the ESE direction approx 30 degrees off the horizon.

SOURCE had observed a similar occurrence from 160900Z - 161000Z Nov 55, at which time he sighted two (2) objects, but believing them to be stars did not report the sighting at that time.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the preparing officer, this sighting was probably caused by an unknown planet shining through a thin layer of clouds, giving it a distorted effect. (Some clouds were reported by Dr Jeffers of the Iick Observatory.)

2. The star Ceres also fits the circumstances of this case, however, since its movement is in the wrong direction i.e., from the southeast diagonally toward the northeast, the direction becomes reversed from that of Source's sighting.

3. Inasmuch as no astronomical reason existed for this sighting, and no balloon ~~was~~ ^{LAUNCHING} were reported, the conclusion drawn is that Source's periscope may possibly have tripped lenses, causing the view to become distorted.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was astronomical in nature but probably caused by the star Betelgeuse rather than by an unknown planet.

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