| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1.6 May 53 16/2210Z | 2. LOCATION Inyokern, California |
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| 3. SOURCE Civilians 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three | DALLOON Nain point is that several sources stated that the objects were balloon like. Nost balloons have strings attached. Near rolea point for Upper Air Research balloons. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported | Three crear-colored objects were overhead at about 1910 PST and disappeared climbing to the HL. Other people saw the objects. They seemed to be round and balloon like with strings hending down. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE | |
| B. PHOTOS O Yes DENe | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE | |

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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

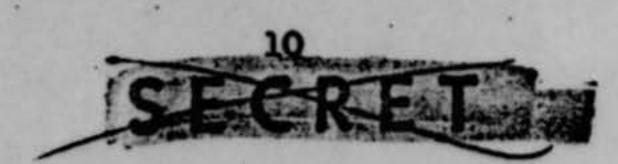
This information was taken from a TWX received from the Flight Service Center at March AFB. Many details are lacking. The description as given by this one civilian fits that of three upper air research balloons (Moby Dick) tied together. More information will be available when the USAF Form 112 is received. 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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