

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 18 September 53 18/2300Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Atherton, California
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> BALLOON (UMR)
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	Further investigation revealed three Holy Dick balloons in the area. The object was probably one of the three balloons.
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 4 hours, 20 minutes	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> A balloon or blimp traveled in W direction at an estimated altitude of 30,000 ft. Sighted 62 days above horizon. Observed intermittently until 1920 EST.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> West	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 18 Sep	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Atherton, Cal. balloon or blimp a-2



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JWPMC/WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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AT 1500PDT A BOLLOON OR BLIMP VERY HIGH ALTITUDE ESTIMATED

30,000 FT OR HIGHER IN WESTERLY DIRECTION APPROX 60 DEGRES

ANGLE FROM HORIZON AND IT SEEMED TO BE STATIC, OBSCURED

INTERMITTENTLY UNTIL 1920PDT. ORIGINAL REPORT FROM LEONARD

BRODBURY, 13 CANYON LAS ARBOLES ATHLETON, CALIF

190434Z SEPT JWPMC



ROUTING

## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

COMDR ATIC

DATE-TIME GROUP

231315Z SEP 53

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

PRECEDENCE FOR:

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INFORMATION

TO: COMDR HAMILTON AF BASE HAMILTON CALIFORNIA

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 BOOK MESSAGE ORIGINAL MESSAGE MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

 YES NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

Dtd 190434Z Sep

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INFO:

FROM: APOIN-ATIAE-9-6-B FOR HAMILTON FLT SV CEN (MATS)

Reurnsg dtd 190434 Sep 53 reporting the observation of an object similar to a balloon or a blimp traveling in a westerly direction at an estimated altitude of 30,000 ft. Request you gather supporting data which may lead to the identification of the object as prescribed in Air Force Regulation 200-2 dtd 26 Aug 53.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

## COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 M G Futch DATE 23 Sep 53

A/IC FUTCH

ATIAE W A Johnston DATE 23 Sep 53

LT COL JOHNSTON

ATIA William J. O'Hara DATE 23 Sep 53

COL O'HARA

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

A/IC Max G. Futch/jos

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL ATIAE-5

TELEPHONE 65365

OFFICIAL TITLE BARBARA P HANAWALT, 1st Lt, USAF  
AdjutantDD FORM 173  
1 OCT 49REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48  
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F COMDR 556 ADG HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO CMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATERSON AFB OHIO

HAMFR2227. HFSC 25-0-2. SUBJ: PROJECT BLUE ROCK. REF UR MSG DTD 231315Z SEP, REPTG OF OBJECT SIMILAR TO BALLOON OR A BLIMP. INVES REVEALED THREE PROJECT NOBY DICK WEA BALLOONS IN APRX AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. OJECT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THESE. NO FURTHER INFO AVAIL  
25/2239Z SEP JWPMC



19 SEPT 1953  
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**AURORA BOREALIS**

**NORTH ATLANTIC**

Mr. K. H. Wehlitz aboard the Panamanian SS. *Italia*, Capt. P. Thormoehlen, Master, reports that between 0700 G. M. T. and 0730 G. M. T., September 19, 1953, in approximate position 45°08' N., 61°12' W., northern lights were observed from 330° to 360° and to an altitude of 40°. The intensity of the display varied slightly as shimmering and straight waves of blue light moved from the horizon upward. The radio operator reported no reception on short wave during this period. Weather clear, wind north-northwest force 3, barometer 30.21 inches, air temperature 60° F.

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