PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Dec 55 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 12/0350X 5. PHOTOS	2. LOCATION Camp Pompino, Calif 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Ground-Roder D Air-Visual Air-Intercept Radar 6. SOURCE		12. 000 000 2000	Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over 1 hr still in sight	e. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE E	000	Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown	
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 (E) OBJECT SLOWLY NOCED EASTWARD - OBSERVERS VISION THEN OBSCURED
 DS TREES.
 (F) 22-25 IN
 3. MANNER OF OBSERCATION:
 (A) GROUND - VISUAL
 (B) BINOCULARS
 (C) NFKA
 4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
 (A) 720350Z
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 5, LOCATION OF OBSERCER:
 (A) 37 DEG 25MIN N 122DEG 23MIN W.
 6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER: $
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 (A) CIVILIAN - KENNELLIK AGE UNKNOWN, CAMP IONPONIO CAALIFORNIA,
 FOREST RANGER,
 (7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
 SIGHTINGS:
 (A) SKY CLEAR
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REPORT NO 1-UFOB-3-55 COUNTRY USA AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT SUBJECT UFOB AREA REPORTED ON FROM (Apracy) Det 1, 4602D AISS CAMP POMPONIO, CALIFORNIA, USA DATE OF REPORT DATE OF INFORMATION EVALUATION 11 December 1955 14 December 1955 PREPARED BY (Officer) SOURCE ANTHONY H DEFRANCISCO, Captain, USAF REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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PART CNE: Description of sighting by Mr 4 at CAMP POLIPONIO, CALIFORNIA.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

FART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was reported near CAMP POMPONIO, CALIFORNIA (DJNH 4617), located near IA HONDA, CALIFORNIA (DJNH 4419), at 120330Z Dec 55, (1930 hours PTT, 11 Dec 55). Information contained in this report was obtained by telephone from L'remain Supplementary information obtained from various individuals and agencies is credited in PART TO of this report.

INVESTIGATORS: M/SGT LAWRENCE I HODGES AF 19038190 . III. T/SGT EDWIN G NELSON AF 19048530

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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 LT HAMITITON (DJPH 2320), was contacted for any unusual astronomical phenomena during that period with negative results.

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I. SOURCE:

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 blured. Flared end seemed to be aprox & 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 aprox 30 minutes, SOURCE returned to check the object and by use of a compass ascertained that the object had moved to 95-100 degrees, SCURCE observed the object for aprox one (1) hour, and when last viewed the object was in the ESE direction aprox 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 lick 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 losses were reported, the conclusion drawn is that Source's periscope may possibly have tripped lenes, causing the view to become distorted.

ANTHONY H DEFRANCISCO
Captain, USAF
Ass't Officer In Charge

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.