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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 secs	one breaking		COURSE	000	Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
Obj in sight for 5 sees, Brilliant & was either falling or flying thru sky. Are descending toward the Western horizon, Extreme brilliance altho no illumination of the surrounding buildings. Several particles trailing at regular intervals. As each trailing obj extinguished another would drop off main body. Disappearance accompanied by increase in brightness & disappeared instantaneously.					

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(U) Reported Sighting of Falling Object

Air Attaché, Bolivia

EVALUATION B-3 SOURCE

US Civilian Oil Co employee

FROM PREPARED BY

Lt Col Edward J. Fox

SUMMARY Forwarded is a duplicated copy of a letter report concerning the sighting of an unidentified falling, fiery object due west of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The sighting was reported to have taken place at 2025 hours (local) 6 Aug 1962,

ECHMENTS:

The letter report was written (or dated on 2 Aug 62) by a a Gulf Oil employee in Bolivia, and was addressed to him to have the ger in La Paz. A date stamp of 23 Aug 62 indicates that the letter was received by the Bolivian Gulf Oil Co on that date, Copies of the letter were forwarded to the Service Attache offices on 27 Aug 62. Although I do not personally know the reporting individual he is well known by the USARMA and is reported to be a sharp, reliable person. Also the USARMA states that this same individual has previously reported similar sightings in the same area

Copy of subject letter report follows:

PETROLEUM HELICOPTERS DE BOLIVIA CASILLA No 678 SANTA CRUZ BOLIVIA

Bolivian Gulf Cil Company La Paz, Bolivia

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted

Dear Sirs:

In answer to your request for written information the sighting of an unidentified flying object, I submit the following information:

On the night of August 6, 1962 at hours 2025 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, my attention was directed to a brilliant object falling or flying through the sky. It first appeared to my unobstructed view at approximately a 45 degree angle from the horizon due west of Santa Cruz. Its brilliance was slightly less than the intensity of the sun at midday, but the object was much smaller. As far as I could determine, there was no

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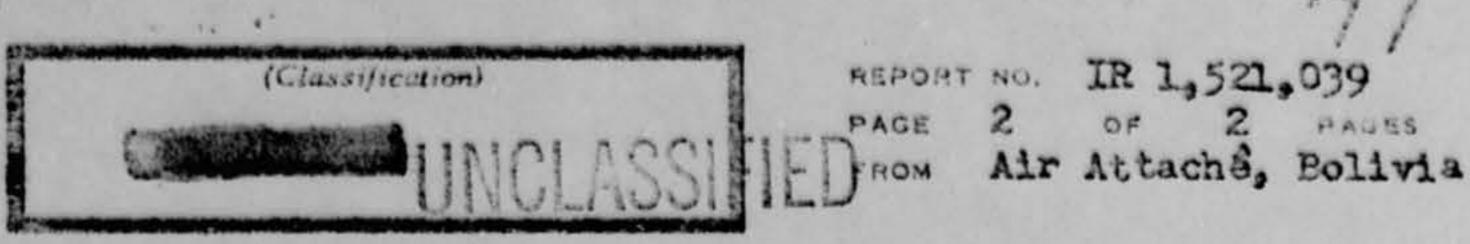
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illumination of my immediate surroundings resulting from the object. As I did not see the object at the beginning of its appearance (its presence being indicated to me by another person) I cannot describe its original appearance. As I first saw it, the object was apparently descending in a nearly vertical path toward the western horizon. Small particles of its substances were trailing it at regular intervals, each extinguishing itself as a new one separated from the original body. My best estimate of the number of glowing particles or illuminations in trail of the original is seven or eight, each spaced at intervals approximately two to three times the diameter of the original object forming a straight line behind the original.

The object was in my view for about three seconds and in view of my companion about two seconds before that. Its disappearance occurred in an almost instantaneous increase in brilliance and sudden extinction of the original object. The trailing illuminations extinguished themselves in turn. The weather at time of occurrence was a clear sky with a small amount of smoke and haze. Wind was from the northwest at about five to ten knots.

Signed: K

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Edward J. Fox
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