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IAFM-OPS-HU-SA

25 July 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Unconfirmed Source Information, Pertinent to an Unknown  
SG1C [redacted] of Coordinates; [redacted] (S)

SG1A

SG1C

1. (S) Source was asked to seek out and report information on a target

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rely on his own initiative to locate and identify the U.S. target of interest. The following information was provided:

a. (S) The source provided the following physical description of an unknown (at least unnamed) object which he stated was the target:

The object of interest has a horizontal aperture or opening, contains black metal grating and is constructed of hardened steel or metal. There are circular plates on the object, and parts are dark gray, like gun metal (Note: Source may mean blackened or blued). Object looks very much like a stovepipe but is very hard and smooth, approximately 6-7 feet tall on its side, and 16-20 feet in length. There is a set of opposed, parallel grooves running lengthwise through the object. Metal is used in construction and is very hard, tough, compressed alloy; but resilient. Object has two cables or cable like appendages attached; one at the front and one at the rear. Ends of the object are covered with a soft material. The interior is highly polished and contains a small metallic protrusion at the top center. Object appears to be approximately one to one and a half inches in thickness. Object is described as having a sort of nose cone and fin design to it. Source stated the object as being brown and green in color overall.

b. (S) The source provided the following information pertinent to general appearance and his own deductions:

The object appears to be either covered or under a cover. A deliberate attempt has been made to shield the object from the sun. While the ends are covered, they are still open as well. The cover is to protect the tube portion of the object. The object appears to be in a space orbit, and is not propelled by anything (freefall orbit). It is traveling in an orbit, not meant for either land mass nor ocean destination (splashdown), it just keeps orbiting. The destination and orbit appear to be a specific planet (reported as unknown, but for sake of reference by source it was called earth by source). Characteristic of the planet is its color changes; orange, red and yellow on one side of the orbit, white, blue, dark, mountainous, craggy and rocky on the other side.

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c. (S) The source provided the following additional comments concerning the object:

The object is shiny in part, cool but not cold, and there appears to be an on-off, on-off, gleaming which may be caused by object rotation or a light device. It is shaped somewhat like a submarine (in outline or form), but looks very much like a gun barrel, or an oversized sewer pipe. There appears to be a few panels on or connected to the object, but these are not easily seen. The gun barrel portion of the object is used for its primary function, which the source could not identify. He did state that it was apparently not a destructive or damage causing purpose or intent. It is traveling through space. The object will eventually or soon be filled with energy, but of what form is unknown. The object is presently accomplishing (at time of photograph) accomplishing the third portion of a three part mission; with apparently the first orbit and first portion being completed, the second orbit and second portion being seen and done, and at time of targeting (at time of photograph) this is the third exploration.

2. (S) Caution should be utilized when evaluating the above data, as it appears the source may have been reporting information on the photo producing device, rather than the object reported at approximately 7000 feet altitude.

3. (S) Request the above information be evaluated and comments be provided to the undersigned in writing no later than 25 August 1980, this will permit a full evaluation of the source of information for both accuracy and intelligence value.

  
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