

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 July 64 13/151Z	2. LOCATION Vandenberg, California
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12-15 min (Still in sight)	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round parachute shaped object observed in conjunction with Minuteman launch. Appeared in contrall of missile. Observed with BK. Motion to North. Observer looking West.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	COMMENTS: Rainsonde balloon released from Ft. Arguello at 1100Z. Sighting attributed to this chute released with package. Winds from SSE at 50-60,000 ft. Motion in accord with wind. Balloon over area at time of observation.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: NIN-7

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INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-5, SAFOS-3, DIA-15
(32)

DE RUWHSS 45 15/2114Z

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P 152057Z

FM 4392AEROSPACESPTGP VANDENBERG AFB CALIF

TO RUWGALE/ADC

RUWHSB/28AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RUCDGU/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUCSBR/SAC

RUWHJB/LAADS NORTON AFB CALIF

ZEN/1STRATAEROSPDIV VANDENBERG AFB CALIF

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UNCLAS BDO 11457. FOR CSAF, AFNIN; OSAF,
SAFOI; SAC, DOCO; 1STRATAEROSPDIV, DI. UFO REPORT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AFR 200-2. A: (1) ROUND OR PARACHUTE SHAPE; (2) PIN HEAD
(BALL TYPE); (3) SILVER; (4) ONE; (5) N/A; (6) NONE; (7) IN
CONTRAIL OF MISSILE AFTER LAUNCH; (8) NONE; (9) NONE. B: (1)
OBSERVING MISSILE LAUNCH; (2) 70 DEGREES; (3) 70 DEGREE ANGLE; (4)
LEFT TO RIGHT HORIZONTALLY WITH OBSERVER FACING WEST; (5) STILL THERE
AT TERMINATION; (6) 12 - 15 MINUTES. C: (1) GROUND VISUAL;
(2) BINOCULARS; (3) N/A. D: (1) 13/2151; (2) DAY. E: 089 DEGREES
ONE QUARTER MILE FROM INUTEMAN LAUNCH FACILITY NUMBER 03. F: LT COMMAND-

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DER BLEANCK, C. A. RANGE SAFETY OFFICER. G: (1) VISIBILITY
EXCELLENT WITH THEN HIGH ALTITUDE HAZE; (2) 6,000, 270/10;
10,000, 239/20, 16,000 200/30; 20,000, 210/25, 30,000, 220/40;
50,000, 170/15; 80,000, 090/22; (3) 800 SCATTERED; (4) 10 MILES;
(5) 0 TO 1/10; (6) NONE; (7) UNKNOWN. H. NONE. I: NONE.

J: RAWINSONDE BALLOON RELEASED AT 2100Z FROM PT ARGUELLO.
LOWERED BY CHUTE AFTER ATTAINING ALTITUDE: K: CAPT L.D. JONES,
ASSISTANT BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER. UFO SIGHTING WAS PROBABLY
RAWINSONDE BALLOON OR RELEASING CHUTE REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH J.
ABOVE. TIME OF SIGHTING IS IN THE PERIOD WHEN SUCH OBJECT WOULD
HAVE BEEN AT HIGH ALTITUDE IN THE OBSERVATION AREA. LEFT TO
RIGHT MOVEMENT ACCOUNTED FOR BY SOUTH/SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS AT
50,000 TO 80,000 FEET. L. NONE.

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NOTE: Adv copy del to DIA and NIN

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