

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 December 65 03/0040Z	2. LOCATION Santiago, Chile
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Reported as meteor by member of Chilean Rocket Society.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	Observer was looking East and saw the object at an altitude of 44 deg passing from approx 75 deg to 50 deg. Object was red colored at first and after a short distance at high speed seemed to light up to a whitish red and acquire a diameter three times that of Venus. Seemed to explode into fragments which likewise lit up and disappeared while a great portion of the object continued to descend. After a short distance, lit up as bright as the other and disappeared at altitude of 28 deg. Object was observed through (7X50) binoculars. Duration not given. Two decays this date, but time not consistent.
7. COURSE 75-50 deg	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

At 11:50 13 December 1965, Sgt Jones received a phone call from Major Gregory asking about a message supposedly sent to us on 10 December relating to a sighting of 3 December. Major Gregory informed Sgt Jones that it was related to the staff duty officer (Major Bullock). Major Gregory related the message again to Sgt Jones as follows: object was flaming reddish white. Object was observed 004Z 3 December. Observers were the Chilean Rocket Society and high school students. Object was a reddish white disk observed between 75 to 50 degrees out of the Northeast. Observers stated object exploded into six fragments. Major Gregory stated that Venik III was to impact on this date (3 December). Major Gregory stated the message was sent to us for whatever action is deemed necessary.

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REF YOUR AFNIAA 04220 DEC 65. FOLLOWING FALLING OF A METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA ARE REPORTED: DEC 3, 1965 THE [REDACTED] CHILEAN ROCKET SOCIETY REPORTED SEEING FALLING OBJECT FROM HIS HOME IN SANTIAGO. AT APPROX 0040Z, 3 DEC HE WAS LOOKING EAST AND SAW THE OBJECT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 44 DEGREES PASSING FROM APPROX 75 DEGREES TO 55 DEGREES. THE OBJECT WAS RED COLORED AT FIRST AND AFTER A SHORT DISTANCE AT HIGH SPEED SEEMED TO LIGHT UP TO A WHITISH RED AND ACQUIRE A DIAMETER THREE TIMES THAT OF VENUS. IT SEEMED TO EXPLODE INTO FRAGMENTS WHICH LIKEWISE LITE UP AND DISAPPEARED WHILE A GREAT

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PORTION OF THE OBJECT CONTINUED TO DESCEND AND AFTER A SHORT DISTANCE LITE UP AS BRIGHT AS THE OTHERS AND DISAPPEARED AT ALTITUDE OF 28 DEGREES IN THE DIRECTION OF 45 DEGREES. THIS WAS OBSERVED BY THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A 7 X 50 ZEIS GERMAN BINOCULAR BINOCTEM TYPE. THE SAME NIGHT THE DAUGHTER OF THE AIRAIFND SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OBSERVED AN OBJECT IN THE SKY IN THE VICINITY OF SANTIAGO BETWEEN 0001Z AND 0100Z WITH THE BEST ESTIMATE AROUND 0030Z. THE DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE FROM EAST TO WEST.

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