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15. SUMMARY: A rash of unidentified flying object information has been reported personally and through various newspapers in the Latin American area. A résumé of these reports of sightings is provided.

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Sequence of Events and/or appearance of Unidentified Flying Objects in Latin America.

1. On 21 June a fundo owner and his wife who live near a little town of Mininco, approximately 900 kilometers south southwest of Santiago reported to the Air Attache the following three instances of having seen strange objects. These events were reported prior to the time that any reports appeared in the newspapers.

a. During the last week of February 1965 about 2000 hours local, a round red and yellow object descended in the vicinity of their farm, hovered for a few minutes, and then disappeared in the sky.

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b. About one week later another strange object appeared for about 10 minutes between 2230 and 2300 local hours. This object however was white and bluish white in appearance and had 4 or 5 appendages (rays of light) which at various times traversed over a nearby lake and around a small mountain at speeds in excess of those which could be expected of an aircraft.

c. On 19 June there was a re-occurrence of b. for about 5 minutes between 2230 and 2300 hours local. NOTE THE 19 JUNE DATE.

2. The 4 July 1965 edition of Diario Ilustrado, Santiago newspaper contained the following:

"Nine members of the base Pedro Aguirre Cerda observed the apparition of a curious celestial body while doing routine meteorological observations for a period of 20 minutes. They followed its maneuvers noting its white luminosity at an angle of 45° seen in the southwest of Deception Island moving northeast-southeast at high speed on an oscillating course. The radiogram adds:

'On the 5th Chileans communicated with the English Base--British informed that the day before at 1945 five members of that base saw celestial object in the north moving on a zig-zag course and later stopping from 5-10 minutes, then disappearing at great altitude. It was red, then yellowish, then changing to a green color. The angle was estimated at 20° and of the size of a star of the first magnitude.'

"Communique from Argentine Detachment on Deception Island between 1942 and 2044 hours said that 16 persons, among them three Chileans, observed a celestial object in the north of the island going north--northeast at very slow speed with an oscillating course and of changing yellow, green and orange color, leaving a tail at an elevation of 30° of lenticular shape disappearing at altitude in cirrus clouds and whose trajectory was followed by theodolite and powerful field glasses. Corporal Uladislao Duran Martinez who was with the detachment took 10 dispositive pictures in color through the Theodolite and field glasses.

"Same day. Detachment Orcadas of Argentina at 1703 hours. Two meteorological observers saw a celestial object moving at very high speed during a period of 15 seconds with a parabolic trajectory moving from east to west with luminous white color which caused magnetic changes in their geo-magnetic instruments, registering changes notably out of the normal. Between the base mentioned no previous communication existed that could induce a group psychosis of that type of observation--which fact is estimated to be of great interest to interested scientific organizations."

3. The 7 July 1965 edition of El Mercurio, Santiago newspaper carried the following:

"Eighteen days ago, the base Pedro Aguirre Cerda announced that at 1600 hours on the 18th of June all the personnel of this base saw celestial body of intense luminosity--a star of the first magnitude. It appeared in the east of Deception Island at an elevation of 60° making a turn of 180° to the left and continued on an eastern course. The object previously made a turn to the right heading in a southerly direction. This phenomenon was seen for a period of 40 minutes--meteorological conditions clear, but dark. Strong winds prevented mounting photographic equipment. On Saturday a similar body was seen at a lower altitude of 45°. It passed at high velocity and was seen for 20 minutes. At this time it was seen by Chilean, Argentine and British bases in the Antarctic.

"The Commander of the Base (Pedro Aguirre Cerda) of the Chilean Air Force, Mario Jahn Barrera explained the phenomenon seen by the members of his base. They saw an object moving at tremendous speeds giving off a blue-green light which caused interference (electro-magnetic) in meteorological equipment

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located in the Argentine base directly in front of our location.

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"This is the second time in less than a month that we have observed these celestial bodies. The first was on the 13th of June and the last this Saturday at 1920 hours. It was during this last observation when all our group saw this phenomenon while making atmospheric observations. The color of the body was red yellowish changing to green to yellow and to orange. It was at a short distance at an angle of 45° with respect to our position in the extreme north of the island. It later took a zig-zag course. During one of its maneuvers it maintained a stationary position. Rapidly with the apparatus at hand (theodolite and long range binoculars), we observed this body in a stationary position for a period of 20 minutes. During this period Corporal Uladislao Duran Martinez of our group quickly got his camera and took 10 photographs (more or less) which he believes to be perfect. He not only took the pictures directly but he also took them using the theodolite and the long range binoculars. Unluckily, we must wait until March of the coming year in order to develop these pictures. To corroborate my statement I later communicated with the English base. People from this base said that they had observed an object of star of the first magnitude. This communication was made at 2030 hours. The same thing happened with personnel of the Argentine base Orcad. In this case, we were more certain that we were dealing with a strange solid object because their electro-magnetic equipment showed abnormal interference from the moment during which it appeared.

4. The 18 July edition of La Nacion, Santiago newspaper carried the following:

"On 17 July several people in Colonia, Uruguay observed the landing of a flying saucer on a beach. The report stated that the strange object remained on the beach close to two minutes and then continued silently on a vertical flight toward the River de la Plata where it remained suspended in space for several minutes at an altitude of 10 meters, later continuing in horizontal flight calculated at approximately 500 meters.

"The people who viewed the object stated no troops were observed; that it left an "X" on the beach similar to a retractible mechanical foot and that it was reddish in color and difficult to look at due to its lumonosity.

"A little later strange objects were sighted flying over Buenos Aires. One of the spectators took a photograph of the objects."

5. The 20 July edition of El Mercurio, Diario Ilustrado and La Nacion carried accounts of a strange object flying in the vicinity of Antofagasta for a period of approximately 25 minutes.

"On 19 July in the Provinces of Tarapace and Antofagasta, Chile, a strange object was observed flying at a high speed ejecting explosions of great force and very loud. The object was first sighted at 1555 and was described to be in the form of a cone with the point to the rear. It was observed by six laborers at the Maria Elena Nitrate Mine."

6. On 23 July 1965 the Diario Ilustrado, Santiago newspaper contained the following:

"On the 20th of July at 0400 in the morning an occupant in a hotel at Chafaral was awakened by a loud noise. He looked out the window and saw an intense red object that had a diameter of approximately 10 to 12 meters land on the sand in the vicinity of the hotel and 4 to 5 minutes thereafter it left with a violent noise and was seen no longer."

Comments of reporting officer: There may be a connection between some of the sightings and the U. S. Space program, e.g. A check with NASA indicates that objects 1965 46D and 1965 46E which were part of the 1965 46A (COSMOS 68) series which was launched on 15 June had a decay date of 19 June 1965,

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time and area of re-entry are unknown.

A check with Chilean Air Force commanders at Antofagasta and Iquique reveals that none of the personnel of the Chilean Air Force at those places observed or heard the occurrence reported in that area on 19 July.

Some credence must be given to the existence or the occurrence of some type of phenomenon in as much as reports emanated from such widely reported locations as to rule out mass hysteria or collusion.

Amembassy, Santiago, Chile Joint Weeka 27 of 9 July carried item on initial report of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

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SUMMARY:

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Translation of four messages provided by the Chief, Argentine Navy Hydrographic Service concerning unidentified flying objects sighted recently in Antarctica is submitted. Message originators were Commander, Argentine Base at Deception Island (64 deg 59 min South 60 deg 33 min West), and Commander, Argentine Activity at Orcadas (Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands) (60 deg 45 min South 44 deg 43 min West). The messages summarize sightings by Argentine personnel, and reports that British and Chilean base personnel at Deception Island have also reported unidentified flying objects. Messages are quoted verbatim and have been provided without comment.

## 1. First Message (Note: Times stated presumably LOCAL)

DTG 231459 JUNE 1965

ORIGINATOR: CO DECEPTION ISLAND

TO: CHIEF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

INFO: CHIEF NAVY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED SEVEN JUNE AT ONE NINE FIVE ZERO

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17. DOWNGRADING DATA:

18. ATTACHMENT DATA:

1 (U) Copies of four messages (in Spanish)\*  
Translated (as part of report)

REQUEST ATTACHMENT FROM DIAAP-1H2  
\* (FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

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HOURS. OBJECTS SIGHTED BY CIVILIAN METEOROLOGIST JORGE STANICH AND OBSERVED DURING FIVE SECOND PERIOD. OBJECT STATIONARY, COLORED A CLEAR BRILLIANT YELLOW, APPARENT DIAMETER ONE POINT FIVE CENTIMETERS AND SURROUNDED BY AN IRRIDISCENT HALO, APPEARING UNDER A THICK CLOUDY CONDITION 300 METER CEILING AT TWO THREE ZERO DEGREES FROM TRUE NORTH AT TWO FIVE DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON. SAME OBSERVATOR SIGHTED ON EIGHT JUNE AT ZERO TWO TWO ZERO HOURS DURING A FOUR SECOND PERIOD SIMILAR OBJECTS WITH AN APPARENT DIAMETER OF ONE CENTIMETER WIDE APPEARING UNDER THICK CLOUDY CEILING OF 300 METERS AT POINT THREE THREE ZERO DEGREES FROM TRUE NORTH AT FOUR ZERO DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON. BOTH OBSERVATIONS MADE FROM METEOROLOGICAL CAMP THIS BASE. ON TWO ZERO JUNE THE CHILEAN BASE COMMANDER (AGUIRRE CERDA BASE) REPORTED THAT AT ONE SIX TWO ZERO HOURS A LUMINOUS OBJECT LARGER THAN A FIRST MAGNITUDE STAR WAS OBSERVED BY HIMSELF, JUAN BARRERA, LIEUTENANT BENAVIDEZ (BOTH AF PILOTS), METEOROLOGIST CONCHA AND SEVEN OTHER PERSONS. OBJECT MANEUVERED RAPIDLY FOR TWO FIVE MINUTES OVER DECEPTION ISLAND AREA. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

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2. Second Message.

DTG 041000 JULY.

ORIGINATOR CO ORCADAS

TO CHIEF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

INFO CHIEF NAVY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED ZERO THREE ONE SEVEN ZERO THREE BY TWO MEMBERS THIS BASE DURING ONE FIVE SECONDS.

DESCRIPTION: WHITE LUMINOUS COLOR, NOT BRILLIANT, ROUND FORM, CLEAN OUTLINE, PARABOLIC TRAJECTORY WEST TO EAST, THREE ZERO DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON TOWARDS THE SOUTH, MOVED WITH INCREASING SPEED. VISUAL CONTACT LOST DUE TO CLOUDS.

3. Third Message.

DTG 041543 JULY.

ORIGINATOR CO DECEPTION ISLAND

TO CHIEF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

INFO CHIEF NAVY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER DECEPTION ISLAND ON TWO JUNE OBSERVED BY METEOROLOGIST AT ENGLISH BRAVO BASE AND FOUR PERSONS. SIGHTING LASTED FOR FIFTEEN DASH TWENTY MINUTE AT ONE NINE FOUR FIVE HOURS ON A CLEAR NIGHT WITH ONE EIGHTH STRATOCUMULUS CONDITION AND STARRY SKY, MOON IN FOURTH QUARTER. OBJECT WAS MOVING RAPIDLY AND OF A BRILLIANT COLOR, SOLID APPEARANCE AND NOISELESS, PREDOMINATE COLOR RED AND GREEN BUT AT TIMES YELLOW BORDERED,

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APPEARING AS A BRILLIANT STAR MOVING IN VARIABLE HEADINGS, SPEEDS, AND STOPS IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AT FOUR FIVE DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON. ON THREE JULY AT ONE NINE TWO ZERO HOURS THE METEOROLOGIST AND EIGHT OTHER PERSONS AT THE CHILEAN BASE AGUIRRE CERDA OBSERVED DURING TWO ZERO MIN (CLEAR NIGHT, TWO EIGHTS STRATOCUMULUS AND STARRY SKY, MOON FOURTH QUARTER) AN OBJECT APPEARING AS A STATIONARY LIGHT AT TIMES AND OF SOLID APPEARANCE LIKE A CELESTIAL BODY, NOISELESS, WHITE COLOR WITH BORDERS LIKE A BRILLIANT STAR, MOVING EAST TO WEST CENTRAL TRAJECTORY WITH OSCILLATIONS, DISAPPEARING IN THE CLOUDS, ELEVATION D U R Z E R O DASH FOUR FIVE DEGREES OVER THE HORIZON. ON THREE JULY AT ONE NINE FOUR TWO HOURS METEOROLOGIST AND SIX PERSONS FROM THIS BASE OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE, BINOCULARS, AND THEODOLITE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR AND TWO MINUTES (CLEAR NIGHT, TWO EIGHTHS STRATUS, ONE EIGHTH CIRRUS, STARRY SKY, MOON FOURTH QUARTER) AN OBJECT DESCRIBED AS MORE BRILLIANT THAN A STAR OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE WHICH WAS STATIONARY AT TIMES WITH FLASHING BRILLIANCE (APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING), MOVING ABOVE THE STRATUS AND BELOW THE CIRRUS AT TIMES, OF A SOLID APPEARANCE AND NOISELESS, ITS CENTER COLORED RED, BORDERS CHANGING FROM YELLOW TO GREEN TO ORANGE TO BLUE TO WHITE, AND LIKE A BRILLIANT IRRIDISCENT STAR, SMALL TRAJECTORY VARIATION, SIZE COMPARABLE TO THE HEAD OF A HALF INCH NAIL HEAD, FINALLY DISAPPEARING IN ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE. FORM WAS ROUND AND OVAL SHAPED. DIRECTION OBSERVED NORTH NORTHWEST APPROXIMATELY THREE THREE FIVE DEGREES FROM TRUE NORTH AND THREE ZERO DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON, APPROXIMATELY AT A DISTANCE OF ONE ZERO TO ONE FIVE KILOMETERS. SOME PHOTOGRAPHY TAKEN OF THIS SIGHTING.

4. Fourth Message.

DTG 062100.

ORIGINATOR CO ORCADAS

TO CHIEF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

INFO CHIEF NAVY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

AMPLIFYING INFORMATION MY ZERO FOUR ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO.

TWO VARIOMETERS WORKING AFFECTED BY MAGNETIC FIELD DISTURBANCE DURING THE TIME OBJECT SIGHTED.

Comment. Foregoing messages provided ALUSNA BAIREs by the Chief, Argentine Navy Hydrographic Service without comment. First information on UFOs appeared in local press of 6 July with ARG SECNAV PIO release. While information as provided carried no classification and is similar to that appearing in the press, ALUSNA BAIREs has classified [REDACTED] until this point cleared with Chief, Hydrographic Service.

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