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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH  
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ACTION: RDC-4

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, NIN-7, DIA-1 (19) ADV CY DIA

SMB D003RTTU ZYW RUEDHBA9011 3352105-UUUU--RUEDHQA.

ZNR UUUUU ZOV RUEDHBA

RTTU JAW RUMEND0012 3351610-UUUU--RUEDHBH.

ZNR UUUUU ZFH-1

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RUEDHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

R 011600Z NOV 66

FM 637 RADAR SQ OTHELLO AFS WASH

TO RUMMFVA/ADC

RUMMENA/25 AIR DIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

RUCIFDF/AFSC FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHBH/HQ USAF WASH DC

RUEDHQA/SAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS 637POAC 00640 NOV 66. UFO. FOR HQ USAF (AFNIN) AND

FOR SAF (SAFOI).

A. DISCRPTION OF OBJECT:

1. SHAPE- CIRCULAR WITH THE NAKED EYE. OVAL SHAPED THROUGH TELESCOPE.

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2. SIZE - HALF DOLLAR SIZE WITH THE NAKED EYE; BASE BALL AIZE THROUGH TELESCOPE.

3. COLOR - ORANGE WITH NAKED EYE; ORANGE AND GREY WITH TELESCOPE.

4. NUMBER - ONE

5. FORMATION- N/A

6. DISCERNABLE FEATURES- AS SEEN THROUGH TELESCOPE OBJECT WAS

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GREY WITH ORANGE OR REDDISH SPARKING RIM.

7. TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST - NONE SEEN

8. SOUND - NONE HEARD

9. OTHER FEAUTRES - NONE OBSERVED

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

1. UNUSUAL BRIGHT COLOR AND LOW ALTITUDE.

2. EAST AT TELEPHONE LINE ALTITUDE.

3. LAST OBSERVED AT VERY HIGH ANGLE OF ELEVATION; OBSERVERS RETIRED BEFORE OBJECT DISAPPEARED.

4. MOVING EAST TO WEST ON STEADY COURSE EXCEPT FOR STOPPING AT TIMES.

5. OBSERVERS NOTED THAT OBJECT WAS STILL HIGH IN THE SKY NEAR

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MIDNIGHT AND THEN THEY RETIRED.

6. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR PERIODS OF FROM 10 TO 20 MINUTES  
OVER A TIME SPAN OF ABOUT 3 1/2 HOURS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. GROUND - VISUAL
2. TELESCOPE OF UNKNOWN POWER; TELESCOPE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2  
FEET LONG, LARGEST LENS ABOUT BASE BALL SIZE. NO MARKINGS ON  
SCOPE TO DETERMINE POWER RATING.

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3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. 26 NOV 66/0500Z
2. NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

[REDACTED] STREET, RICHLAND WASH.

F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVERS:

1. CIVILIANS:

A. CIVILIAN - [REDACTED], AGE 19, ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STREET, RICHLAND WASHINGTON. OCCUPATION - UNEMPLOYED EPILEPTIC.

B. CIVILIAN [REDACTED] AGE 19, SAME ADDRESS, STUDENT.

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SENIOR HIGH.

C. CIVILIAN - MRS. [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, HOMEMAKER.

ESTIMATE OR RELIABILITY - FAIR.

2. N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

1. CLEAR - CALM.

2. REPORT FROM 25TH AIR DIVISION (ADC) WX OFFICE AS OF 26/0000Z

WIND DIRECTION/VELOCITY	ALTITUDE
270/06	SURFACE

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260/16	6,000 FT
290/23	10,000 FT
290/32	16,000 FT
300/50	30,000 FT
290/58	50,000 FT
NOT AVAILABLE	80,000 FT

3. CEILING - NONE

4. VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED

5. CLOUD COVER - NONE

6. THUNDERSTORMS - NONE

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7. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT - NORMAL LAPSE RATE, SUB-  
SIDENCE INVERSION SURFACE TO 2800 FT.

H. NONE KNOWN

I. NOT FEASIBLE SINCE SIGHTING WAS NOT REPORTED UNTIL 26/1700Z.

J. NEAREST WX BALLOON LAUNCH AS FAR AS IS KNOWN IS YAKAMA, WASH:

LAUNCH TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 3 P. M. THIS BALLOON WOULD NORMALLY HAVE  
REACHED BURSTING ALTITUDE PRIOR TO TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING.

K. CEM OFFICER, OTHELLO AFS, WASH.

L. NONE KNOWS.

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