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Mr. Bob Pratt
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Dear Mr. Pratt

In response to your request of Sept. 26, 1977, for information concerning UFO incidents in or near Malmstrom AFB during October and November 1975, the attached is forwarded.

The log pertaining to the month of October 1975 has been destroyed in accordance with Air Force Manual 12-50, Table 55-3, Rule 1, Quote: Air Surveillance Records, Control Logs consisting of data on routine daily surveillance operations which are at aircraft control and warning units and airborne early warning and control units, are destroyed one (1) year after close of the calendar year in which last entry was made. Unquote.

The attached extracts have been taken from the senior director's log which was started in Nov, 1975. This is the only source of information we have pertaining to UFO incidents. The log itself has classified entries and cannot be copied; however, I wish to assure you all pertinent entries have been extracted.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David B. Ballou", is written over the typed name.

DAVID B. BALLOU, Colonel, USAF
Vice Commander

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EXTRACTS

24 NORAD REGION SENIOR DIRECTOR LOG

7 Nov 75 (1035Z) - Received a call from the 341st Strategic Air Command Post (SAC CP), saying that the following missile locations reported seeing a large red to orange to yellow object: M-1, L-3, LIMA and L-6. The general object location would be 10 miles south of Moore, Montana, and 20 miles east of Buffalo, Montana. Commander and Deputy for Operations (DO) informed.

7 Nov 75 (1203Z) - SAC advised that the LCF at Harlowton, Montana observed an object which emitted a light which illuminated the site driveway.

7 Nov 75 (1319Z) - SAC advised K-1 says very bright object to their east is now southeast of them and they are looking at it with 10 x 50 binoculars. Object seems to have lights (several) on it, but no distinct pattern. The orange/gold object overhead also has small lights on it. SAC also advises female civilian reports having seen an object bearing south from her position six miles west of Lewistown.

7 Nov 75 (1327Z) - L-1 reports that the object to their northeast seems to be issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape. In all this time, surveillance has not been able to detect any sort of track except for known traffic.

7 Nov 75 (1355Z) - K-1 and L-1 report that as the sun rises, so do the objects they have visual.

7 Nov 75 (1429Z) - From SAC CP: As the sun rose, the UFOs disappeared. Commander and DO notified.

8 Nov 75 (0635Z) - A security camper team at K-4 reported UFO with white lights, one red light 50 yards behind white light. Personnel at K-1 seeing same object.

8 Nov 75 (0645Z) - Height personnel picked up objects 10-13,000 feet, Track J330, EKLB 0648, 18 knots, 9,500 feet. Objects as many as seven, as few as two A/C.

8 Nov 75 (0745Z) - Conversation about the UFOs; Advised to go ahead and scramble; but to be sure and brief pilots, FAA. Go easy and the fighters will not descend below 12,000 ft.

8 Nov 75 (0753Z) - J330 unknown 0753. Stationary/seven knots/12,000. One (varies to seven) object. None, no possibility, EKL 3746, two F-106, GTF, SCR 0754. NCOC notified.

8 Nov 75 (0820Z) - Lost radar contact, fighters broken off at 0825, looking in area of J331 (another height finder contact).

8 Nov 75 (0850Z) - Directed ftrs to RTB (return to base).

8 Nov 75 (0905Z) - From SAC CP: L-sites had fighters and objects; fighters did not get down to objects.

8 Nov 75 (0915Z) - From SAC CP: From four different points: Observed objects and fighters; when fighters arrived in the area, the lights went out; when fighters departed, the lights came back on; to NCOC.

8 Nov 75 (0953Z) - From SAC CP: L-5 reported object increased in speed - high velocity, raised in altitude and now cannot tell the object from stars. To NCOC.

8 Nov 75 (1105Z) - From SAC CP: E-1 reported a bright white light (site is approximately 60 nautical miles north of Lewistown). NCOC notified.

9 Nov 75 (0305Z) - SAC CP called and advised SAC crews at Sites L-1, L-6, and M-1 observing UFO. Object yellowish bright round light 20 miles north of Harlowton, 2 to 4,000 feet.

9 Nov 75 (0320Z) - SAC CP reports UFO 20 miles southeast of Lewistown, orange white disc object. 24th NORAD Region surveillance checking area. Surveillance unable to get height check.

9 Nov 75 (0320Z) - FAA Watch Supervisor reported he had five air carriers vicinity of UFO, United Flight 157 reported seeing meteor, "arc welders blue" in color. SAC CP advised, sites still report seeing object stationary.

9 Nov 75 (0348Z) - SAC CP confirms L-1, sees object, a mobile security team has been directed to get closer and report.

9 Nov 75 (0629Z) - SAC CP advises UFO sighting reported around 0305Z. Cancelled the flight security team from site L-1, checked area and all secure, no more sightings.

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10 Nov 75 (0125Z) - Received a call from SAC CP. Report UFO sighting from site K-1 around Harlowton area. Surveillance checking area with height finder.

10 Nov 75 (0153Z) - Surveillance report unable to locate track that would correlate with UFO sighted by K-1.

10 Nov 75 (1125Z) - UFO sighting reported by Minot Air Force Station, a bright star-like object in the west, moving east, about the size of a car. First seen approximately 1015Z. Approximately 1120Z, the object passed over the radar station, 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet high, no noise heard. Three people from the site or local area saw the object. NCOC notified.

12 Nov 75 (0230Z) - UFO reported from K01. They say the object is over Big Snowy mtn with a red light on it at high altitude. Attempting to get radar on it from Opheim. Opheim searching from 120° to 140°.

12 Nov 75 (0248Z) - Second UFO in same area reported. Appeared to be sending a beam of light to the ground intermittently. At 0250Z object disappeared.

12 Nov 75 (0251Z) - Reported that both objects have disappeared. Never had any joy (contact) on radar.

13 Nov 75 (0951Z) - SAC CP with UFO report. P-SAT team enroute from R-3 to R-4 saw a white lite, moving from east to west. In sight approx 1 minute. No determination of height, moving towards Brady. No contact on radar.

19 Nov 75 (1327Z) - SAC command post report UFO observed by FSC & a cook, observed object travelling NE between M-8 and M-1 at a fast rate of speed. Object bright white light seen 45 to 50 sec following terrain 200 ft off ground. The light was two to three times brighter than landing lights on a jet.

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