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- 1. (U) COUNTRY: BOLIVIA (BL)
- 2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: 6 808 0057 79
- 3. (U) ^{IT}TITLE: MOON DUST - OBJECT FOUND NEAR SANTA CRUZ.

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- 4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: NA
- 5. (U) DATE OF INFO: 790816-790817 RDS-3 RECEIPT DELAY.
- 6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 790817
- 7. (U) DATE & PLACE OF ACQ: 790816-790817, SANTA CRUZ
- 8. (U) REFERENCES: D-T3B-49756/CONTINUES
- 9. (U) ASSESSMENT: A? F-6 B. F-6

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13. (U) APPROVING AUTHORITY: HAROLD T. HAMILTON, COL, USAF
14. (U) SOURCE: A. NEWS MEDIA, B. OTS
15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: PROTECTIVE CAVEAT USED DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF INFO. DIRC: NO

16. SUMMARY: A REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITHIN THE EMBASSY AND REPORTED IN THE SANTA CRUZ NEWSPAPER OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT HAVING BEEN FOUND ON A FARM NEAR SANTA CRUZ.

ITEM 22. A. ON LATE AFTERNOON OF 790816 THE EMBASSY HERE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT A STRANGE OBJECT HAD BEEN FOUND ON A FARM NEAR SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA. SOURCE STATED THAT THE OBJECT WAS ABOUT 70 CENTIMETERS IN DIAMETER AND TWO METERS IN CIRCUMFERENCE WITH A HOLE IN ONE SIDE AND A METAL SKIN COVERING OF APPROX ONE-HALF INCH THICKNESS. LATER THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS "ABOUT THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL". SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD FILM OF THIS OBJECT WHICH HE GAVE TO AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON 790817.

B. ON THE MORNING OF 790817, THE SANTA CRUZ NEWSPAPER "EL DEBER" PUBLISHED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON

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THIS INCIDENT. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS: QUOTE - PART OF WHAT COULD BE A SATELLITE FELL NEAR COTOCA. A PHENOMENON THAT COULD FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD ON BOLIVIA OCCURRED IN OUR CAPITAL WHEN A SPHERE WAS DISCOVERED THAT FELL APPROXIMATELY SIX DAYS AGO ON A FARM LOCATED 15KM FROM COTOCA.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THIS NEWSPAPER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COL ARIEL COCA, THE SPHERE IS MADE OF SPECIAL LIGHT ALLOY BUT VERY RESISTANT, POSSIBLY A FUEL TANK OR A PART OF A SATELLITE! THE OBJECT DOES NOT HAVE ANY SIGNS OR MARKS THAT COULD IDENTIFY ITS ORIGIN NOR THE COUNTRY TO WHICH IT BELONGS.

COL COCA SAID THAT HE WILL INFORM HIS SUPERIORS OF THIS PHENOMENON SO THAT A STUDY CAN BE MADE TO DETERMINE ITS ORIGIN AND TO BE ANALYZED IN CASE IT CONTAINS RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE. THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA WHERE THIS BALL OF FIRE (AS THEY CALLED IT) FELL, DELAYED IN TELLING THE AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE EVENT BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID THAT NO ONE WOULD LISTEN. - UNQUOTE.

C. AN ACCOMPANYING PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER SHOWS COL COCA, COMMANDER OF THE BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE ACADEMY, EXAMINING A ROUND OBJECT WHICH REACHES ABOVE HIS KNEES AND APPEARS TO BE PERFECTLY ROUND EXCEPT FOR A HOLE (MISSING PORTION OF OUTER SKIN) WHICH IS ABOUT NINE INCHES IN DIAMETER.

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NO COMMENTS: WE HAVE MADE NO INQUIRIES NOR
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OTHER THAN TO GET THE
UNDEVELOPED FILM DISCUSSED EARLIER. WE RECEIVED FROM SOURCE .S
A ROLL OF 135MM FILM FOR COLOR PRINTS AND A ROLL OF
KODACHROME 40 MOVIE FILM, TYPE A. THE 135MM FILM
WILL BE DEVELOPED AND PRINTED HERE IN LA PAZ. THE MOVIE
FILM AND A COPY OF THE NEWSPAPER STORY WITH ACCOMPANYING
PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH ON 790820 TO DIA
DT-3. THE COORDINATES FOR THE TOWN OF COTOCA ARE
17-49S, 63-03W. REFERENCE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TO
"OUR CAPITAL" - THIS REFERS TO SANTA CRUZ AS THAT TOWN IS
THE CAPITAL OF THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) OF SANTA CRUZ?

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EMB COORDINATION: AMB

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1. (U) Country: Bolivia (BL)
2. (U) Report Number: 6 808 0057 79
3. (U) Title: Moon Dust - Object Found Near Santa Cruz.
5. (U) Date of Info: 790816-790817
6. (U) Date of Report: 790817
7. (U) Date & Place of ACQ: 790816-790817, Santa Cruz

Item 16: Summary: A report has been received within the embassy and reported in the Santa Cruz newspaper of an unidentified object having been found on a farm near Santa Cruz.

Item 22.

A. On late afternoon of 790816 the embassy here received information that a strange object had been found on a farm near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Source stated that the object was about 70 centimeters in diameter and two meters in circumference with a hole in one side and a metal skin covering of approx one-half inch thickness. Later the object was described as "about three times the size of a basketball". Source stated that he had film of this object which he gave to an embassy official on 790817.

B. On the morning of 790817, the Santa Cruz newspaper "El Deber" published a front page article on this incident. An unofficial translation of the article follows: QUOTE - Part of what could be a satellite fell near Cotoca. A phenomenon that could focus the attention of the world on Bolivia occurred in our capital when a sphere was discovered that fell approximately six days ago on a farm located 15 km from Cotoca. According to information received by this newspaper from the director of the Air Force Academy, Col Ariel Coca, the sphere is made of a special light alloy but very resistant, possibly a fuel tank or a part of a satellite! The object does not have any signs or marks that could identify its origin nor the country to which it belongs. Col Coca said that he will inform his superiors of this phenomenon so that a study can be made to determine its origin and to be analyzed in case it contains radioactive substance. The people who live in the area where this ball of fire (as they called it) fell, delayed in telling the authorities about the event because they were afraid that no one would listen. - UNQUOTE.

C. An accompanying picture in the newspaper shows Col Coca, Commander of the Bolivian Air Force Academy, examining a round object which reaches above his knees and appears to be perfectly round except for a hole (missing portion of outer skin) which is about nine inches in diameter.

RO Comments: We have made no inquiries nor requests for information other than to get the undeveloped film discussed earlier. We received from source a roll of 35 mm film for color prints and a roll of Kodachrome 40 movie film, Type A. The 35 mm film will be developed and printed here in La Paz. The movie film and a copy of the newspaper story with accompanying photograph will be forwarded by pouch on 790820 to DIA DT-3. The coordinates for the Town of Cotoca are 17-49S, 63-03W. Reference newspaper article to "Our Capital" - this refers to Santa Cruz as that town is the capital of the department (state) of Santa Cruz?

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