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# STATUS REPORT

PROJECT BLUE BOOK - REPORT NO. 6

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This report is the sixth of a series of monthly status reports of Project Blue Book. Each report is written on or near the last day of the month and will contain a list of all incidents reported during the month covered by the report. The reports that are considered outstanding will be summarized in the appendices of the report so that more details can be presented. The overall status of the project will be presented.

Any additional information may be obtained on any incident by directing requests to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The security classification of this report is Secret due only to the inclosure of reports that were classified Secret by the originating agency and due to the fact that allied information pertaining to the project is Secret. The classification of each separate incident is noted with the incident.

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STATUS OF PROJECT BLUE BOOK

I. OVERALL STATUS

A. Briefing of the "Civilian Saucer Investigations"

On the evening of 2 April 1952, a civilian group who are interested in the investigation of reports of unidentified aerial objects was briefed on all of the unclassified aspects of the project. This group consists of employees of the North American Aircraft, Inc., Aerophysics Laboratory, and several non-technical persons. The organization is not, however, officially affiliated with the aircraft company. The majority of this group are qualified engineers and are working on missile developments.

The purpose of the briefing was to familiarize this group with the past history and present operations of the project. It is believed that these people will possibly receive reports of unidentified aerial objects from civilian sources that might not be reported to the Air Force. They are also in contact with other civilian groups in the United States that are collecting similar reports.

Although this group is financially unable to conduct any large-scale investigations, liaison has been established so that the Air Force will be advised of any outstanding reports they receive.

B. Visit to ~~Rand, Inc.~~

A group of Rand, Inc., personnel were briefed on 4 April 1952. Although Rand, Inc., is not associated with the project in any way, some of the scientists are personally interested and have been following the status of the project. After the briefing, various aspects of the project were discussed, among them the use of a diffraction grating camera to obtain the spectrum of objects that may be observed. All of the group concurred that this would be an inexpensive method of obtaining more definite data.

The status of the Rand study on the satellite rocket was also discussed.

C. Status of Diffraction Grating Camera

The status of the proposed diffraction grating camera was discussed with Dr. J. Kaplan of UCLA on 2 April 1952. Dr. Kaplan used a laboratory set-up to demonstrate how the grating will function. Suitable gratings have been found and it is believed that they can be reproduced for from \$15 to \$20 each. Although these gratings are not of high quality, they will be good enough to give the results that are hoped for. Tests are now being conducted to determine how inexpensive a lens can be used to give the light gathering power and definition needed to obtain a satisfactory photograph. The intensity of the full moon is being used as "the standard brilliance" for the tests.

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Suggestions have been made for incorporating devices into the camera so that the azimuth, elevation and possibly the temperature of the source can be measured. The primary factors in determining whether or not these extra devices can be included are the cost and the fact that they will complicate the operation and maintenance of the cameras.

D. Visit of Look Magazine Reporter

On 25-26 April 1952, a representative of Look Magazine visited ATIC to obtain material for a forthcoming magazine article.

E. Status of Utilization of Radar Scope Cameras

On 21 April 1952, a letter was forwarded to Air Defense Command requesting the location of all ADC radar sites that have operational radar scope cameras and those sites that have cameras but do not yet have them operational. When this information is received, a request will be made to put all or part of these cameras on a 24-hour alert basis.

Although this will not provide definite identification of radar returns, it will aid in determining whether or not the return is due to weather phenomena, a malfunction of the set or a return from some unidentified object. A photograph of the exact size and shape of the return will then be available for study and the impression of the operator need not be relied upon.

F. Contractor Status

The contractual agreements with [REDACTED] for furnishing aid in conducting this project have been finalized. At the present time these people are formulating a standard questionnaire which will contain all data pertinent to a sighting. There have been several such questionnaires used in the past. The good points of each will be combined to give a new, more complete system of obtaining information.

G. Reaction to Life Magazine Article

On 4 April 1952, Life Magazine published an extensive article entitled, "Have We Visitors From Space?" This article created a great deal of interest in the subject of unidentified aerial objects. During the period of 3 April to 6 April 1952, approximately 350 daily newspapers in all parts of the United States carried some mention of the article and some mention of the fact that the Air Force was interested in receiving such reports.

It should be noted here that the conclusions reached by Life are not those of the Air Force. No proof exists that these objects are from outer space.

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ATIC received approximately 110 letters in regard to the article. The letters are divided among those that offer theories as to the origin of the objects as well as those reporting objects. The letters offering theories comprise about 20 percent of the total. Although it cannot be stated that the theories are incorrect, a majority of them cannot be further evaluated since they have very little scientific basis. The letters which reported sightings comprised about 80 percent of the total. All but a few of these letters reported sighting that occurred within the last two years. The writers of these letters ranged from mystics to highly educated individuals.

All letters have been acknowledged.

It has been reported that Life Magazine has received 700 letters in response to the article.

## II. REPORTS OF SPECIFIC INCIDENTS

### A. Inclosed Summary List of Incidents

The inclosed list of incidents is (1) a summary of all incidents reported during the period 1 April 1952 to 30 April 1952; and (2) those incidents reported in Status Report No. 5, dated 31 March 1952, which are still pending or have been closed during the month.

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# SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

DATE	TIME (Local)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	SOUND	SPEED	ALTITUDE
8 Jan 52	1652	Palmer, Alaska	Sources observed long tube-like, bright blue object, near the setting sun. During the observation the object shifted from a horizontal to a vertical position. (Confidential)	30 Min.	---	Slow	---
16 Jan 52	---	Artesia, N. Mex.	Two objects observed near "Skyhook" balloon. (Confidential) (See Appendix I)	40 Sec.	---	High	---
17 Jan 52	0100	Long Island, N.Y.	Source observed light traveling through sky. The light exploded in a green flash. (Unclassified)	5 Sec.	---	High	---
22 Jan 52	1020Z	Nenana, Alaska	Radar return from both ground and airborne radar. Sightings were not simultaneous. (Secret) (See Appendix II)	Several Seconds	---	Varied	Varied
9-11 Feb 52	---	Finland	Unexplained explosions or earth tremors (Restricted)	---	---	---	---
13 Feb 52	1545Z	Pacific Ocean 31°45'N 159°10'E	Sources observed what appeared to be lights of a conventional aircraft near their aircraft. Lights cut across their course after flying parallel. No known aircraft in the vicinity. (Restricted)	5 Min.	---	200 MPH	9,000
20 Feb 52	2330	Stockton, Calif.	Two aircraft pilots observed object described as "locomotive headlight" at same altitude as a/c. Object accelerated and climbed after crossing path of a/c. Possibility of other aircraft in area is negative. No radar returns. (Secret)	---	---	---	---
13 Feb 52	---	Granite City, Ill.	Radar Bomb Scoring Group observed unusual radar returns while attempting to score bomb run. (Secret)	---	---	High - up to 1090 MPH	---
23 Feb 52	0215Z 0223Z 0231Z	36°51'N - 8°50'W Mediterranean Area	MATS crew observed three bright white flashes of light. Each successive flash was nearer the aircraft. (Confidential)	---	---	---	8,500
26 Feb 52	1110	Albany, N. Y.	Two aircraft observed object flying very high and very fast. "Pencil-thin" vapor trail observed. (Restricted)	3-5 Min.	---	1,000 MPH (Est)	Very High
27 Feb 52	2230	*Between Ft. Stockton and Pecos, Texas	Radar operator of B-29 a/c picked up unidentified object. Object approached B-29 at three times B-29's speed. (Confidential)	---	---	3 x B-29	Lower than B-29
22 or 29 Mar 52	---	Colmar Manor, Md.	Source reports observing formation of lights arranged similar to letter "C". Objects oval in shape and grey in color. (Restricted)	---	---	High	High
1 Mar 52	1544Z	Goose AFB, Lab.	Source observed high vapor trail. Check showed no aircraft in area other than local flights at low altitude. (Secret)	---	---	---	High
20 Mar 52	1730	Clovis, N. Mex.	Source observed pear-shaped object the color of silver or burnished gold. Observed to hover until it disappeared due to darkness. (Restricted)	1 Hr.	None	Hovered	---
25 Mar 52	0845	Pt. Conception, Calif.	B-29 radar observer and navigator observed unidentified return. (Restricted)	20-30 Sec.	---	3,000 K.	25,000
26 Mar 52	0605Z	Alaska	Unidentified radar returns of two a/c. (Secret)	22 Min.	---	---	---

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\*Previously reported in Status Report No. 5



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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	SOUND	SPEED	ALTITUDE	HEADING	SOURCE	ACTION OR COMMENTS
bright blue object, near the setting sun. During died from a horizontal to a vertical position.	30 Min.	---	Slow	---	---	Several civilians	Possibly some phenomena incident to setting sun.
hook" balloon. (Confidential) (See Appendix I)	40 Sec.	---	High	---	45°	Balloon Observers	No conclusions. See Appendix I.
through sky. The light exploded in a green flash.	5 Sec.	---	High	---	90°	Civilian	Description somewhat resembles a meteor.
and airplane radar. Sightings were not simultaneous.	Several Seconds	---	Varied	Varied	Varied	Radar Operators	Pending. See Appendix II.
tremor (Restricted)	---	---	---	---	---	Civilians	Believed to be of seismological origin.
to be lights of a conventional aircraft near their air control after flying parallel. No known aircraft	5 Min.	---	200 MPH	9,000 ft.	120° to 360°	MATS crew	Possibly conventional a/c.
described as "locomotive headlight" at same time. Observed after crossing path of a/c. in area negative. No radar returns. (Secret)	---	---	---	9,000 ft. (Est.)	90°	AF Pilots	No conclusions. No investigation due to time lapse since report.
had unusual radar returns while attempting to score	---	---	High - up to 1090 MPH	30,000 ft.	Varied	Radar crew	Pending
white flashes of light. Each successive flash was brief.	---	---	---	8,500 ft.	---	MATS crew	No conclusions. No investigation.
flying very high and very fast. "Pencil-thin" vapor	3-5 Min.	---	1,000 MPH (Est)	Very High	---	AF pilots	Possibly meteor.
red up unidentified object. Object approached B-29 (Confidential)	---	---	3 x B-29	Lower than 3,000 ft.	---	B-29 Radar Observer	Return was probably due to interference of radar with some part of the B-29. Evaluation from radar scope photos.
tion of lights arranged similar to letter "C". Objects (Restricted)	---	---	High	High	---	Civilian	No conclusions. No investigation.
all. Check showed no aircraft in area other than local (Secret)	---	---	---	High	45°	AF Pilot	No conclusions. Insufficient data.
ect the color of silver or burnished gold. Observed to mass. (Restricted)	1 Hr.	None	Hovered	---	---	AF Flight Surgeon	Possibly balloon from White Sands.
or obs unidentified return. (Restricted)	20-30 Sec.	---	3,000 K.	25,000 ft.	315°	AF Navigator and Radar Operator	Similar phenomena due to inter- ference of parts of a/c.
two a/c (Secret)	22 Min.	---	---	---	---	Radar Observers	Very probably unidentified conventional a/c.

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DATE	TIME (Local)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	SOUND	SPEED	AL
15 Apr 52	1940	Santa Cruz, Calif.	Two very faint objects crossed horizon in six seconds. (Unclassified)	6 Sec.	---	600 mph up	150
16 Apr 52	2203 C	Dallas, Texas	Eight separate colored balls. (Restricted)	20 Min.	---	---	---
17 Apr 52	1600 E	Sault Ste Marie, Michigan	Round, pink, stationary object at 5000-8000 ft. altitude and appearing equal in size to B-29. (Restricted)	---	---	---	500
17-18 Apr 52	1505-1510	Yuma, Ariz.	Flat, white object, circular and with an occasional vapor trail. (Restricted)	7 Sec.	---	---	800
20 Apr 52	2133 PST	McClellan AFB, Calif.	Seven to ten objects appearing to follow aircraft that landed at McClellan. (Confidential)	3-5 Sec.	---	---	Less 1,000
21 Apr 52	1030 PST	Walla Walla, Wash.	Eight disc-shaped objects sighted NW of Walla Walla. (Confidential)	---	---	500 mph	High
22 Apr 52	0120Z	Waskish, Minn.	Cigar shaped, wingless, aluminum reflecting surface and soundless going north. (Restricted)	1 Min.	---	30 miles Min.	10,000
24 Apr 52	0500 EST	Bellevue Hill, Vt.	Three objects in loose fingertip formation at high speed in distance. (Secret)	3-4 Min.	---	High	---
24 Apr 52	1430-1445	Milton, Mass.	Two flat, flexible, square-like objects and dark orange or red color traveled with a wobbly undulating motion for four to six miles in the time they were observed. Went out of sight naturally due to distance. (Confidential)	1 1/2-2 Min.	---	240 mph	2,000
25 Apr 52	2115	Germany	Brilliant moving white light on collision course with aircraft. (Confidential)	2 Min.	---	High	2,000
25 Apr 52	2100-2145	Fargo, N. D.	Objects that glowed were seen very high and in "V" formation. (Confidential)	4 Sec.	---	---	---
27 Apr 52	1308Z	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Very bright white object flying in arc at high speed and approximating in size a ping pong ball held at arm's length. (Secret)	17 Sec.	---	1,500 mph	40,000
29 Apr 52	---	Dayton, Ohio	Civilian employed at W-P AFB reported observing blue object with brilliant red center. (Confidential)	45 Min.	---	---	---
30 Apr 52	0740 & 0746	Moriarity, N.M.	Radar pick-up. (Confidential)	4 Sweeps & 6 Sweeps	---	3,700 mph	---
18 Feb 52	---	Granite City, Ill.	Radar Bomb Scoring Group observed unusual radar returns while attempting to score bomb run. (Secret)	---	---	High up to 1,090 mph	30,000
8 Apr 52	2000	Duncanville, Tex.	Unidentified radar return. (Secret)	---	---	2052 K	---
12 Apr 52	2230	*North Bay, Ont.	One bright amber disc was reported to have come into view from the SW and moved across the RCAF airfield. It then stopped, reversed direction and disappeared. (Confidential)	---	---	High	---
1 May 52	1050 PDST	George AFB, Calif.	Five dull white, circular objects which appeared to almost collide with each other and then break apart. (Confidential)	30 Sec.	---	2 x jet a/c	5,000
1 May 52	0532 PST	Hanford Area, Wash.	One silver object at fairly slow airspeed - patrol plane in air at same time. (Confidential)	1 1/2 Min.	---	Slow	5,000



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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	SOUND	SPEED	ALTITUDE	HEADING	SOURCE	ACTION OR COMMENTS
and horizon in six seconds. (Unclassified)	6 Sec.	---	600 mph up	1500-3000 ft.	NE	Civilian	No conclusion.
(Restricted)	20 Min.	---	---	---	---	Civilians	No conclusions. Very little data.
at 5000-8000 ft. altitude and appearing equal in size	---	---	---	5000-8000 ft.	---	Civilian	Balloon released at 1600. Source observed the object at the same bearing.
and with an occasional vapor trail. (Restricted)	7 Sec.	---	---	80°	---	Military	No conclusion.
to follow aircraft that landed at McClellan. (Confidential)	3-5 Sec.	---	---	Less than 1,000 ft.	NNE	Commercial Pilot	Insufficient and too vague data to draw conclusion.
located NW of Walla Walla. (Confidential)	---	---	500 mph	High	E	Two Civilians	No conclusion.
shiny reflecting surface and soundless going north.	1 Min.	---	30 miles Min.	10,000 ft.	N	Civilian	No conclusion.
in formation at high speed in distance. (Secret)	3-4 Min.	---	High	---	---	C-124 Crew	No conclusions.
objects and dark orange or red color traveled with speed to 100 miles in the time they were observed. (Confidential)	1 1/2-2 Min.	---	240 mph	2,000 ft.	NE	Civilian Research Tech.	No conclusions.
on collision course with aircraft. (Confidential)	2 Min.	---	High	2,000 ft.	NW	AF Pilots	Possibly unknown conventional a/c.
very high and in "V" formation. (Confidential)	4 Sec.	---	---	---	N	Many	See Appendix I.
ing in arc at high speed and approximating in size a 5 length. (Secret)	17 Sec.	---	1,500 mph	40-50,000 ft.	SSE	Civilian	Could have been aircraft distorted by morning sun.
reported observing blue object with brilliant red	45 Min.	---	---	---	---	Civilian	Pending
	4 Sweeps & 6 Sweeps	---	3,700 mph	---	---	Radar Operators	Probable interference or jamming from some unknown source.
erved unusual radar returns while attempting to	---	---	High up to 1,090 mph	30,000 ft.	Varied	Radar Crew	Checked with Electronics Branch, ATIC. No conclusions.
(Secret)	---	---	2052 K	---	---	Radar Observers	Checked with Electronics Branch, ATIC. No conclusions.
orted to have come into view from the SW and moved across	---	---	High	---	225°	RCAF Personnel	Pending additional info.
opped, reversed direction and disappeared. (Confidential)	30 Sec.	---	2 x jet a/c	5,000 ft.	NW	Military (AF)	See Appendix VI
ects which appeared to almost collide with each other (Confidential)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
low airspeed - patrol plane in air at same time.	1 1/2 Min.	---	Slow	5,000 ft.	NW	Civilians	Could have been aircraft since early morning haze would prevent clear observation.

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DATE	TIME (Local)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	SOUND	SPEED	Altitude
3 May 52	2300	Phoenix, Ariz.	Two couples in convertible with top down observed cigar shaped, glowing white object descending slightly. (Confidential)	4 Sec.	---	500 mph	---
5 May 52	2200	Phoenix, Ariz.	Bluish-green light ascending slightly. (Confidential)	2 Sec.	---	1000 mph	10,000
7 May 52	---	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Photos of flying saucers taken by professional photographers. (Restricted)	---	---	---	---
7 May 52	1330	Nashville, Tenn.	Dark circular object with pendulum motion. (Unclassified)	5-8 Min.	---	Probably slow	Un-
8 May 52	0227 EDST	Atlantic Ocean	PAA crew saw three lights, one after another, in opposite direction to them and at same altitude. (Confidential)	Few Sec.	---	Fast	15,000
9 May 52	1030 PDST	George AFB, Calif.	Round, silver object observed from ground and from two F-86's. (Restricted)	---	---	---	---
9 May 52	1250 PDST	George AFB, Calif.	Two silver metallic objects moving with the wind at a slow speed and at certain angles to the sun giving off a bright glare. Another report at the same time stated only one object sighted. (Restricted)	4 Min. 20 Sec.	---	---	4,000 30,000
9 May 52	1750 PDST	George AFB, Calif.	Dull colored object shaped like arrowhead which flew straight and level course. (Restricted)	10 Sec.	---	1500 mph	30,000 ft
10 May 52	1500 MST	Albuquerque, N.M.	Two silver disc-shaped objects at different altitudes. (Confidential)	5-10 Min.	---	---	---
10 May 52	2240	Augusta, Ga.	Initially four discs observed then, 20 minutes later, one more was observed and finally, 10 minutes later another disc was observed. The discs appeared to be 15 inches in diameter and yellow or gold in color.	Few Sec.	---	High	High for wh ver
11 May 52	0124-0132	Seattle, Wash.	Red body tracing streaks or sparks. (Restricted)	4 Sec.	Explosion	---	---
11 May 52	2058 GST	Deephaven, Minn.	Object bright as meteor with a short tail on it. (Restricted)	10 Sec.	---	Fast	---
11 May 52	1220 & 1226	George AFB, Calif.	Three objects, one of which resembled a paper plate and was white, were observed in two sightings six minutes apart. (Restricted)	1 Min.	---	---	10,000 30,000
13 May 52	1115Z	El Centro, Calif.	a. Five flying saucers as large as B-36 with light underneath. b. F-94 pilot reported shooting star. c. Sheriff sighted object like parachute flare. d. Tower operator sighted pulsating orange and blue object hovering and changing position. (Confidential)	---	---	Terrific	---
13 May 52	1425 PDST	George AFB, Calif.	A round, shiny, metallic object which appeared to reflect or glow white or silver was observed from T-6G aircraft at 10,500 ft. (Restricted)	30 Min.	---	Stationary	45,000
14 May 52	1405-1430 PDST	George AFB, Calif.	Same as above.	25 Min.	---	---	Over 10,000
15 May 52	2135	Washington, D.C.	Goldish-orange, saucer-like object gave impression of spinning motion. Two observers at different levels, i.e., one at street level while other at roof level, hence variations in observation. (Restricted)	6-10 Sec.	---	Slow and/or extremely fast	Low



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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	SOUND	SPEED	ALTITUDE	HEADING	SOURCE	ACTION OR COMMENTS
When observed cigar shaped, glowing white object	4 Sec.	---	500 mph	---	W	Civilians	Meteor or fireball.
(Confidential)	2 Sec.	---	1000 mph	10,000 ft.	NE	Civilian	Description is similar to meteor or fireball.
Professional photographers. (Restricted)	---	---	---	---	---	---	See Appendix II.
ion. (Unclassified)	5-8 Min.	---	Probably slow	Unknown	SW	Civilian	Pending
rather, in opposite direction to them and at	Few Sec.	---	Fast	15,000 ft.	N	PAA Pilots	See Appendix III.
and and from two F-86's. (Restricted)	---	---	---	---	---	AF Pilots	See Appendix VI.
the wind at a slow speed and at certain angles	4 Min.	---	---	4,000-5,000 ft.	Motionless	Military (AF)	See Appendix VI.
Another report at the same time stated only	20 Sec.	---	---	30,000-40,000 ft.	---	---	---
which flew straight and level course.	10 Sec.	---	1500 mph	30,000-40,000 ft.	S	Airman	See Appendix VI.
at different altitudes. (Confidential)	5-10 Min.	---	---	---	NE	Lt Col and Wife	Pending
minutes later, one more was observed and	Few Sec.	---	High	High except for last which was very low.	N	Civilians	Pending
was observed. The discs appeared to be	4 Sec.	Explosion	---	---	N	Many	See Appendix IV.
in color. (Restricted)	10 Sec.	---	Fast	---	SE	Civilian	Resembles meteor.
tail on it. (Restricted)	1 Min.	---	---	10,000-15,000 ft. 30,000-40,000 ft.	Varied	Airman	See Appendix VI.
a paper plate and was white, were observed	---	---	Terrific	---	SW	Many	See Appendix V.
(Restricted)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
with light underneath.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
white flare.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
orange and blue object hovering and changing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
When appeared to reflect or glow white	30 Min.	---	Stationary	45,000 ft.	---	AF Pilot and Airman	See Appendix VI.
at 10,500 ft. (Restricted)	25 Min.	---	---	Over 40,000 ft.	---	AF Pilot and Airman	See Appendix VI.
impression of spinning motion. Two observers	6-10 Sec.	---	Slow and/or extremely fast	Low	S	Two ensigns USN and others.	None
at level while other at roof level, hence	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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APPENDIX I

Artesia, New Mexico - 16 January 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 16 January 1952, two members of a balloon project from the General Mills Aeronautical Research Laboratory and four other civilians observed two unidentified aerial objects in the vicinity of the balloon they were observing. The balloon was at an altitude of 112,000 ft. and was 110 ft. in diameter at the time of the observation.

The objects were observed twice, once from Artesia, New Mexico, and once from the Artesia Airport. In the first instance, one round object appeared to remain motionless in the vicinity, but apparently higher, than the balloon. The balloon appeared to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and the object  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter (ratio 3:5) and the color was a dull white. This observation was made by the two General Mills observers.

A short time later the same two observers and four civilian pilots were observing the balloon from the Artesia Airport. Two objects at apparently extremely high altitude were noticed coming toward the balloon from the northwest. They circled the balloon, or apparently so, and flew off to the northeast. The time of observation was about 40 seconds. The two objects were the same color and size as the first object. They were flying side-by-side. When the objects appeared to circle the balloon, they disappeared and the observers assumed they were disc-shaped and had turned on edge to bank.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Unfortunately this report was not made until 5 April and did not reach ATIC until 16 April. Due to this time lapse, no further investigation is contemplated. The observers are known to be very reliable and experienced.

III. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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APPENDIX II

Nenana, Alaska - 22 January 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

At 1020Z on 22 January 1952, a radar station at Murphy's Dome, Alaska, observed an unidentified radar return. The target was going away from the station on an azimuth of 210°, at a speed of about 1500 mph when first observed but appeared to reverse its direction and returned toward the station. The set was adjusted so that the target could be observed as it closed in on the station but after this change was made the target was no longer observed. Seven minutes later (approximately 1030Z) the target was again observed, however, at about its original location, and again going away from the station. Just before it faded it appeared to be making a turn back toward the station.

At 1030Z an F-94 was airborne to search for the object. At this time the object was going away from the station at a high rate of speed so the F-94 was told to orbit. About this time the ground station lost contact with the object but continued to track the F-94.

At about 1100Z as the F-94 was approaching Nenana (near Fairbanks), the radar observer in the F-94 observed two targets, one faint and one bright. The aircraft was at 30,000 ft. and the target was at 25,000 ft. The targets crossed from right to left and appeared to be traveling slowly and as the F-94 approached the target a high rate of closure was indicated. The contact was lost at a range of 200 yards.

Approximately one hour later, again near Nenana, another contact was made by the F-94. In this instance the target was kept dead ahead and level. When the target was at a range of 200 yards, the pilot pulled up and the target was lost. The rate of closure during the run was 100 knots even though the F-94 had flaps down. No other contacts were made and the aircraft was released at 1210Z.

During the two airborne contacts the F-94 was being tracked by the ground station but the object was not being picked up.

The weather was clear but no visual sighting was made. On the same night, the same crew had visually identified a C-54, a C-47, and a small civilian aircraft from 300 to 500 yards. There were no clouds in the sky but it was a dark night.

No malfunctions were found in either radar set.

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II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Report is being studied by the Electronics Branch of ATIC.

III. CONCLUSIONS

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APPENDIX III

Benson, Arizona - 3 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 3 April 1952 at 0815 MST, three civilian AF pilot instructors and several other people observed an object from the Benson, Arizona, airport. The object was about the size of a bright star but was prominent enough to be continually observed (i.e. not necessary to scan the sky to find it).

At 0823 MST, one of the instructors took a fix on the object by sitting in a T-6 and sighting across the canopy with the aircraft on a magnetic heading of 255° at the time. Fixes were taken at intervals until 0914 at which time the object disappeared. The object did not move during the 51 minute period. How the object disappeared is not known as one of the observer's attention was distracted for about 15 seconds and when he looked up the object was gone.

One of the instructors flew a T-6 up to 13,500 ft. in an attempt to better observe the object, however, there was no relative change in the size.

Several cadets flying T-6's in the area also observed the object.

II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The excellent forethought of the instructor to take continual fixes on the object has eliminated the possibility of the object being an aircraft or balloon since no motion was observed. In addition, an investigation was made and it was determined that there were no balloons in the area.

It is possible that the object was a bright planet. This is doubtful, however, since a planet would appear to move some in 51 minutes.

The approximate elevation of the fix has been requested. In the original report it was given as "two inches above the canopy". This angle will depend on height of the pilot, height of seat, etc. When this information is received, a nearly exact fix can be obtained and known astronomical bodies checked.

III. CONCLUSIONS

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APPENDIX VI

Madison, Wisconsin - 16 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

This incident is cited not so much because it is outstanding but because of the excellent attempt at identifying the object by ADC units.

2015 CST: Civilian telephoned fighter operations of Truax Field to report that he had just sighted a formation of yellowish-white lights traveling at a high rate of speed on a heading of 90°.

2020 CST: Fighter operations called AC and W Squadron. The radar was closed down for preventive maintenance but was operational within three minutes. A flight of F-80's were directed to investigate and returned with negative results. A flight of F-86's were sent to 30,000 ft., also returned with negative results.

In addition to this the AC and W Squadron Intelligence Officer checked all airline flights and checked two observatories for any unusual astronomical displays. Results were negative.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

It is possible that the observer saw either the F-80's or F-86's over Madison, since they were in the area, however, the source reported no sounds. The objects were also reported to have turned very sharply and climbed at a high rate of speed. Jet aircraft far enough away not to be heard would normally not appear to make a sharp turn and fast climb.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Source possibly observed jet aircraft in area and the apparent high speed and rate of climb was an illusion.

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APPENDIX VII

Bethesda, Maryland - 18 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

Four civilians reported that they observed a V-formation of from 7 to 9 lights traveling north over Bethesda, Maryland, at 0130 EST on 18 April 1952.

The included angle of the formation or "V" was estimated to be  $40^{\circ}$ . There was one light at the apex and three to four in each leg. Each light appeared to be orange-yellow, circular, and to occupy 15 percent of the total length of the leg.

The formation, or object, was first sighted at an elevation of about  $60^{\circ}$  in the south and disappeared behind some trees at  $60^{\circ}$  in the north. The total time of observation was from four to eight seconds and there was no sound.

All four observers were interrogated and their accounts of the incident were similar. They stated that they had not seen the Life Magazine article describing the Lubbock incident prior to the sighting.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

The possibility of jet aircraft in the area was checked. A similar report of light formations did turn out to be very probably a B-45 type aircraft, however, no jets were known to be in the area at the time of this incident.

III. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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