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29 July 1952

Port Huron, Michigan

Description of Incident

On the night of 29 July 1952 an AQW Station in Michigan observed an unidentified return on the scope. The time was shortly before 2140 CST. The target was plotted at 550 knots on a 360° heading for 20 minutes.

Three F-94B aircraft were in the area making practice runs on a B-25. One of these aircraft was requested by GCI to investigate the unknown target. The aircraft climbed out of the practice area on a heading of 270° to 20,000'. GCI called and requested a visual search to be made at 3 o'clock. A turn to 3 o'clock was started when the radar operator got a lock-on from a target at 2:30 o'clock level, four miles away. The lock-on was held for only 30 seconds. As the turn was made, a bright, flashing, colored light was observed by the pilot. He turned into the light on a heading of 360° and followed it for twenty minutes at an IAS of 350 knots at 21,000 ft. The light remained between 12 and 1 o'clock. At the time of the lock-on, the aircraft was 20 miles west of Port Huron, Michigan.

The GCI radar was carrying both the unidentified target and the F-94 on the scope. Since the F-94 could not close, it was assumed by GCI that the object increased its speed to that of the F-94.

Comments

Two other F-94 aircraft were airborne, but they continued making practice runs on a B-25 and were not in the area at the time of the sighting.

The star, Capella, is directly in line with the F-94's line of flight and the aircraft would have been flying straight toward it. It is very low on the horizon and appears to be flashing green, blue, red, etc. At first it was believed that this is what the pilot saw, but when it was established that both the F-94 and the UFO were being carried on the GCI scope, Capella becomes a doubtful suspect.

It could be that this is a series of coincident weather phenomena affecting the radar equipment and sightings of Capella, but this is stretching probabilities too far.

A balloon can be disregarded since the speeds are too high for even a jet stream.

Three weak inversions were noted below 10,000'.

Conclusions

Unknown

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Los Alamos, New Mexico

Description of Incident

At approximately 0949 MST on 29 July 1952, several pilots and guards from Los Alamos observed an UFO. The object was flying straight and level at high speed north of the Los Alamos landing field. The object, which was a shiny metallic color, was observed for 30 minutes with binoculars.

Fighters in the Los Alamos area were diverted to the area of the sighting and visually vectored toward the object. The object disappeared but reappeared in front of the fighters, made a 360° turn, came around in back of the fighters, followed for two minutes and disappeared. The fighters did not observe the object. The aircraft which were at 40,000' left vapor trails, but the object did not.

The only other aircraft in the area left Los Alamos at 0950 MST and headed directly south.

Comments

The report states the object was flying at high speed straight and level, yet it was in sight for 30 minutes. The object could not have been traveling too fast, or it would have gone out of the area within the 30 minutes it was observed.

If the aircraft were high and the object was a drifting balloon at low altitude, the balloon would appear to stay ahead of the aircraft for a short period of time. A balloon would not make a 360° turn, however.

The report is incomplete, no Form 112 was submitted, and the data in the wire is sketchy.

Conclusion

Although there is hardly enough data to evaluate the report, it will be classed as unknown.

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