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than 1 September 1953. It was agreed that all unsolved reports should be reviewed by Project Stork before the final study is completed. The final study is expected not later than 15 October 1953. It is believed that this study will be extremely significant in future evaluations and operations of Project Blue Book.

Project Stork is also securing new diffraction gratings for the Videon camera which is currently out in the field. The suitable gratings are expected the latter part of October 1953.

V. VIDEON CAMERA STATUS

The distribution of 73 Videon cameras without suitable diffraction gratings was completed 1 June 1953. This distribution was made to selected AACCS towers and ADC radar sites throughout the United States. Although the cameras could not be used in obtaining a light spectrum, it was agreed that cameras be sent for the purposes of familiarization and physical evidence of unidentified flying objects. A few of the camera sites have utilized the cameras in photographing unidentified objects, but in each case the image was too small to properly analyze. Project Blue Book has encouraged all the above mentioned sites to utilize this camera under varied light conditions so that personnel operating the cameras will have a sufficient knowledge of its operations to properly photograph an unidentified flying object under any light condition.

When the suitable gratings are received, the cameras will be recalled, the gratings mounted and redistributed to the sites. This operation is expected to take place in November 1953.

VI. FLYORPT MANUAL

The Flyorpt Manual is intended for use by intelligence officers, operations officers, or anyone who may at some future date be required to submit a report of an unidentified flying object. This manual serves as a guide to reporting officers on the investigations, reporting procedures, and operations of Project Blue Book.

Although the quality of reports has continued to improve during the past year, in many cases the data that is forwarded has been too nebulous to be of much value for analysis. It is realized that in many cases only a limited amount of specific data can be obtained from the source. One of the most important goals of this project is that every possible effort be made to collect supporting information on an observation.

It is believed that this manual will aid in pointing out what information is wanted and make the collection of information as easy and fast as possible. The entire manual has been slanted toward obtaining the greatest amount of data without increasing the workload of the reporting officer.

This manual is being forwarded to Air Force installation commanders throughout the Zone of Interior.

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VII. SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS

An individual summary of twelve characteristic unidentified flying object reports for June, July, and August follows.

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Ramore, Ontario, Canada

Description

At approximately 2345 EDT on 30 June 1953 an unidentified flying object was observed for a period of twenty minutes in the northern sky moving to the southeast by at least 10 personnel of the 912th ACW Squadron, Ramore, Ontario, Canada. The first person to observe this object was an airman who came out of the maintenance room to inspect the power unit which caused a minor breakdown of the search radar set. He called two other airmen to witness the object. One of the two thought the object was the moon. The airman who originally observed the object got hysterical and called the Charge of Quarters at the Domestic Area three miles to the southwest. At least seven witnesses at the Domestic Area saw the object and two of them reported that the moon was visible at the time and that the object was distinct and separate from the moon. The object was described as orange colored and oval shaped. It was described as moving from the north to southeast and then fading back to the north. No great speed was attributed to the object by any of the witnesses who said they saw movement. It was reported that the object had no visible means of propulsion and that there was no similarity to any known flying object.

Discussion

The sighting was made a few minutes after the scheduled time for the moon rise. The shape of the moon that night was similar to the description of the object, however, any explanation as that of the moon is in conflict with the reported observation of the two witnesses seeing both the moon and the object at the same time. There was a heavy broken overcast at the time of the sighting. There is a probability that the object was the moon reflecting off the clouds.

Conclusion

Possibly astronomical.

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