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3 August 1952

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico

Description of Incident

On 3 August 1952, the source, a civilian engineer, observed three motionless cylindrical objects from the town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. The objects were in an inverted "V" formation at about 45° elevation. Their angular length was the span of two widths of the little finger at arm's length and the depth was 1/8" at arm's length. They were light green in color. At one time, one object shifted its position to form an echelon formation. This movement was smooth not erratic. As it moved, it seemed to roll on its longitudinal axis. The apparently disappeared by rising at a rapid rate.

The total time of observation was 9 minutes.

Comments

The object was seen in the direction of the local airport which has a rotating beacon. Since they were motionless, except for movement within the group, it is extremely doubtful that it was the beacon since the beacon was rotating. In addition, the elevation was 45°.

The size, which the source seemed to be sure of, would eliminate aircraft. Any aircraft appearing as large as source describes would be heard.

Light phenomenon such as diffraction or reflection is unlikely since some of the objects remained stationary while one shifted position.

Unfortunately, there was only one source so too much weight cannot be put on the report.

Conclusion

Unknown

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5 August 1952

Haneda AFB, Japan

Description of Incident

The object was first noticed by two airmen walking across the ramp at Haneda AFB on the night of 5 Aug 52 at 2350I (local time). The airmen were on their way to the tower to relieve the operators. On reporting to the tower, the object was called to the attention of the tower operators who were going off duty.

The four operators agreed that the object, which they observed for from 50 minutes to an hour through 7x50 binoculars, was circular in shape and with constant brilliance. The light appeared to be a portion of a large, round, dark shape which was about four times the diameter of the light. When the object was close enough for details to be seen, a smaller, less brilliant light could be seen along the lower edge of the dark shape. The object faded to the east twice but reappeared; it could have faded or actually gone away and come back. The size of the light, when closest to the tower, was approximately the same as the ceiling balloons that are released near the tower. A comparison was made to these 24" diameter balloons at 2000'. This would make the object 50' in diameter at 10 miles. During the observation, a lighted balloon was released but this light was extremely dim and yellow compared to the object.

An airborne C-54 was requested to check the object, which the pilot did, but he reported seeing only a star.

An AC&N unit was notified soon after the original visual sighting and shortly after 2345I picked up an unidentified return. The object was tracked at varying speeds from hovering to 300 knots. At 0012I the return "broke into three pieces" and they maintained intervals of 1/4 mile. No visual observation was made from the AC&N unit although it was attempted and, at one time, the object was within 10 miles of the station. The radar was directed onto the target by visual observations from the tower, so it can safely be assumed that both visual and radar contacts involved the same object.

At 0003I an F-94 was airborne on a scramble and was requested to search to the NE of Haneda AFB over Tokyo Bay. They could make no visual observations, but could see the North Star and Venus. The F-94 was vectored to the object by GCI (both the F-94 and object were on the scope) and held for 90 seconds. Shortly after this, both the object and the F-94 disappeared into the ground clutter on the GCI. At no time did the F-94 make visual contact. The radar contact indicated the target was at 6000 yards, 10° below and 10° to the right of a 320° bearing from the station.

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