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XI. SYNOPSIS OF FLIGHTS

An individual account of the majority of unidentified aerial object reports submitted to Project Blue Book during the months of December 1952, January and February 1953, follows.

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UNCLASSIFIED 4 December 1952

Colorado Springs, Colorado

I. Description of Incident

An Air Force sergeant and a civilian sighted a round aluminum colored object flying east to west. It appeared to be changing shape as it proceeded out of sight to the west. The approximate time of sighting was 1100-1200 EST, for 1 minute of duration. The two men state that the object was going slightly faster than a conventional jet aircraft, but did have a perceptible aluminum hue. No sound was heard as a large machine was operating at close range. While the object was overhead, several right angle turns were made without apparent slowing of speed.

II. Discussion of Incident

Aircraft in the area included B-29's and B-50's as well as a Camp Carson observation plane. The B-29's and B-50's are ruled out as a possibility since they were on a south heading 7 minutes after the sighting took place.

The observation plane, however, was in the area at the exact time of observation and on a westerly heading. The changing shape, which happened only once, could have been the bright mid-day sun reflecting from this aircraft. The weather conditions were CAVU.

III. Conclusions

Possibly aircraft.

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Angoon, Alaska

6 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

An Air National Guard pilot sighted an object consisting of two shiny globes connected by a solid rod proceeding in a southerly direction. Time of sighting was 1915Z and lasted 3 minutes. The object assumed a flattened shape at times, but the observing pilot was unable to distinguish any lights, vapor trails or exhaust smoke although he chased the object until it apparently accelerated and disappeared in the sun. The pilot estimated size comparable to a Grumman Goose aircraft. Weather at the time of sighting was clear.

II. Discussion of Incident

This report is very sketchy and vague and there is not sufficient information to come up with a conclusion. The description of the object is quite similar to reports of known upper air research balloons and the fact that it appeared to gain altitude would lend credence to this explanation. However, among other items, no wind direction is known thereby eliminating a tie-up between the object's path and upper air wind currents.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient data to evaluate.

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