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East Glendale, California

24 November 1952

I. Description of Incident

At approximately 1548 PST three employees of a west-coast aircraft plant observed four unidentified flying objects in formation near Grand Central Air Terminal. The objects were described as being spherical in shape, and of unknown size. They were a dull grey aluminum color, and appeared to be either emanating light or reflecting shafts of sunlight. They first appeared in the NW and appeared to be on an easterly heading. At one time, a B-25 passed between the objects and the observers. The B-25 appeared to be at 1500' and the objects seemed to be about the relative size of a nacelle on the B-25.

The objects seemed to take on an elliptical shape, diminish in brilliance, then disappear at high speed. Only the sound of the B-25 was heard. The sighting lasted about 1 minute.

II. Discussion of Incident

These could have been a/c reflecting sunlight. The "sudden disappearance at high speed" could be due to a change in the angle of reflection causing it to rapidly diminish and fade from view.

No data about the angles are given so no angular velocity can be established.

III. Conclusion

Possibly aircraft.

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White Sands, New Mexico

25 November 1952

I.- Description of Incident

The following is an extract from the Monthly Intelligence Summary, White Sands Proving Grounds. The source is a field grade officer assigned to White Sands:

"While returning to White Sands Proving Ground from Wm Beaumont Hospital, at approximately 2030 hours on 25 November 1952, I observed what appeared to be flares, or pyrotechnics, on the right side of the road. My first thought was that these objects were flares that were being fired by troops on a night project. However, shortly thereafter—a matter of seconds—I observed what appeared to be a flare land right in the middle of the road, about three or four hundred yards distant. It assumed the shape of a ball, having a green center, fading to a light hazy blue at the exterior. This light disappeared before my car arrived at the spot. After observing this light, I thought that the Department of Army had a new type pyrotechnics that I was not familiar with that they were using on a night problem. Approximately three to five minutes later I observed a light, or series of lights, approaching from the right side of the road, in the heavens, at an altitude of about three to five hundred feet and between 1/4 and 1/2 mile distant. I thought that probably, in conjunction with the night problem, this was an airborne drop of troops. I first thought it might be a C-119 or a C-123. However, this object made a right hand turn above the road and then disappeared at an angle of approximately 90° straight into the sky. I cannot state whether it was a plane or a type of aircraft. I can merely state that there were two rows of what appeared to be windows, brilliantly lighted, and I would estimate that they were five to six feet in height and six to eight windows in each of the two rows. After this object disappeared, I stopped my car and got out to see if I could see a plane but could see nothing. I turned off the motor on my car to see if I could hear the motors of a plane, but I could hear no sound. I then proceeded to White Sands Proving Ground."

II. Discussion of Incident

It is possible that the object was an aircraft except that from the description it appeared to be low if it were an aircraft, and evidently no sound was heard. No follow-up investigation was made and since additional data are needed no evaluation can be made.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient data for evaluation.