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Camp Carson, Colorado

24 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

Observers at Camp Carson sighted a silvery unidentified flying object at 0517 MST. It appeared circular in shape about the size of a baseball, changing later to a "tear-shaped" configuration and hovered in view for two to three minutes after which it disappeared at a high rate of speed. Observers were three airmen assigned to this base and all stated that the unknown object was located south of their observation point. The object emitted an intermittent white light while in view.

II. Discussion of Incident

Although the sighting took place two hours after a scheduled pi-ball balloon release at Pueblo, Colorado, this report has been evaluated as possibly balloon due to the description. Its tear-drop shape indicates that it may be a large pear-shaped upper air research balloon with a pilot light. ATIC has not yet had the opportunity to check the object against known upper air research balloon tracks but tentatively evaluates the sighting as shown below.

III. Conclusion

Possibly balloon.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

28 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

At 2309 CST a military pilot sighted an elongated cigar-like object about the size of a medium bomber with an exhaust about eight times the length of the object itself. It traveled from east to west over Albuquerque, New Mexico. All sightings were visual for a period of 10 to 20 seconds. There were broken high clouds at 30,000 feet with 40 miles visibility.

II. Discussion of Incident

All air traffic in the area was identified by Kirtland AFB. The object may have been a meteor since the time of sighting was brief. In addition the object had a tail, common to some meteors. However, not enough concrete information is available to afford a possible solution. ATIC is in the process of checking past sightings against known meteor tracks and an answer might be found here.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient information.

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Eau Gallie, Florida

4 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2345 Z a civilian employee of Patrick AFB observed an unidentified aerial object for three seconds. Source compared the object to a flying wing and said that it was at an altitude of less than five hundred feet, flying at about 500 mph in a SSW direction. Source saw at least 4 blue lights on the lower surface of the object. The weather was cold and clear with little or no wind. No other person observed the object.

II. Discussion of Incident

The source appears to be an unusually reliable and experienced observer.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

Craig, Montana

3 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 0400 Z three sources observed an aerial object 25 to 40 feet long and 13 to 25 feet thick with the appearance of two soup bowls put together. There were several lighted windows with what appeared to be a porthole on the side. The object moved slowly at first, then began a rapid climb. The manner of disappearance was unspecified. The object first appeared at 200 to 300 yards distance from the observers at an altitude of 10 to 15 feet.

II. Discussion of Incident

An investigation of the sources revealed that they are mature, reliable and, at least in one case, relatively experienced persons.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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