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Larsen Air Force Base, Washington 8 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1515 Z over sixty varied military and civilian sources observed one green, disc-shaped object. The observations continued for fifteen minutes during which time the object moved in a southwesterly direction while bobbing vertically and going sideways. There was no sound. An F-94 aircraft was scrambled but a thirty minute search of the area produced negative intercept results.

II. Discussion of Incident

A check of adjacent radar sites revealed no unusual returns or activity in the area. The winds were generally from 240° below an overcast at 12,000'. Thus the object would appear to move against the wind since it must have been below the clouds. There was no air traffic reported in the area.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

Sonoma, California 10 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2345 Z two civilian sources observed one small flying object moving at a great rate of speed and performing violent maneuvers. The object's sound was similar to that of a jet aircraft. The object made three 360° right turns in nine seconds then performed abrupt 90° turns first to the right, then to the left. The object then stopped, accelerated to its former speed, rose vertically and disappeared.

II. Discussion of Incident

The only known aerial object capable of appearing to go through the described maneuvers would be a balloon; however, the time factors and velocity estimates do not support this conclusion.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland 22 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

An unidentified flying object described as red, white and blue and oval-shaped, was observed visually from the weather station, control tower, base operations office, and a nearby AC&W site at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, at 0040 Z. An attempt to contact the object by radar met with negative results.

II. Discussion of Incident

Local investigation precluded the possibility of the object being a balloon.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient data for analysis.