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APPENDIX IV

Shreveport, La. - 9 April 1952I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

At approximately 1430 CST on 9 April 1952, a C-46 crew observed an object between Shreveport, La., and Barksdale AFB. The C-46 was at 9,000 ft. on a heading of 90°. The object, which appeared to be disc-shaped, cream-colored and 30 to 40 feet in diameter was ahead of the aircraft at an estimated altitude of 4,000 ft. and coming directly toward it. When the object was some distance ahead of the C-46, it appeared to turn into the easterly wind. It passed under the C-46, over Barksdale AFB, and climbed into the overcast which was at 12,000 ft.

Fifteen minutes later another C-46 observed a similar object five-six miles north of Barksdale. It appeared to be at 11,000 ft. and was disappearing on a northerly heading.

F-84's from Barksdale were alerted and attempted an intercept with negative results.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

A Ravinsonde balloon was scheduled for launching at 1500 CST. The description of the object and its maneuvers are somewhat similar to previous reports that were possibly balloons. However, if the time of sighting is correct and the balloon was launched on schedule, the object was probably not a balloon.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Pending.

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APPENDIX V

Moriarity, New Mexico - 13 April 1952I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 13 April 1952 at 1645 MST, four airmen observed a silver, disc-shaped object east of Moriarity, New Mexico. The object appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed and its flight path was very erratic. The object was assumed to be disc-shaped due to the fact that it appeared to tip edgewise and disappear for an instant. When first notices, the object was thought to be a high flying jet aircraft but all the observers are familiar with jet aircraft and they all agreed that its speed and maneuverability eliminated that possibility.

The time of observation was judged to be from four to ten minutes.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Both Moriarity, New Mexico, and Albuquerque have radar but no unusual returns were noted on 13 April.

A pibal balloon was released from Albuquerque at 1400 MST. The winds, however, would have carried this balloon south of Moriarity. In addition, the balloon would have risen too high to be observed after two hours and 45 minutes. It is possible the balloon leaked and leveled off at a low altitude, however, it would have been south of the observation point. The speed and maneuvers do not correlate with a normal balloon's drift except for the possibility that there might have been some strong winds at the time. This cannot be ascertained and the object must remain unidentified.

III. CONCLUSIONS

None.