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Erding Air Depot, Germany

4 November 1952

I. Description of Incident

Three airmen observed an object described as being dark and oval-shaped. It appeared to be tumbling end-over-end as it traveled eastward at a low speed. Object appeared to be low. The time of the sighting was 1500Z.

Weather at the time of the sighting was scattered clouds at 2,500' and an overcast at 4,500'. Winds at 1,000' were from 310° at 10 knots and at 5,000' winds were from 300° at 6 knots.

II. Discussion of Incident

If balloons are launched at 1500Z in Germany as they are in the U.S., this could very well be a balloon. The observers say it was traveling East which is with the wind.

III. Conclusion

Probably a balloon launched from the air depot.

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El Vado, New Mexico

9 November 1952

I. Description of Incident

At 0105Z on 9 November 1952, a radar at El Vado, New Mexico, first observed a "blip" 20° wide, 45 miles and 145° from the station. The "blip" was clocked at from 600 to 1400 mph as it went off the scope at 130 miles. It soon returned on the same azimuth, came to within 65 miles of the station, hovered approximately two minutes, turned, and went off the scope again. It was observed a total of ten minutes.

During the sighting, the frequency of the radar set was changed 20 megacycles with no apparent change in the target.

II. Discussion of Incident

Many similar types of returns have been shown to be due to certain atmospheric conditions. It is very possible that this return was due to weather.

III. Conclusion

Weather caused the unusual radar return.