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Appendix Y

MATADOR, TEXAS - 31 August 1951

On 31 August 1951 at approximately 1245 CST two ladies were driving in an automobile several miles north of Matador, Texas. The object was described as a pear-shaped object, aluminum or silver in color, which readily reflected the sunlight. The object had a port or some type of aperture in the side. It moved through the air with the small end forward. They judged the size to be about that of a B-29 fuselage. There was no sign of any exhaust and no noise was heard.

As the two ladies were driving north from Matador, Texas, the driver of the automobile first noticed the object about 150 yards ahead of the automobile. They stopped and both ladies got out to observe the object. It was drifting slowly in an eastward direction at a speed they judged to be "less than the speed required to take off in a sub aircraft" and an altitude of about 120 ft. Seconds later the object began to ascend rapidly and in a few seconds it moved out of sight to the east in a circular ascent. (The wind at this time was from the NE at about 5-7 knots.)

A background investigation showed that both women were of excellent character.

This incident is of interest because it was observed during the same period as the objects over Lubbock, Texas, (see Appendix I).

Weather

- a. 1230 CST - Reese AFB - 31 August 1951
Estimated ceiling 6,000 ft., broken clouds, with thin scattered clouds at 25,000 ft. Visibility 15 miles. Wind ENE at 3 knots.
- b. 1230 CST - Childress, Texas - 31 August 1951
Estimated ceiling 25,000 ft., overcast. Visibility 15 miles. Wind NNE at 7 knots. Towering cumulus clouds in SE quadrant.

Status of Investigation

It has been reported that a road repair crew saw the same object later on the same day. Attempts will be made to contact members of this road crew and obtain their statements. There were also reports of crop dusting activity in the area, so attempts will be made to determine whether or not the ladies could have seen this activity.

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FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY - 10-11 September 1951

On 10 and 11 September 1951, a series of incidents occurred in the area of Fort Monmouth, N. J. An initial sighting of an unidentified object was made on a radar set. Soon after the radar sighting, two Air Force officers in a T-33 aircraft unsuccessfully attempted to intercept an unidentified object. Later several more radar sightings were reported.

Status of Investigation

A complete investigation of this incident was carried out and will be reported in Project Grudge Special Report No. 1. It has been tentatively determined that the T-33 pilots probably observed a balloon that had been launched a few minutes prior to their arrival in the area. Two of the radar sightings were returns from balloons and the others were probably due to weather phenomena and excitement of the student operators due to previous sightings. Only one radar return cannot be explained. The operator who observed this incident assumed the object was traveling over 700 mph because the radar set's automatic tracking would not follow the target. It is possible that the inability to track the object was due to his inability to properly operate the set under mental stress.