

News Reporters See Them

# Weird Lights Are Spotted

Weird, unexplained blinking lights in the sky were sighted by several area residents and the National Airport Control Tower crew last night between 10 p.m. and midnight.

A Maryland resident phoned the Washington Daily News to report a blinking red and green light in the west that seemed to hang motionless for an hour.

Two News reporters went onto the roof of the News building, at 1013 13th-st nw, and one gave this description of what they saw:

"There was a blinking light in the distance about 20 degrees above the horizon. It would

blink maybe every half second or so, first red, then another color (I couldn't tell what), then red again.

"It looked different from the way an airplane does because it was in the same place for at least five minutes. Then it just faded out of sight. It didn't move — just suddenly dimmed and vanished."

National Airport said it received half a dozen calls about the blinking lights.

"We know there was something out there," a Control Tower spokesman said. "But we don't know what it was. I guess it was an unidentified object."

A military source said it is possible that an experimental Navy flight could be the source of the lights.

One man who telephoned The News from Rockville said the lights hovered in his area about 20 seconds then sped off. He said this was accompanied by a loud roar that sounded something like a jet.