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GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The method of the investigation was to examine a number of individual reports of unidentified aerial and extraterrestrial objects, to determine which of them could be explained on purely astronomical lines -- that is, how many cases give evidence corresponding to the descriptions of meteors, fireballs or bolides, comets, the planets, or even the sun or moon. Analysis was based entirely upon those reports, furnished by Project Blue Book offices, with no attempt to make independent interrogation of witnesses, since this was not authorized under the contract. Nor was any attempt made to derive explanations for the non-astronomical incidents, although hypotheses which appeared possible from the evidence were noted.

The subject reports number 246 and cover, approximately, the period from January, 1947, to January, 1948. They do not, however, correspond exactly to the number of separate incidents: sometimes, two or more reports refer to the same object observed by different people (although in general such cases have been handled by affixing letters to the incident numbers, thus: 32, 32a, 32b); occasionally, subdivisions of one number jointly refer to separate phenomena. To avoid confusion, one report is being submitted by this investigator for each numbered incident, with cross references for identical or similar incidents, and separate discussions for those including more than one phenomenon.

As much as the above object of the investigation was

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