

diameter up to 300 feet. At night, balloons carry running lights which cause an unusual appearance when observed. Reflection of the sun on balloons at dawn and sunset sometimes produces strange effects. They usually secure when the balloons, because of its altitude, is exposed to the sun. Large balloons can move at speeds of over 100 miles per hour when moving in high altitude jet windstreams. These balloons sometimes appear to be fastened on top. At other times, they appear to be secured staped and to have lights mounted inside the bag due to the sun's rays reflecting through the material of the balloon. The Balloon Control Center at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, maintains a plot on all military upper air research balloons.

Another category of U.S. balloons labeled Other includes missiles, reflections, mirages, aeroblights, birds, kites, spurious radar indications, hoaxes, fireworks, and flares.

ADDITIONAL, including balloons, and the like should NOT be reported unless they are THE result of the attention of a qualified and trained observer. *Delet*

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