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ARNOLD CASE

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There appears to be no explanation or explanation for what exactly happened, which is the prototype of many of the other flying saucer stories.

It is impossible to explain this incident away as sheer nonsense, if all evidence at all is given to Dr. Arnold's testimony. However, certain inconsistencies can be pointed out in the data as reported:

Arnold's statement was first given to the subject of a bright flash on his face, which was followed by numerous other similar flashes. It seems to be something like the flash and glow from a distant star. It seems that the reflection was specular, or direct. For a direct reflection, the angle between the observer, sun, and the sun must be "just right," and at such distances as 60 or 100 miles, the chance of a series of direct reflections is extremely small. If the object was a diffuse reflector as this is, however, the sunlight falling on it, such as the moon or a balloon does - then at such a distance it seems quite unlikely that Dr. Arnold would have been startled, or that our attention would have been called to it, unless the objects reflecting were extremely large.

The supersonic speeds called for in the outlined distance to account also have suspicion on the original calculations; by computation (see below) it can be seen that, considering the details which Arnold observed in the objects, at least one of the estimates

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