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While it seems more probable that the objects alleged to have crashed were free-falling, man-made instruments, perhaps from crashed instrument balloons, the possibility of their being free-falling meteors is not completely ruled out. When the mass of an incoming meteorite is of the proper order of magnitude, the meteoroid will come in on a non-vertical path, become a bright balloon, or streak, and have its horizontal speed component reduced essentially to zero. It then falls to earth as a new balloon, free-falling body.

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