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Incident #20 - 120 mi. W of Kansas City, Missouri - 6 July 1947

There is no direct astronomical explanation for this incident.

The striking feature of this incident is that the "very bright" object travelled in the same direction and at the same speed as the observer did, and that it appeared high in the sky positioned on his left, or a point directly opposite to the position of the sun at the time.

It cannot be proved, of course, but it is probable that the witness saw a direct reflection of the sun on some semi-transparent object on this cloud, ice crystal, or the like. (Had the object appeared on his right, then this explanation would be untenable.) The disappearance was an explanation logically also, for turning altered the observer's angular relationship to the reflector.

It is further noted that an apparent inconsistency exists in the report. The observer first stated that the object appeared to be the top of a water tank "low and to his left" after assuming this position he stated that the object was at 12,000 feet. The inconsistency in altitude figures are suspicious on this observation. If the object was low, then a reflecting explanation along a clear or polluted track would be a promising explanation.

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