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Incident [illegible], a, b, c -- Aircraft at Dusk, [illegible], Maryland -- 11 November 1952

There is no astronomical explanation for the objects observed in this incident.

The similarity of the incident to 172 is striking, and it suggests a common origin for the objects. The two incidents were separated by a month and a half and by half a continent. The hours of observation were about the same. It may be significant that ground observers in each incident did not report the evasive tactics described by air observers, and it is tempting to hazard the guess that such tactics were largely the result of relative motion. It should be investigated whether a lighted balloon object in the proper manner could give the appearance of a rapidly maneuvering aircraft. In fact, this investigator believes that it would be an interesting experiment to have a typical lighted balloon graphed by aircraft at night, with a competent observer along to record apparent relative tactics of the balloon.

(It is not clear whether the two observers in this incident who reported evasive tactics were in the same plane, or not, but it is presumed that they were.)

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