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ball if observed. The writer has no suggestions on this essentially meteorological subject.

2. The objects may be some kind of aircraft.

Even in the celebrated case of incident 120 where the light was chased by a T-31 for half an hour and which was reported by the pilot to be intelligently directed, we can make little sense. For considering that an intelligence capable of making so reasonable a device would not be likely to play around in so idle a manner as described by the pilot.

In this connection, it would be well to examine if some of the lights observed at night were not fire-flares.

3. The observed objects may be hallucinatory or psychical in origin. It is of prime importance to study this possibility because we can learn from it something of the character of the population. Its response under attack and also something about the reliability of visual observation.

One would like to assume that the positions told by some of the reported observers regarding their observations. Unfortunately, there were very few reports of curious phenomena by which during the war -- the incident of the "ice-ball" fighters comes to mind. Further, workers have been reporting some reports for hundreds of years yet no one has yet produced a photograph.

It would be interesting to tabulate the responses to any less reliable source the reports on the Japanese balloons during the war. There we had a phenomenon known to be real.

It is interesting that the reports actually reach a maximum frequency during the end of June 1944 and then slowly taper off. It is easy to see that this is actually an indication of many objects were actually about, or, quite differently, we can take this frequency curve as indicating something about mass psychology.

This point can be tested. Suppose the population is experimentally excited. How long the frequency of reports is away with time? A study of drunk letters received after the recent bombing given in the satellite program should give the required frequency distribution.

It is probably necessary but certainly not sufficient that the unidentified-object curve and the drunk-letter curve should be similar in order for the "flying disks" to be classified as hallucinations.