

No. 217: Object reported seen at 10:00Z on 10-0000 and 0000. Later that day at 12:00Z. The object and direction are apparently very accurate since the 0000 was published. The object's course and several published were. Some of the comments on the speed indicator. If report is true, definitely no balloons.

No. 220: No data - lost, apparently no much could be made of without 0000-0000 data. As stated by observer, a flare is probable answer.

No. 222: Time of sighting coincides almost a few minutes of the release time of the Chief parachute at 10:00Z and a pilot balloon was shot at 10:00Z. Very little doubt that the object was a pilot balloon, or either being a burner-balloons or a balloon. One has to be sure that the object moved from just to 10:00, as it would be difficult for a balloon since winds at all levels were westerly.

No. 223: Wind at all levels N. to NW. Object reported flying downwind from these winds. Also made definite turn from flying due North to North Northwest. At 10:00Z time 1.1/2 hours after scheduled release time at Alameda, Sacramento and Colville air.

No. 224: No information.

No. 225: Flare also starts not available or this one. Object sighted 1 1/2 hours after scheduled release time at which time it was plotted by a radar station to be at 27,000. A short time later the same observer reported the object standing at 40,000 feet and also at between 200-300 M.P.H. Fast likely not a balloon.

No. 226: Definitely not a scheduled release balloon since it was seen 10:00Z from the ground one hour before release time at Alameda and was seen by various persons at 10:00Z at four hours after its scheduled altitude. Sometimes definitely not a scheduled release object as definitely a cross flare. All conventional and experimental officials were questioned concerning balloon releases with no success.

No. 228: Described exactly as that in No. 221, only at an altitude of 17,000 feet over San Francisco, 7,000 feet above the city. Seen 2 1/2 hours after scheduled balloon release time. Also at 10:00Z from 10:00Z to 10:00Z was seen while flare was reported as travelling at very high speed in the direction. Very accurate observation eyes by two F-40s. Definitely not a weather balloon.

No. 229: No data given. Object sighted within 10 minutes of release time of 0000Z balloon soundings at Alameda at low altitude, 300 feet. Explored in red spray at 200 feet. This exact phenomenon occurred on three different occasions at the same time which would seem to eliminate possibility of burning weather balloons.

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