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On 23 September 1951 at 0810 PST, an unidentified object was sighted over Long Beach, California. Four F-56 aircraft were scrambled and the object was observed to fly over Juroc, California. On attaining an altitude of 11,000 ft, the F-56's reported the object to be emitting search light at an estimated altitude of between 20,000 ft. and 25,000 ft. The object appeared to be a scout or fighter type aircraft.

Weather

Unavailable at this time.

Status of Investigation

Balloons were released from San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Maria, California at approximately 7700 PST. All of these weather stations were checked by OGI personnel and although the balloons were released all weather stations personnel stated that it would be very doubtful if their balloons would have traveled the course that the object traveled.

All of the major aircraft factories and installations conducting experimental flight tests were contacted. No experimental aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting.

Additional investigation has been requested as to additional details of the incident such as times and locations during the attempted interception by the F-56's and other possible balloon launchings.

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