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## Appendix I

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The only information available on this incident is a letter quoted below.

"On 0630, 11 Oct 51, Jack Smith and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the grab bar balloons when I saw a brightly glowing object to the S.W. of E. of H. Airport. At that time we were a few miles north of Hissopolis and heading east. I pointed it out to Dick and we both made the following observation:

"The object was moving from east to west at a high rate and very high. We tried keeping the ship on a constant course and using radio-gyro compass of the windshield as a point. The object moved past this center at about 50 degrees over zenith.

"This object was peculiar in that it had what can be described as a halo around it with a dark under surface. It crossed rapidly and then slowed down and started to climb in large circles slowly. The pattern it made was like a falling oak leaf inverted. It went through these gyrations for a couple minutes and then with a very rapid acceleration disappeared to the east. This object, Dick and I watched for approximately five minutes.

I don't know how to describe its size, because at the time I didn't have the balloon in sight for a comparison.

Shortly after this we saw another one, but this one didn't hang around. It approached from the west and disappeared to the east, neither one leaving any trace of vapor trail.

"When I saw the second one I called our tracking station at the E. of H. Airport and the observers there on the theodolite managed to get glimpses of a number of them, but couldn't keep the theodolite going fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Jack Smith and Dick-Loring caught glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio."

Status of Investigation

Further details of the incident have been requested. The sources have been investigated and are known to be experienced high altitude balloon observers with General Mills balloon projects.

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