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- e. The color of the lights was blue-green.
- f. There were from 15 to 30 separate lights in each formation.
- g. The first two flights observed were a semi-circle of lights but in subsequent flights there was an orderly arrangement.
- h. The object always appeared at an angle of about 45° from horizontal in the north and disappeared at about 45° in the south. The object did not probably come into view as would an aircraft ever coming from a distance, neither did it gradually disappear.
- i. There was no apparent change in size as the object passed overhead.
- j. The "angular span" was estimated to be 20°.

Attempts were made to obtain the relative height of the object in regard to clouds. However, these attempts were also unhelpful due to the fact that the objects passed between widely scattered clouds.

Attempts were made to determine whether or not there was any form between the lights by trying to see stars between the lights. These also were unsuccessful but by the short time the object was in view.

This phenomenon was observed by at least two hundred people in and around Lubbock, Texas. Some of these people were of the opinion that the objects were lights reflecting lights from the city.

On the evening of 31 August 1951 at about 11:30 P.M., a college freshman from Texas Tech observed a flight of the unidentified objects pass over his home. The flight was observed through an open window. Upon observing the first flight of the objects, the observer obtained his camera and went into the backyard of his home in an attempt to get photographs of additional flights of the object. (Comments: This would be logical as by 31 August 1951 there flights of the objects, and the fact that several flights might occur in an evening, was still known.) Two more flights of the object allegedly did occur and were photographed. The photos of one flight and three of another were obtained. A 35 mm film of the negatives but the other one was lost or misplaced by the photographer. The photographs show a V-shaped formation of lights. In one photo a circle-V of lights appears, while in three photos there is a circle-V. The separate lights, which appear to be separate light sources, vary in intensity.

(See Appendix II for possibly related incidents.)

II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

A. Trip to Lubbock, Texas

A trip was made to Lubbock, Texas, on 6-9 November 1951 to obtain more details on the incident. Many people who had seen the object or who were involved in the incident were interviewed. A conference was held with the college professors and they prepared a signed statement describing the objects they observed.

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