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The photographer was interrogated, in conjunction with OSI, in regard to the characteristics of the objects. His account of the incident seemed logical, and there were no obvious indications of a hoax. The photographer had obviously been interrupted by the Lubbock newspaper and the photo lecturer by Associated Press and Life Magazine representatives. It was their opinion that the photos were not obviously a hoax. The college professors were doubtful as to whether or not the photographs were of the same objects that they had observed because:

1. They had never observed a V-shaped formation of lights. This is not too significant, however, as the arrangement of the lights that they observed varied and since there were several flights the college professors possibly did not see the flights that were photographed. In addition, the photographer states that the object appeared to be U-shaped but when he developed the negative, the object was V-shaped.

2. The objects that the professors observed were, in their opinion, not bright enough to be photographed. This is, however, an estimate and could be in error.

It was found that one school of thought of the words in the Lubbock area was that the objects were some type of aircraft or bird reflector light from the city. Several words reported that they definitely saw the objects over birds because they could see birds flying. It is very possible that some of the words who were looking for the object did see them as there were dark flights coming over during the night.

The college professors do not believe the theory that the objects were birds, but they are giving the possibility some thought. If they were birds they would have to be relatively low to give the illusion of high speed. An occasional flight of birds might pass low over a city on a clear night but it is highly doubtful if they would continue to do this for several nights. Military birds usually fly to keep away from cities.

The school life class area was visited and although he was not familiar with the incident he doubted if the objects were birds. He stated that they could have been, however. One must look closely, if it is a bird, in a number of the flower family which has a pure white breast, but which shows a subtle reflex of the birds into the Lubbock area, the red variety doubt if there would be enough of these birds to make up as many flights as were observed.

If the photos are authentic, the objects very probably are not birds because an experienced photographer from the Lubbock Aviation Museum attempted to get photos of these using both natural light and flash, but failed.

#### B. Analysis of Photos by Wright Air Development Center

The Photographic Reconnaissance Laboratory of SAC made a preliminary analysis of the photographs. The analysis was made by inspecting the negatives in a comparator microscope. Their conclusions were:

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