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Appendix VII

MINNESOTA, 1951 - 11 October 1951

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

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

TED: 0630, 11 Oct 51. Jack Radley and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the crew bar balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the W. of University of Minnesota Airport. At that time we were a few miles north of Minneapolis and heading east. I pointed it out to Jack and we both made the following observation:

The object was moving from east to west at a high rate and very high. It tried "beating" the side as a consistent course and using random veering member of the windshield as a point. The object moved past this marker at about 50 degrees nor ceased.

This object was smaller in that it had what can be described as a teardrop around it with a deep snowdrift surface. It crossed readily and then slowed down and started to climb in less circular clouds. The pattern it made was like a falling oak leaf inverted. It went through those systems for a couple min and then with a very rapid acceleration disappeared to the east. (This object, 1951 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 track of vapor trail.

Then I saw the second one I called our tracking station at the E. of U. Airport and the observers there on the theodolite started to get glimpses of a number of them, but couldn't keep the theodolite pointer fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Doug Smith and Dick Jurik sought glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio.

II. TRACKS

Unknown, but evidently clear.

III. STATE OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation produced no additional information as to the identity of the object. The theodolite operator was interrogated and stated that he could only observe "a brief blur for about two seconds". During his brief observation, the object appeared to be a waxy grey silver shaped object. It left no vapor trail and gave off no reflections.

All observers were receptive of the following facts: