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## Appendix III

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## I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

In the night of 19 January 1951, 20 miles NNE of Moscow, Korea, three members of a B-29 crew, the tail, left, and top gunner, observed a light orange colored sphere for a period of five minutes. The object was on a parallel course to the B-29 at a 45-degree level. The color of the object was further described as being the color of the sun with an occasional bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy and it seemed to have an internal shimmering movement like flames or fiery gases. The object closed in on the B-29 to an indeterminate distance, and then faded away in the distance.

The aircraft was on a heading of 270°, was at 20,000 ft. altitude and was making a ground speed of 445 knots. The time of the sighting was 1200 local Korean time. The weather was VFR.

At 2345 local Korean time, members of another B-29 crew observed an identical object near Suwon. This object was observed for one minute. The observations were the left and tail gunners. In this instance, the B-29 was at 20,000 ft.

The sources of these reports are all World War II veterans and veterans of previous combat missions in Korea. The crews were from different squadrons and were interrogated separately.

## II. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

The claim that the object or objects followed the B-29's indicates that the objects were propelled by some means, which eliminates the possibility of an unpowered ground-to-air missile, drop mine, etc. The color and shape of the flame were studied by members of the 21st Propulsion Group to determine whether or not the flame could have been the exhaust of a conventional jet engine with or without an afterburner, a pulse-jet, ram-jet, or rocket engine. None of these possibilities were considered to be applicable.

The report is somewhat similar to the reports of "Fireball-Fighters", a type of phenomenon observed in Europe during World War II. The exact nature of this phenomenon was never determined but bomber crews reported large fiery balls, similar to the sun, passing through or near their formations. There is no documented evidence or data available on this phenomenon, and all the information that has been obtained is derived from World War II bomber crews. Consequently, the actual facts are speculative.

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