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## APPENDIX II

Fairchild AFB, Washington - 20 January 1952

## I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

At approximately 1900 GMT on 20 January 1952, two King Intelligence airmen noticed a bright spherical object traveling through the sky. At first it was assumed to be a meteor but then it was noted that it appeared to be traveling beneath a cloud layer. The object was traveling at a speed much faster than a jet aircraft. The object, which made no sound, was traveling in a path horizontal to the earth at an estimated 500 feet and left a blue trail. The trail seemed to come from the object in spurts. The object disappeared from sight behind a building.

The two airmen observers, a Tech Sergeant and Master Sergeant are considered reliable observers.

## II. BASIS OF INVESTIGATION

This incident is interesting due to the fact that there was an eight-minute cloud coverage at 4,300 ft. It is possible that the object was viewed between a break in the clouds and that it was extremely high, indicating that the sighting was a meteor. However, the sources indicated that they believed the object was below the cloud cover, and if this is true the alt range of the object can be computed to be about 7,300 ft. This would eliminate the possibility of the sighted object being a conventional aircraft, since no sound was heard. The possibility of a meteor is also nil because a meteor would not be traveling horizontally at 7,300 ft.

A request was made for the regular measurement of the arc made by the object, however, this information could not be obtained. It is presumed that the sources were not available for questioning.

## III. CONCLUSIONS

If the object was beneath the cloud cover it was not a conventional aircraft or meteor, and no conclusions can be made as to its identity.

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