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## APPENDIX I

Artesia, New Mexico - 16 January 1952.I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 16 January 1952, two members of a balloon project from the General Mills Aeronautical Research Laboratory and four other civilians observed two unidentified aerial objects in the vicinity of the balloon they were observing. The balloon was at an altitude of 111,000 ft. and was 110 ft. in diameter at the time of the observation.

The objects were observed twice, once from Artesia, New Mexico, and once from the Artesia Airport. In the first instance, one round object appeared to remain motionless in the vicinity, but apparently higher, than the balloon. The balloon appeared to be 1 1/2 inches in diameter and the object 2 1/2 inches in diameter (ratio 3:1) and the color was a dull white. This observation was made by the two General Mills observers.

A short time later the same two observers and four civilian pilots were observing the balloon from the Artesia Airport. Two objects at apparently extremely high altitude were noticed coming toward the balloon from the northwest. They circled the balloon, or apparently so, and flew off to the northeast. The time of observation was about 40 seconds. The two objects were the same color and size as the first object. They were flying side-by-side. When the objects appeared to circle the balloon, they disappeared and the observers assumed they were disc-shaped and had turned on edge to look.

II. STATE OF INVESTIGATION

Unfortunately this report was not made until 5 April and did not reach WDC until 16 April. Due to this time lapse, no further investigation is contemplated. The observers are known to be very reliable and experienced.

III. CONCLUSION

None.