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## APPENDIX VII

Bethesda, Maryland - 18 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

Four civilians reported that they observed a V-formation of from 7 to 9 lights traveling north over Bethesda, Maryland, at 0030 EST on 18 April 1952.

The included angle of the formation or "V" was estimated to be  $40^\circ$ . There was one light at the apex and three to four in each leg. Each light appeared to be orange-yellow, circular, and to occupy 15 percent of the total length of the leg.

The formation, or object, was first sighted at an elevation of about  $60^\circ$  in the north and disappeared behind some trees at  $60^\circ$  in the north. The total time of observation was from four to eight seconds and there was no sound.

All four observers were interrogated and their accounts of the incident were similar. They stated that they had not seen the Life Magazine article describing the lobcock incident prior to the sighting.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

The possibility of jet aircraft in the area was checked. A similar report of light formations did turn out to be very probably a B-45 type aircraft, however, no jets were known to be in the area at the time of this incident.

III. CONCLUSIONS

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