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Caribou, Maine

4 November 1958

I. Description of Incident

On 4 November 1958 a slow-moving light of varying colors was observed by both airborne and ground observers for a period of four hours from 1730 EST to 2130 EST. It was described by all observers as first stationary and then sinking down below the horizon. The colors were white, red, orange and blue-green.

The object was first sighted by an Air Force captain and last flying at 7,500' on a heading of 360° in a T-6 a/w. The light appeared at a 7 o'clock position, elevation approximately 25°. Presque Isle AFB was contacted and several ground observations were made by the senior control tower operator from that base.

II. Mention of Incident

An incoming Northeast Airlines flight at Presque Isle also sighted an object in the same relative position with many changing colors. The pilot stated that he thought it was a star. After thinking the sighting over, the crew of the T-6 as well as the control tower operator also came to this conclusion. It is true that a star or planet's light under certain base conditions will refract and change color. The disappearance of the object below the horizon can be attributed to the normal rotation of the earth.

III. Conclusion

Probably a bright star or planet.

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