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Davis, California

15 November 1959

I. Description of Incident

At 0605 PST on 15 November 1959 three businessmen from Davis, California, observed what they described as an indistinct, blunt, cylindrical object, with a bright flame behind it. The flame color was described by one observer as blue-red and by another as silver-white. It was estimated that if the object had been a half mile away it would have been 20' in diameter. The object was observed for 15 - 30 seconds.

From their position at 36°20'N-121°33'W the object traveled through an arc of 45°. It was of low altitude when first seen.

The weather at 0630 PST was reported as scattered clouds at 5,000', visibility 25 miles. Sunrise was 0647 PST.

II. Mechanism of Incident

All phases of this fit the description of a large fireball or meteor.

III. Conclusion

Probably astronomical.

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