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Salton Sea, California

20 November 1958

I. Description of Incident

The pilot of a B-50 aircraft reported observing a light that changed color from white to red to green. The B-50 was flying at an altitude of 16,000' on a heading of 275°. The time was 2005 MST. The light was observed at 11 o'clock from the aircraft. At first it appeared to be stationary then moved to the NW, disappearing as if it had been turned off.

II. Discussion of Incident

Although the description of the object is similar to a star or bright planet, the fact that it "went out" eliminates this possibility. The sighting was an hour and five minutes after a balloon launch and normally lights on balloons do not burn this long, it is not an impossibility, however.

This report is similar to past reports that have been received from this area.

III. Conclusion

Possibly a balloon.

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