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30 November 1952

I. Description of Incidents

At 0030 EST on 30 November 1952, the GMA radar at Washington National Airport again began to show "blips" similar to those in July 1950. They showed the same pattern and behavior as before with speeds of 90-100 mph with maneuvers identical to normal aircraft except for sporadic appearances and disappearances. The "blips" continued for an unspecified period of time. Aircraft in the area were alerted but could see nothing.

The weather included light snow. No mention was made of whether there was or was not an inversion.

"Blips" similar to the ones reported were seen on the previous night (29 November 1952). The weather at that time was CAVU with no inversion. At this time, the targets appeared over Andrews AFB but could not be seen from the ground.

II. Discussion of Incident

As stated above, this report is similar to the ones reported from the Washington National Airport Tower. In these there was a great deal of discussion as to the effects of inversions on radar.

III. Conclusion

None

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