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Observatory and that the Navy had investigated. It was also learned that several times during 1950, 1951, and 1952 that same occurrence had taken place at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

A trip was made to Los Alamos and the personnel who had made a study of the possible correlation were contacted. They very graciously made their files available to ATIC personnel and a thorough check of their radiation recorder records was made. Dates of all the sudden flurries of radiation were checked against Project Blue Book files of sightings; they were checked with the local newspapers in the Albuquerque area in an attempt to pick up any sightings that ATIC did not have on file; and they were checked against pick-ups of unknown targets on radar in the Albuquerque area. In no instance could any direct correlation be found. It is possible that something was observed and not reported or at least no record of the sighting was kept. However, there is no way to check back on this.

To further inquire into the matter, the Navy report of October 1949 was obtained. It stated that on two occasions at Ft. Falconer at the same time the radiation detection devices picked up some unknown flurry of radiation personnel from the observatory observed something in the air. In one instance the object appeared similar to a bird and in another instance very similar to a formation of aircraft. The Navy made a very detailed check into the equipment and went so far as to fly aircraft over the area to determine whether or not radar or other electronic equipment in the aircraft could have caused the sudden burst of radiation. These tests were made with negative results. It was finally determined that there was a very good possibility that the sightings and the detection of radiation was merely a coincidence, that the objects were possibly birds or aircraft, and that the sudden burst of radiation was due to a malfunction of equipment or interference that is not completely understood at the present time.

The results of the investigation were reviewed by several highly qualified scientists and it was their opinion that there was nothing highly significant in the supposed correlation.

#### IV. CONTRACTOR STATUS

Project Blue Book has a contract with a civilian research organization which covers the project with an IBM analysis of unidentified aerial object reports and the logical analysis of any specific problem submitted. As was pointed out in the last status report (Status Report No. 9) coding and evaluation by the contractor of 1952 sighting reports is continuing and all reports for this year should be completely processed and ready for the IBM system by 15 March 1953. All sightings from 1947 to 1951 were submitted to a preliminary IBM analysis on 26 January 1953. This work is continuing and results of the analysis will be forwarded informally to Project Blue Book as soon as they are available.

A two-day evaluation conference between a Blue Book team and a contractor team was held on 22 and 23 January 1953 in which 145 1952 cases were given final evaluation in preparation for submission to the IBM analysis.

A rock sample was sent to Project Blue Book by a retired Lt Commander in the Navy in connection with a sighting he had made on 12 September 1952. The ex-officer, who was also a Naval flier, was contacted through the rock, which has an unusual shape, was directly associated with the flying object he observed. Blue Book asked for a contractor analysis and after close study the contractor

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