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Anderson AFB, Texas

29 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

From 2030 to 2055 hours an unidentified aerial object was sighted from three separate points of observation -- (1) ground crew personnel at Anderson AFB, Texas, (2) a Naval Officer 14 miles south of Anderson AFB, and (3) from an incoming B-17 125 miles from Guam on a westerly heading. The object or objects in all cases were reported to be on a heading of 230°, appeared cylindrical in shape, of silvery color with a bright flame trailing from the rear. The speed was considered to be in considerable excess of that of a conventional jet and in each case the sighting did not exceed 15 seconds.

II. Discussion of Incident

The object was seen at 0900 a.m. at which time it would be too bright to see a meteor or star. It appears that all observers saw the same object since descriptions, directions given to the command, and time of sighting all coincide. The B-17 pilots sighted the object 115 miles west of Guam, five minutes after the other sightings and yet the object was reported to have been going west of Anderson AFB five minutes earlier. This seeming discrepancy here might be explained by the fact that the time estimates by the B-17 pilots was off. The object appears to be going too slow to be a meteor and all local aircraft have been accounted for. There was a scheduled balloon launch at Guam at 2300Z close to the sighting time but the description of the object does not coincide with usual balloon descriptions.

III. Conclusion

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