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Terre Haute, Indiana

1 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

A military aircraft on a PPO heading 30 miles west of Terre Haute sighted a close group of seven lights changing color from red to blue, to green to yellow. The pilot estimated their altitude to range between 30,000 ft. to 25,000 ft. flying in a pattern similar to conventional aircraft. Searchlights from the St. Louis area seemed to be following the unidentified lights. The time of sighting was about 7:30 AM.

II. Discussion of Incident

AFC made a check on local aircraft and found that there were many commercial and military flights in and out of St. Louis at the approximate time of sighting. It is possible that searchlights from St. Louis picked up one of these aircraft. The observing aircraft was 100 miles away from St. Louis which probably accounts for the changing color of lights.

III. Conclusions

Hostile aircraft.

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