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Barter Island, Alaska

8 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

Two pilots from this station made a ground-visual observation of an unidentified aerial object coming in over their base in a falling leaf pattern from the west. Time of the observation was 0500 local. It hovered, manifested brilliant orange white lights seen for a period of eight minutes after which the object climbed northeast and disappeared. Throughout its pass off a noise similar to a helicopter's and was estimated by the viewers to be the approximate size of a C-47 aircraft.

II. Description of Incident

This report is on the brief side and gives no information on air traffic at the time of sighting. It is possible, however, that the above-average sources may have observed a helicopter and become confused. Any evaluation will have to be based on additional information on helicopter traffic which AFIC has requested.

III. Conclusions

Insufficient data.

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