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Calvert, Michigan

18 April 1953

I. SYNOPSIS

On 10 April 1953 between 0100Z and 0215Z a series of targets were sighted by the 5624th SQAF Squadron, Calvert, Michigan. The plots originated approximately 50 miles from their station, from 030° azimuth to 250°. Speed was from 1800 mph to 3600 mph. This sighting was a radar sighting only and appeared as a normal target except for speed. No abrupt maneuvers were noted. Several individual targets were noted. This squadron was using an AN/VSP-1 type search radar unit, with a Doppler indicator. There had been no maintenance difficulties. The general weather conditions at the time of sighting were three miles visibility, snow and overcast. Northern Lights were clearly visible during this period.

II. DETAILS

This is another of the better type of FLECHETS. The intelligence officer is to be commended for the initiative shown in making as complete a report as was possible under the circumstances. He made the preliminary evaluation at the time he prepared the report, naming Project Blue Book the time and effort it takes to investigate a sighting of this type. His evaluation was . . . "Targets are believed to be interceptors from shipborne radar, originating on Lake Superior".

III. CONCLUSIONS

Obey (radar interference).

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