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Soudwestonjord Air Base, Greenland

8 April 1953

I. DESCRIPTION

At 2000 two observers flying a B-47 aircraft reported sighting an unidentified white light 130 miles SW of Soudweston Air Base, Greenland. The estimated speed of this light was 1000 mph, altitude estimated to be 15,000 ft. and direction of travel 0° . The object maintained a steady course, but seemed to be in a shallow descending turn. The observing aircraft was at 3000 ft. with an airspeed of 180 knots and a turn heading of 30° . The white light was observed on the starboard side at 30° , fading out at approximately 10° to the right. Total time of the observation was approximately three seconds at a distance of 30 to 100 miles.

II. DISCUSSION

Flight plans were checked with Soudweston AFB, Barterbrook AFB and the Iceland Defense Force with negative results. It was the opinion of the Director of Intelligence, NSAC, that this sighting was caused by a celestial phenomenon. The description of this light fits that of a meteor, except that a meteor very seldom appears white. However, Project Blue Book concurred with the NSAC opinion since the contract astronomer also was of the opinion that the phenomenon was astronomical in nature.

III. CONCLUSION

Probably astronomical (Meteor).

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