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Horme AFB, Newfoundland

29 March 1955

I. SYNOPSIS

At 0030Z, 29 March 1955, a diamond-shaped, bright white object with small extensions at each point of the diamond was observed for 60-90 seconds approximately 25' above the eastern horizon. It appeared to be traveling at 300 mph at an estimated altitude of 2500 ft. heading on a westerly course. Several maneuvers consisted of a short pause, disappearing three times, one or two seconds each time, and finally disappearing instantly overhead. The observer was a USAF captain with considerable experience in navigation.

II. DESCRIPTION

Since there were no known aircraft in the area, and there was no unusual astronomical behavior, the object was given a preliminary evaluation of possible balloon, until weather balloon information could be obtained from St. John's Weather Centre. The following day, a T-28 was received by Project Blue Book from the base intelligence officer at Horme AFB. "Indications are that sighted object was a weather Research Balloon with attached light which was released at the time of the sighting." Such action on the part of the base intelligence officer is greatly appreciated by Project Blue Book, for it saves AFB considerable cost and effort in determining the nature of the phenomena.

III. CONCLUSION

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