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Rexdale, Ontario, Canada

Description

At approximately 2045 EDT on 30 June 1959 an unidentified flying object was observed for a period of twenty minutes in the southern sky moving to the southwest by at least 50 personnel of the 521st ASW Squadron, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada. The first person to observe this object was an airman who came out of the maintenance room to inspect the power unit which caused a minor breakdown of the search radar set. He called two other airmen to witness the object. One of the two thought the object was the moon. The airman who originally observed the object got hysterical and called the Charge of Quarters at the Domestic Area three miles to the southwest. At least seven witnesses at the Domestic Area saw the object and two of them reported that the moon was visible at the time and that the object was distinct and separate from the moon. The object was described as orange-colored and oval shaped. It was described as moving from the north to southeast and then falling back to the north. No great speed was attributed to the object by any of the witnesses who said they saw movement. It was reported that the object had no visible means of propulsion and that there was no similarity to any known flying object.

Disposition

The sighting was made a few minutes after the scheduled time for the moon rise. The shape of the moon that night was similar to the description of the object, however, any explanation as to that of the moon is in conflict with the reported observations of the two witnesses seeing both the moon and the object at the same time. There was a heavy broken overcast at the time of the sighting. There is a possibility that the object was the moon reflecting off the clouds.

Conclusion

Possibly extraterrestrial.

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