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near back in. It seemed to be west moving close the aircraft's nose-P4 on a constant heading and the noise of animals and airplane took over. The light was first observed for 30 seconds, it faded, disappeared, then took about 30 seconds.

As the pilot came around the west side of the air base and on the east side, he saw another light and turned into it to take gun observation. (The photos were so good):

Discussion

A flight was made to the Weather Bureau station at Rapid City Municipal Airport to check weather and balloon launches (Note: The air base launches no balloons). The observer on duty looked up the balloon track for the balloon launched at 2000 MDT on 5 August 1953 and it went south from the Municipal Airport. This puts it out of the area of the sighting. This on occasion was not available so it had been forwarded to Asheville, North Carolina. (Note: The balloon tracks and weather for 2000 MDT on 5 August has been requested from Asheville.)

No attempt was made to contact the GOC observers at Blackhawk. They had been interrogated by base personnel and were "all omitted". It was believed that an investigator talking to them would only further confuse them unnecessarily. All the sightings at Blackhawk are qualified. The AEGIS Station called the Blackhawk Filter Center and told them to "look for flying saucers", a perfect way up to see every star move around.

The upper air pressure balloon tracks at Levy were checked. Ten balloons were lost and could have been in the area of the time of the sighting.

A few comments on the evidence are to note:

Controller left the impression that he was trying to prove the white track of an unidentified flying object. It is very unfortunate that no scope photos were available to corroborate his story. He saw targets on the scope, there is no doubt about it, but whether they acted exactly as he stated is unknown.

The two pilots that went outside to observe the object that was being tracked on radar and reported by the GOC were not sure of what they saw, at least this is the impression they left. They were told to go out and look for a light as they saw one. Their description fits that of a meteor. They only saw a "streak" in the sky. They did not see it return north, only go south.

The first pilot only got a glimpse of a light so he could not add much.

The second pilot gave the impression of being "on the ball". He obviously was trying to convince himself the light was a star, but was

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