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SUBJECT: Report of Conference on Green Fireballs
 - Incident Q-1401

TO: Commanding General
 Air Materiel Command
 Wright-Patterson AFB
 Dayton, Ohio
 ATTN: 300000, Phase 2.2, 10000

1. To accompany with instructions contained in classified letter from Chief of Staff, USAF to SAC, AFHQ, subject "Light Phenomena," 21 September 1947, the undersigned attached a memorandum on the subject of a phenomenon observed in the northern New Mexico area. The phenomenon has the appearance of a green fireball and because of the fact that it has been observed only in the New Mexico area, has caused a high degree of apprehension among military agencies in the area. Two reports from the 17th Air Force Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure 1) and 21 summaries present information of the phenomenon. In view of the fact that the phenomenon has been observed by independent and trained observers there is little doubt that something was actually observed.

2. Enclosure 2 lists those personnel attending the conference.

3. The first part of the conference was devoted to a primary presentation of all collected and reported observational information regarding green fireballs. The presentation was made by Mr. Lincoln (Lefty) Overlander and Head of Department of Meteorology and Meteorology, University of New Mexico and Capt. Ralph E. Reed (17th Air Force B-24, 10000), who has been cooperating with the OSI investigators in the matter at their request and as an expert basis. Capt. Reed is the principal OSI agent on the case. Both Mr. Overlander and Capt. Reed have personally and independently observed the phenomenon.

4. The second part of the conference was a discussion by the attendees present of various possible explanations and hypotheses concerning the phenomenon. Little success was had.

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