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whereas the ordinary meteors are secondary fragments. There is a further discussion of this point later with reference to Ia Pa.

Astronomer 5, whose professional rating is only moderate, has seen none.

Astronomer 7, whose professional rating also is only moderate, has seen none and does not consider the problem very important. (See footnote.)

Astronomer 8, with an excellent professional rating, has seen no unidentified objects but says that reports come in occasionally from the Fraser River valley northeast of Vancouver. Apparently these sightings have been concerned with lights similar to the Lubbock light.

Astronomer 8 has personally sighted an unidentified object, a light which loomed across his range of vision, which was obstructed by an observatory dome, much faster than a plane and which glowed then a meteor. If it had been a plane, then its rapid motion could be accounted for only by a glissade; but since no meters were heard, this explanation was essentially ruled out. Light was steadier than that of a meteor and was observed for about three seconds. Astronomer 8 does not ascribe any particular significance to this sighting, except as it contributes one of the very incomplete and unanalyzed sightings. Astronomer 8 was not reluctant to talk about the subject of flying saucers and pointed out that we must not fall into the error of believing that we understand all physical phenomena. As late as the year 1900, it was thought in-

Footnote: The professional ratings given here show that "sightings" and interest in the problem do not run inversely proportional to the professional rating of the astronomer.

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