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possible that meteorites, "stones from heaven", could fall from the sky. There is no reason to believe that a century and a half later all the physical phenomena that exist have been discovered. Astronomer 2 is, however, violently opposed to the sensational approach to this problem. He points out that many scientists, or at least some scientists, have approached these sightings for the sake of personal glory and publicity but not for the benefit of the country. He is also opposed to magazines such as Life setting themselves up as scientific arbiters and passing scientific judgment on sightings when not qualified to do so. In short, Astronomer 2 believes this subject is serious enough to be considered as a scientific problem, and that it should be taken entirely out of the sensational realm. He believes, for instance, that a group of serious scientists should aim to help investigators by starting with a thoroughgoing investigation of the "lookback lights". This investigation would comprise not only a review of previous sightings, but an intelligent cooperative effort to examine the world of physical phenomena and to see which of these, and which scientific or physical principles, might conceivably have led to these observations. He feels that the lookback incident is a particularly propitious one to start with, since the observations were made by reliable observers in a scientific atmosphere, and that, therefore, these qualified observers also discuss with other scientists their sightings in a dispassionate manner. Astronomer 2 turned over the record of his sighting made at the instant of the sighting, for whatever use it may be. He is interested in the problem and extremely cooperative.

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