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1. An irregular bluish-white or silver sphere, with no observed propulsion system, exhaust trail, or sound, was observed at 0400Z 2 June 1952. Object was observed from Moon Island Airfield, Hoquiam, Washington, both visually and by theodolite. It was apparently stationary in the air, at an elevation angle of 39° and a magnetic bearing of 290° from the theodolite position of the Moon Island weather reporting station. Interception was attempted with G-45 type aircraft, but attack was abandoned on advice of the Pacific Coast, at 12,000 feet altitude, when no closure was apparent.

2. Weather at the time of sighting was described as "ceiling and visibility unlimited."

3. University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, was queried, and advised that the object was, in all probability, the planet Jupiter, which is visible during daylight hours at this time of year.

4. Statement of Captain Joe W. Donaldson AD 76479, Clearance Officer, McChord Flight Service Center

"2 June 1952 upon arriving at Moon Island Airport, Hoquiam, Washington, I observed at 0400Z a round object of bluish white color, high in the sky to the west of the station. After some discussion as to possibility of the object being a balloon, a reading was taken by the station attendant with a clinometer. This reading was 39° on an azimuth of 290° degrees mag. At least 30 minutes was spent sighting along a foreing line which was exactly in line with the object to check for movement that proved negative.

"After one hour Major Parks and I took off with three observers to try to get under the object. We climbed to a heading of 290° mag. to 12000 ft. This extended to approximately 30 miles from the point of sighting although we were not directly under the object at any time. Rapid calculation proved with a base line of 30 miles that the object was 30 to 500 thousand ft high or higher. The size, from the observation point, resembled that of a man's thumb held at arm's length from the eye.

"Approximately 1500Z, 2 June 1952, we departed from the scene and the object was still there."

5. Statement of T/Sgt Owen C. Lett AF 3063939, McChord Flight Service Center (Aircrew's Crew Chief):

"On 2 June 1952 while at Moon Island an unidentified object was sighted. It appeared to be egg shaped and milky white in color. The object appeared to be about 15,000 feet but upon leaving Moon Island we climbed to 12,000 feet and the object still appeared to be as far away as before. It was in view for an hour and did not seem to move from that position while we were on the ground. A flight of 30 to 25 miles out did not get us under the object and the angle from the airport was 39° on the clinometer."

6. Statement of A/1c William C. Ballman, AF 1208626, 1300th AAGC Squadron, McChord Air Force Base:

"On Monday, 2 June 1952, at Moon Island, Washington Airport, while on the ground I noticed a clear white looking object in the shape of a balloon. It looked to be approximately 30 to 25 thousand feet in the air. After climbing to 12 thousand feet the object seemed to be as high as ever and in the same location as before."

7. Statement of A/1c Suite J. Loeffler AF1208690, 1300th AAGC Squadron, McChord Air Force Base:

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