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The following information is submitted in compliance with Paragraph 76, AFI 200-3, dated 29 April 1951:

1. **Description of Object:** Object was bluish-green in color, "like a soap bar flame" with an orange-red tail at streamer. The observers could not estimate the dimensions, speed, aerodynamic characteristics, or distance from the object due to the short length of time it was visible and the lack of ground references to gauge distance. The object did not fade away, but disappeared abruptly, like a light which has been turned off.

2. **Time of Sighting:** Time of sighting was 2145-1. Object was observed for approximately six(6) seconds. *21 Feb 1952*

3. **Range of Observation:** Object was observed visually from the air. The indicated air speed of the observer's aircraft was 145 mph, ground speed 195 mph, at an altitude of 9500 feet.

4. **Location of Observer:** The observer's aircraft was on a heading of 135° between Guam and Okinawa at the time of sighting. The object first appeared at about 12130 a'clock and approximately 500 feet above the level of the aircraft. The object then moved to the left until it was at 12 o'clock level. At this point it disappeared.

5. **Identifying Information of Observers:** 1st Lt Donald L. Hanner AD 3067953 pilot and 1st Lt James B. Thomas AD 6790550 co-pilot. Both of the pilots are experienced observers. It is the opinion of the Intelligence Offices of the 114th Troop Carrier Group that neither are prone to exaggeration or easily influenced. Both have declared that the object was not a meteor or a telescopic sighting, since both had seen those natural phenomena.

6. **Weather Conditions:** Weather was CAVG.

7. **Activity or Condition Which Would Account for the Sighting:** None

8. **Exclusion of Physical Evidence:** None

9. **Interference of Identification Action Taken:** None

10. **Location of All Weather in General Area at Time of Sighting:** Five F-56 sorties were reported on the night of this incident, but all were reported to be in the South-China area. However, F-56 flights between Japan bases and Okinawa, Japan are not reported through intelligence channels.

COMMENT OF THE PREPARING OFFICE:

The information on this incident is too meager to reach any conclusions. Several other aircraft reported similar sightings off the western tip of Korea on the same night and because F-56 flights between Japanese bases and Okinawa bases are not reported through intelligence channels, it is believed this sighting may have been an F-56 enroute to Japan.

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