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jets" that were flying in the immediate vicinity of the observers. To have such agreement within the pilot balloon would have to be very close by, at which time it would have been recognized as such, and even that could hardly have flown directly against a surface wind of 25 miles per hour.

These interrogations by competent persons at the time might have cleared up the situation. As it is, the only logical evaluation is "unidentified".

4. 22 June 1952, Ft. Belknap, Arkansas.

I agree with present evaluation, "unidentified", and closed as an UJ. Nothing can have a rational explanation if there were only high-flying jets in 1952. Observation took place near 0600 hours at which time the jet might be brilliantly reflecting sunlight and the contrail blinding. It would appear odd that a first lieutenant colonel and a major both observing with binoculars for 20-25 minutes would not have identified a high-flying jet in the interval of time. Were there very high flying jets in 1952? There would have been better followup in this case also.

5. 23 June 1952, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

I believe this single witness case a UJ, OJ. The witness had the opportunity to hold a pump out at arm's length to judge the size and shape of what it was slightly smaller than the pump. This means the object was larger by about a factor of two, than the full pump.

There could have been a balloon on its way down. No upward motion was reported only downward and horizontal. Although the man had experience as a control tower operator, his statement that he has "no knowledge of airplanes" and that he thought it was an exploded bomb does not rate him high in my book as a competent witness. I would have sufficient information would by a better classification if the witness in this case.

6. 23 June 1952, Iowa.

There may have in my files.

7. 23 June 1952, Michigan.

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