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The following information was received from Lt Colonel William L. WILKIN, Executive Officer of Hq & Hq Sq, Division Artillery, this station, on 12 June 1952:

"On Thursday, 12 June 1952, I was preparing to depart from my residence at 432 1/2 North 75th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas when I observed an object in the northern sky, this was at about 1930 hours. The object was travelling generally in a westerly direction and when I first discovered it, it was almost due north of my position. It was at an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon and appeared to maintain a constant altitude during the time I was observing it. The object resembled a meteor, in that it appeared to have a glowing or fiery head and a long well defined tail of smoke or vapor. The weather was clear, the visibility was excellent, there were no clouds in the area and it was still broad day-light, although the sun was setting. There were no aircraft or other distracting influences in the sky during the period of observation. I observed the object with a naked eye for approximately one (1) minute and then procured a pair of binoculars and observed it for two or three minutes, at that time I went to the residence of Major Kenneth Washburn, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, this headquarters, who lives only ten doors from me at 429 1/2 North 75th Street. Major Washburn likewise procured a pair of binoculars and he and I watched the object for approximately 20 to 25 minutes until it finally disappeared in the western sky. The object either moved at a slow speed or was at a considerable distance from us, because the motion of the object was not apparent to the naked eye, however through binoculars and with reference to a stationary object, such as a telephone wire, motion could be observed, although insignificant motions were present to make a calculation of distance impossible. It was my impression that the object was at a considerable distance and that it was moving at a high rate of speed. This is believed

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