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so, because of the fact that a certain amount of speed would be necessary to sustain flight and the fact that even though such speed would be necessary it was not apparent to the observer and indicated a considerable range. I would estimate, purely as a guess, that when I first saw the object it was from 15 to 25 miles distance and that it diminished and must have been at a much greater distance, perhaps 100 to 200 miles. The object, itself, had a very definite luminous appearance as far as the head was concerned, and the tail remained constant in size and appearance during the entire flight. The tail would appear to shorten as the object proceeded but this is believed due to the fact that the object was receding from the observer. The course appeared to be a constant one with no variations of any kind, although I have never observed any object which resembled this one to any degree, it is my impression and is unlikely that it was a meteorite or some such celestial body because of the extended time the object remained in the air and of the deliberate manner in which it proceeded. My observation of meteorites has been that they burn out in a matter of seconds, on the other hand I have never seen any man-made craft which in any way resembled this particular object, although I understand that some of the experimental air craft which used a thermonuclear lighting apparatus for reconnaissance purposes may resemble such an object in the appearance. I am certain that the smoke trailing the object was not the vapor trails that are sometimes seen at high altitudes, because I have seen those on several occasions and there appears to be no such resemblance. The tail of the object had a distinct glow and broken appearance toward the rear end, as if the tail were composed of some light substance, it broke up and disappeared as the object passed on. The head of the body was a pale orange, the tail as I recall was of a rosy or orange color, perhaps becoming paler towards the rear of the tail. It is possible that the coloring of the object and the tail could have been

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