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The following information was received from Major Kenneth W. WASSERMAN, CGS, Assistant Chief of Staff, CG, this headquarters on 14 June 1950:

About darkness on Thursday, 12 June 1950, Lt Colonel WILKES called his attention to an object in the sky at approximately 1930 or 1940 hours. At that time he was watering the strawberry at his home, 4208 North 98th St, Fort Smith, Arkansas. He first noticed the object when it was generally west of southwest and travelling in a generally westerly direction. He estimated that the speed was about 45 degrees above the horizon. The object was of a slender formation with a head and a long tail that appeared to rise slightly from the head. The head was a light orange color which seemed to glow, and the tail was lighter in color, but about the color of a candle flame. The object did not exactly glow because there was no flare, but it had an even orange color. It is estimated that the object was approximately one-quarter of a mile long and approximately twenty to thirty miles from the observer. There was no flare from the object and it seemed to maintain its shape, which was generally a straight, smooth form but it appeared to break up a little at the end. It did not appear to dissipate into smoke or clouds. The object was observed for a period of time (from 10 to 15 minutes) until it disappeared below the horizon to the west. The object was viewed through a pair of German Field glasses 7 x 30 and the color appeared a little deeper in view than when observed by the naked eye. All of the object could be seen with the field glasses and it would appear to be about one-half the thickness of a pencil. There did not appear to be any definite enlargement of the head. There were no clouds in the sky and the object was estimated to be moving very rapidly.

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