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jet's that were flying in the immediate vicinity of the observers. To have such ~~exaggerated~~ motion the spherical balloon would have to be very close by, at which time it would have been recognized as such, and even then could hardly have flown directly against a surface wind of 25 miles per hour.

Proper interrogation by competent persons at the time might have cleared up the situation. As it is, the only logical evaluation is "undetermined".

6. 12 June 1952, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Agrees with present evaluation, "undetermined", and classed as UJ CD. Sighting can have a rational explanation if there were extremely high-flying jets in 1952. Observations took place near noon on a day when the jet might be brilliantly reflecting sunlight and the contrails obvious. It would appear odd that a Lieutenant Colonel and a major both observing with binoculars for 10 to 15 minutes would not have identified a high-flying jet in that interval of time. Were there very high flying jets in 1952? There could have been better followup in this case also.

7. 13 June 1952, Middletown, Pennsylvania

I give this single-witness case a UJ, CD. The witness had the good sense to hold a penny out at arm's length to judge the size and noted that it was slightly smaller than the penny. This means that the object was larger by about a factor of two, than the ball seen.

This could have been a balloon on its way down. No upward motion was detected only downward and horizontal. Although the man had no means as a control tower operator, his statement that he has "no knowledge of airplanes" and that he thought it was an exploded star Jones may rate him high in my books as a competent witness. I believe insufficient information would be a better classification than unknown in this case.

8. 23 June 1952, Iowa.

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9. 26/27 June 1952, Michigan.

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