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133's that were flying in the immediate vicinity of the observers. To have such apparent motion the piball 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 "unidentified".

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

Agree with present evaluation, "unidentified", and classed as [illegible]7. Sighting can have a rational explanation if there were extremely high-flying jets in 1952. Observation took place near sunset at which time the jet might be brilliantly reflecting sunlight and the contrail likewise. It would appear odd that a lieutenant colonel and a major both observing with binoculars for 10 [illegible] minutes would not have identified a high-flying jet in that interval of time. Were there very high flying jets in 1952? There should have been better followup in this case also.

7. [illegible]ne 1952, Middletown, Pennsylvania

[illegible]ve this single-witness case a E3, C4. The witness had the [illegible]le to hold a penny out at arm's length to judge the size [illegible] that it was slightly smaller than the penny. This means the object was larger by about a factor of two, than the full moon.

[illegible] could have been a balloon on its way down. No upward motion was [illegible]ed only downward and horizontal. Although the man had [illegible]ce as a control tower operator, his statement that he has "[illegible] knowledge of astrology" and that he thought it was an exploded str[illegible] does not rate him high in my book as a competent witness. I believe insufficient information would be a better classification than [illegible]own in this case.

8. [illegible]ne 1952, Iowa.

[illegible] not have in my files.

9. [illegible]7 June 1952, Michigan,

[illegible] not have in my files.

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