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On the evening of 15 Jun 52, at approximately 2100 hours, I was standing in front of the Showa Officers' Club watching the arrivals of the practice blackout. Two men called to me from the parking lot as I began walking towards the BOQ. They pointed to a light overhead, stated that it had been circling for several minutes, and asked my opinion as what it was. When I first looked the light I thought it was a star, and then perhaps an aircraft windowed running light. It was of brightness less than a first magnitude star, it was a point of light with no appreciable dimensions; it was pale green in color. As we watched, it moved towards the west. I had originally spotted it while facing towards the Taskforce beacon and looking almost straight up. I turned towards the Officers' Club to follow it, and watched it fade and disappear shortly before the course would have carried it down behind the BOQ. It was stable for perhaps 3 minutes. The light moved with considerably varying speed, making frequent sharp turns as seen that slowly degrees while pursuing a general westerly course. The changes in course seemed to be in the horizontal plane with no change in elevation. The light frequently faded out. My first impression of the speed of the light was that it at times traveled at extremely high speeds; it also seemed to be traveling at great height. On reconsideration, I realize that, since it was simply a point of light, I had no way of knowing the height and size of the light source, and consequently no way of judging its speed.

The men had no adequate explanation of the light. I asked their names and organization; they informed me that they were Pullers and Stoddard, cooks at the 50th Signal Aviation Construction Company. As I started back to the Officers' Club, they called to me that they would see another light. I couldn't see the light, and before I could reach them, they called again that it had vanished.

Perhaps half an hour later, walking from the Officers' Club to the BOQ, I observed a firefly. It occurred to me that a very bright firefly perhaps forty feet over my head would give the same effect as the light I had seen. The color of the unidentified light was about the same color as the light of a firefly, and the track of the unidentified light was similar to that which a firefly could make. However, the unidentified light remained lit the larger part of the time, while fireflies emit only a short flash of light.

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