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On the night of 10 Jan 51 at approximately 2300 hours (2000 ZD Jap), Mr. Marvin McFadden observed a bright orange light in the west from his home on Walnut Lake, Michigan. Coordinates of Walnut Lake are 42° 34' N - 83° 20' W. He is ~~the brother-in-law of~~ brother, Mr. John McFadden, who lives close by. Mr. John McFadden came with his wife Beatrice McFadden, his mother Ruth McFadden, and his 12 year old son to observe the phenomenon. He brought a pair of 4X binoculars and used them in further observations. The orange light was seen to shimmer in the western sky, and then remained motionless. Mr. John McFadden went into the house to call the Officer of the Day at Selfridge to report it, returned about 25 minutes later and the light had disappeared. It was seen again, this time a soft white color. The object went straight up, still in the west, and disappeared. At this time what was concluded to be a shooting star was seen by all observers in the north. The white light again appeared in the west at an elevation of 45°, dimmed, and moved in a north west direction until it disappeared. An aircraft from this base appeared in this area, circled once and proceeded in roughly the direction in which the object had disappeared. Mr. McFadden observed the tail pipe flames of the jets through his binoculars and identified them as such. Until the appearance of the aircraft no noise had been heard. Minutes later the light was seen to return from its original northwest direction, making a smooth arc across the sky, in approximately one minute, to finally disappear in the north.

Another was clear and sharp were visible. The object was orange at low levels and changed to a whitish color as it ascended. It was approximately the same size as a star and left no trail. A light aircraft was seen in the vicinity of the sighting for the first few minutes.

This is the third report made by Mr. John McFadden. He is employed at a major ~~base~~ for a large paint company in Detroit. He has address and phone number in 3409 Walnut Drive, Ferndale, Michigan, telephone number 6-0296.

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