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9. This office received a letter dated 7 July 1952, from PAUL L. FRIED, 5 Sherkford Road, Fort Washington, New York. This letter inclosed the following statement of a sighting which occurred on 5 July 1952:

"On Saturday evening, July 5, 1952, two of us, Ben Finlay and myself, had started to sail down from Westport, Conn. to Stamford, Conn. in his 23-foot sailboat. About 6:30 the wind died and we found ourselves drifting slowly with the tide down the coastline.

By 9 o'clock the last light of the sun was just going away and a full moon had risen across the Sound over Long Island. The night was very calm and still; not a breath of air rippled the surface of the smooth, black water. As far as we could ascertain, there wasn't another boat on the Sound, for we could see for great distances in the moonlight.

At approximately 9:30 P.M., we had drifted to a point about two miles off the Connecticut shore between Norwalk and Bridge. Directly across the Sound, at a point we thought to be Long's Neck, we could see a strong white light on shore. This light, presumably from a lighthouse, was directly under the full moon, at that time about one-third of the way up to its zenith.

3 We were both looking in this direction, when suddenly about halfway in between the light on shore and the moon there appeared another, stronger light in the sky. It was a brilliant white in color, and seemed to sparkle and glow. As we watched it appeared to come closer and grow slightly larger in size, although it was very hard to judge, we estimated that the object was about 20 to 25,000 feet high, and perhaps fifteen miles away.

As we watched, the brilliant white light went out and in its place was left two small points of white light. All at once these two points of light started streaking away toward the east of the Sound at a fantastic rate of speed, blinking rapidly all the time. In a matter of 30 or 40 seconds it had disappeared from sight at great height about twenty-five miles away.

After observing this phenomenon, both of us agreed that its characteristics were like nothing we had ever seen or heard of before. The tremendous initial brilliance and great speed, both which were apparent at long distance, precluded the possibility that it was a known type of aircraft, and there was no exhaust or flame as might come from a rocket."

10. This office received a letter dated 11 July 1952, from J. STRANK CURRAN, 104 Madison Avenue, Yonkers, New York, addressed to the Commanding General, First Air Force, on stationery of the company "Pack East", 320 East 148th Street, New York, reporting the sighting of a strange flying object

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