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COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO. III	CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object			
AREA REPORTED ON Fifteen miles north of Goodland, Kansas		FROM: Director of Intelligence, 90th Bombardment Wing M. Forbes AFB, Topeka,	EVALUATION B-2
DATE OF REPORT 9 May 1952	DATE OF OBSERVATION 29 April 1952	LOCATION Kansas	
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REFERENCES (Control number, date, previous report, etc., as applicable) Department of the Air Force Letter, AFOIN-C/CC-2, December 19, 1951.			
SUMMARY: (Under complete summary of report. Give references in final sentence paragraph. List references at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112 - Part II.)			
<p>The following observation of an unidentified flying object was reported to the Director of Intelligence, 90th Bombardment Wing M. Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas, on 5 May 1952:</p> <p>1/Lt. Ralph H. Bauer, Jr., A0772928, 321st Bombardment Squadron, a B-29 bombardier reports the sighting took place at 2200 CST, 29 April 1952, at a position 15 miles north of Goodland, Kansas. (39°38'N/101°40'W). He states that he was in the bombardier nose compartment and that the aircraft was cruising at 30,000 feet pressure altitude on an easterly heading just above a 10/10 undercast at the time. The sky above was clear except for a slight haze, through which the stars and moon were clearly visible. He then noted directly ahead and at a 45 degree elevation, a soft white fan-shaped light approximately 5,000 feet above, traveling very rapidly in a westerly direction toward the aircraft. The light pulsed at an estimated 3 to 4 times per second, and passed overhead with great speed in about 2 seconds, after which observation was blocked by the B-29 airframe. The light only was seen, with no visible fuselage. The base and sides of the fan were sharply defined and the trailing edge indefinite. The base appeared approximately 50 feet across, extending to 100-150 feet at the trailing edge. No audible sound was heard, nor any radio interference noted. No interphone check was made at the time, but subsequent questioning of the crew by this observer, indicates that no other crew member saw the object.</p> <p>Investigation of possible meteoric or other natural phenomena with the Department of Astronomy, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, produced negative results. No unusual activity was reported by this source.</p> <p>The Kansas City Air Traffic Control Center reported that no other air traffic other than the observer's B-29 was in the area at the time according to their records.</p>			
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