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Air Technical Intelligence Center
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In re: blue-green light over Portland, Oregon
10:10 to 10:30 P.M., May 10, 1952

Dear Sirs:

Last night I observed a peculiar celestial phenomenon, to which I attached little significance until this morning when I heard radio reports of a "meteoric" explosion over Seattle. Feeling that it might be of some value, however minute, to you I am reporting it as briefly as possible:

On the night of April 10, 1952, at 10:10 P.M. I observed a light with a bluish tinge shining through the thin strata of clouds in the north-east section of the sky about 70 to 80 degrees above the horizon; it appeared as a short stream, rather than a single spot, possibly due to diffraction of the cloud layer. In intensity it was about that of a search-light shining on the clouds but different in three ways from the reflection of a search-light on the clouds. (1) It had more color to it than an ordinary search-light's reflection (2) as stated above, it appeared as a short straight bar rather than as a circular spot (3) It remained motionless for at least fifteen minutes which is not usual with search-lights previously observed in this area by me.

After watching it for some five minutes from our yard I called my wife to observe it as she has a trained eye for color. She told me it was of a bluish-green color.

We waited it until 10:30 and then went in doors. At about 10:40 or 10:45 P.M. we looked for it again but the light had vanished from the sky and so had the clouds in the area where we had originally observed it. There was no moon in that section of the sky either when I first noticed the light shining through the clouds I had thought that it might be only the moon shining through the clouds, but since there was no moon there when the clouds had moved away ten minutes later, I concluded that it it was not the moon.

This observation may be meaningless but I send it to you for whatever value it may have.

Yours truly,

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