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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Meteor

AREA REPORTED ON: Seattle, Washington

FROM (Agency): Hq 25th Air Division (Def)

DATE OF EVENT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
16 May 52	11 May 52	C-1

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SOURCE: Seattle Post Intelligencer
Extract from OOO, Controller's Log
Hq 25th ADIV

REFERENCES (Cite reports, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):

TWX Hqs. 25ADIVODI 5234 to ADC Dir A-2 Colo and CG WADC, Hamilton AFB, Calif

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in one one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II)

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with Air Defense Command Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 52, Subject: Unidentified Objects Report.

a. A meteor type object traveling approximately 1500 to 2000 MPH, believed originating outer space nearly straight down, and from south to north direction, vivid blue in color, with trailing sparks or streamers behind it, exploded in a brilliant flash lighting up the sky as daylight. Thunderous sound followed upon explosion of the meteor which many experienced some of the aftershocks of a ground tremor & sonic vibration.

b. Time of sighting: Approximately 01 to 01 Pacific Standard Time, 11 May 1952. Period of sighting: Approximately 4 seconds.

c. Visual observation only. Not identified by radar.

d. Northwest Airlines pilot Bert Carlson sighted object at 3100 feet 5 minutes before point of Robert Fan Marker at 0121 on Pacific Standard Time. Object was to left of his aircraft while coming in for landing at Seattle-Tacoma Airport at 7000 feet on course due west. Approximate position of explosion 47°31'N and 122°18'W. Mr. Don E. Lyman, Seattle engineer, 16836-10 Avenue SW, Seattle, WA sighted the object at approximately 35 miles distance and about 21 degrees above horizon (A. 18 degrees east of north).

e. Mr. Bert Carlson evaluation C-1. Mr. Don E. Lyman evaluation C-1.

f. Weather Seattle area: 6/10 overcast at 5 to 6,000 feet with 10/10 overcast at 10,000 feet. Intermittent light rain in area. Winds light and variable below 5M aloft at 20 to 30 knots at 24,000 feet.

g. Mr. T. S. Johnson, Professor of the University of Washington, reported the explosion to be a meteor.

h. No physical evidence available.

i. The matter was not interrogated or picked up by the Dir of Intell of

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