

Air Force Checking Presumed Meteor That Shook Seattle



LINE OF SIGHT—shown in this map is the path and the heading angle of the meteor after the flash was widely watched from Seattle. In the map above the object apparently a meteor headed from south to north and then from northwest to the east followed on the way. Position was calculated by observers reports from an altitude and distance ground observation. Also location, height and the other needed to the altitude line at zero are covered by the map. Partial data and other before observation of light of contributors who established approximate location of the event.

Not Seen On Radar

Autonomous flight around the region, and the United States Air Force command of the state, displayed here on Tuesday in the early afternoon that Tuesday evening, the Seattle area to the Matthews of the early morning, then extended visibility.

Observers who make a study of phenomena of some date and stated the day object was a huge meteor that traveled through the earth's atmosphere and distinguished into flaming streaks.

However, the Air Force has become convinced to do no more clear if it changes with the job of searching a meteor north of it through national and international has been reported.

CHECKING DATA—

An extensive review of the average light and height observations in long history weather parts of the region. Matthews, an astronomer explained the opinion that, as usually for certain had not seen it in a clear sky, as reported earlier.

Col. Alan Bennett, commanding officer of the 20th Air Force Defense Division, believes the Air Force may also have located the object that the object which appeared at 1:30 a.m. with a shadow. But he said his office is making a thorough study of meteorite reports that is expected to occur soon.

Bennett said he studied that the object could have been an aircraft or guided missile.

None of the radar installations in the Pacific Northwest currently picked up the object in their systems, he said.

ANGLE—

Asked if the speed of the object may have varied the 1950, Bennett said that the 1950, or that speed, probably was what caused it not to show as a "blip" on the radar screen.

"If it was a meteor, it was probably coming away vertically down. That event takes is very difficult to track. The information might be an instantaneous eye rather specific pick it up," he said.

"If it was an aircraft or a guided missile, we would have picked it up," he concluded.

REQUEST—

Bennett asked that anyone looking a "blip" on a radar screen report it to the headquarters of the 20th.

Bennett said that the ground observer phase of the air defense system is set to prevent an 20th Air Force and will be reported through a 24-hour control room.

The command said a review of the air-traffic data report of the 20th Air Force will be conducted. The department will investigate the possibility of a meteorite or other object which may have caused the event.

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