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I just had a phone call from an old friend who lives in Albuquerque to report two unusual incidents. He wanted to know if I could find out more about either.

First: On Saturday night at about 7:00 or so local time he was at the local observatory with a number of amateur astronomers who had gathered to watch the comet. Someone said there it is and pointed almost directly up at an object in the sky with a tail behind it. He was quickly told that this was not the comet, since it was in the wrong direction and too high in the sky. Several of those present looked at this object with their telescopes, at around 75 and 100 power, and could see that it was apparently an aircraft of some sort, but extremely high up and they thought they could make out a metallic body with two "outboard" engines, one of which appeared to be in trouble and was belching smoke, thus the "tail" and misidentification as the comet. The object was heading due west. It took about 35 - 40 minutes from first sighting until it reached the horizon and passed from view. The smoke trail did not dissipate quickly, again implying very high altitude, and was clearly visible for at least 15 minutes after the object passed from view.

Was this the Aurora with engine trouble heading home to Area 51? Or was it some other secret aircraft? Or was it something else? Anyone reading this know anything more about this?

Second incident. My friend heard on local TV on Monday night two reports, on both early and late news, of a large metallic object crashing on a ranch. One report said it was the gondola of a secret research balloon (Oh no!!! Not balloons again!!!). Anyway it was reported that NASA and the military had put a cordon around the area and would not let reporters approach. The late news announced that more information would be in later broadcasts, but the story just vanished and no further comment has been heard about it.

Could the two incidents be related???????

I would appreciate any feedback on either of these incidents.

Bob

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