

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Jan 53 4/0810Z	2. LOCATION Adak, Alaska
3. SOURCE Man	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) Probable Meteor observation
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Spherical intense blue light, purple at outer extremities, traveled at a tremendous speed. Source was uncertain as to whether object disappeared behind clouds or not. (1. Similar object seen before by observer).
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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CITE AKRSD 16

1 OBJ SIGHTED 2210 BST, 3 JAN 53, AB ADAK, AL. OBJ APPEARED TO BE AT A GREAT DIS FR THE OBSR, TRAVELING IN A STRAIGHT LINE FR NORTHWEST TO NORTH EAST, PARALLEL TO THE HORIZON. OBJ WAS AN INTENSE BLUISH LIGHT, PURPLE AT THE OUTER EDGES. IT WAS SUPERICAL, EXCEPT FOR AN OVAL TAIL, AND ABOUT THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL. OBJ WAS SOUNDLESS, LEFT NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST, WAS TRAVELING AT TREMENDOUS SPEED, AND WAS OBSRD APPRX 3 SEC BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED. OBSR COULD NOT ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT HAD GONE BEHIND CLOUD OR JUST DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. MANNER OF OBSR WAS VISUAL ONLY. OBSR WAS LOCATED AT THE BERING THEATRE, ADAK, AL, 176 DEGREES 40 MIN 20 SEC WEST, 51 DEG 51 MIN 55 SEC NORTH. OBSR STATED

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OBJ WAS NOT SIMILAR TO A METEOR OR FALLING STAR, AND THAT HE HAD SEEN 2 SIMILAR OBJ PREV, BOTH AT GREAT FALLS MONT, IN 1951. WEA RECORDED BY LOCAL WEA STA AT THE TIME WVT, CEILING 3000 FT BROKEN, VISIBILITY 7 MILES, WIND NORTHNORTH WEST 12 KNOTS, TEMP 30 DEG, DEW .25 DEF, ALT 29.17. WINDS ALOFT 5 HOURS PREV TO SIGHTING WERE 2000 FT 030/25 K, 4000 FT 030/25 K, 6000 FT 360/15K, 8000 FT 360/10K, 10000 FT 030/20K, 12000 FT 020/25K, 18000 FT 020/15K, 20000 FT 360/10K. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT OBJ WAS A METEOR. NO PHOTO OR PHY EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED. NO INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN. LOC OF LOCAL AIR TRF AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING IS UNK

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13 January 1953

SUBJECT: FLYOBRT

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

INFO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2C

1. In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, FLYOBRT, dated 29 April 1952, the following report is submitted in reference to T.M. AKRSD 16 this Headquarters dated 07/0300Z January 1953.

2. Subject object was observed by S/Sgt [REDACTED] this organization at 2210 BBT, 3 January 1953. Observer was located at the Bering Theater, Adak, Alaska. Observer could give no estimate of the speed or altitude of the object, stating only that it was traveling at a tremendous speed and seemed to be at a considerable distance from him. Observer stated that the object was not similar to a meteor or falling star in that the speed was slower, and it appeared to be larger than a meteor. Observer stated that the sky at the time was cloudy, with a light haze and very light snow.

3. This report is not being submitted on AF Form 112 "Air Intelligence Information Report", due to the fact that none are available in this organization.

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~~SECRET~~ 1440 21 Jan 53 [initials]

Adak, Alaska

4 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 0910 ~~3~~ a bluish spherical light with a tapering tail was observed moving soundlessly at a tremendous speed and at a great distance, parallel to the horizon, for 3 seconds.

II. Discussion of Incident

The report indicates that the object was probably a meteor. The description given closely approximates a meteor's performance.

III. Conclusion

Probably astronomical phenomenon.