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Dear Dick:

This is for insertion in your file on Levelland, November 2/3, 1957.

Today I phoned Troy Morris, who's on the editorial staff of the Levelland Sun-News. I wanted to check on whether they'd had any recent USAF queries growing out of my pressing for reclassification. No one has been there for years on the case; so here again we find no evidence that my objections to the ball-lighting/wet-ignition hypothesis, made to Gen. Cruikshank on June 7 and made subsequently to Col. DeGoes and the two majors, near the end of June in my next visit, have been checked.


Morris was emphatic that the early hours of Nov. 3 were clear or nearly clear. He, himself, when he heard the reports, went out to have a look on the roads. He said he couldn't understand why the Air Force would say that there were storms since there were Air Force investigators the following day.

Sheriff Weir Clem took a lot of "guying", he said. Hence he did not report, for some time, a subsequent sighting of a somewhat similar object. Morris will try to get me a clipping on it, and is not sure whether it was 1 or 2 years back. Weir had been out investigating a wreck and was heading back. Nighttime. Saw two bright red flashing lights ahead and thought it was another wreck. The lights started moving away from him before he reached the spot, so his next thought was that it must be an ambulance (speed too high for wrecker). Chased it for 10 miles straight down a road. Then at a turn in the road, the lights just kept going right on ahead, after lifting just a bit, and went out and let down in a pasture area. So Weir went by some ~~roughly~~ side road to get a closer look and as he neared it, the object went straight up in the air. Was a solid object, more or less cigar-shaped, with very bright red lights on it. Later (I think it was as Clem retreated) it came back down and lit in the pasture again. That rough account can't be trusted for detail, so if I get a clipping, I'll send a copy.

I asked Morris what Clem thinks these objects are: Some kind of flying machines.

PS. Clem asked a farm family near the above pasture if they'd ever seen such an object and was told they'd seen one fitting his description about a year earlier.

Sincerely,


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