Incident #244

DATE OF INCD 6 Jan 49

PLACE Kirtland AFB, N.Mex

TIME Afternoon

DATE REPORTED

TIME OF INCD 1230 mst

COLOR bright white

SHAPE diamond

SOUND faster than jet

SIZE 3' long

ALTITUDE 1500'-2000'

WEATHER

NO. OF OBJECTS one

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

SPEED

DIRECTION horizontal flight

DURATION

(Other Witnesses)

Astro (meteor)

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The information offered concerning this incident is meager, and there was only one observer. According to the description, a brilliant green incandescent light was seen low on the horizon for about two seconds, speed was "high" but slower than that of a meteor. In view of this scanty evidence, no definite conclusion can be drawn.

If it were not for the fact that the incident appears to belong in the family of New Mexico "green flashes," the object could be considered to have been a slow meteor, even though the time of night of the sighting does not favor that hypothesis. It is much more probable, however, that this incident falls into the pattern of those dealt with in detail in the report on incident #223. See that report for further discussion.

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1730

Kirtland AF Base, Albuquerque, N. M.

Ground near Ordnance Area

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2 feet long

bright white light

diamond shaped

1500 to 2000 feet

Southeast to Northwest

Much faster than jet aircraft

None

Bright white light

Horizontal flight for 500 feet

Object appeared much brighter in center than at edges

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Pfc Everitt stated that he attended Flight School during the year 1947 and that he has had some experience in observing aircraft.

At approximately 1730 hours 6 Jan 1949 Pfc Everitt stated that he noticed a bright object travelling across the sky from the Southeast towards the Northwest. He stated that the object was diamond shaped, approximately 2 feet long and appeared much brighter in the center than at the edges. He estimated the object was 1500 to 2000 feet in the air and traveled approximately 500 feet horizontal to the earth's surface before he lost sight of it. There was no smoke or other vaporous material visible around or following the object. The object traveled much faster than the jets he had observed

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