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1. Date of observation: 24 January 1949
Date of interview: 14 April 1949
2. Exact time of observation:
From 2000 to 2124
3. Place of observation:
29°30'N - 87°29'W
4. Position of observer:
Air RB-29 (Co-Pilots Position)
5. What attracted attention to object:
Red glow on horizon. Of such intensity that first thought was ship on fire
6. Number of objects:
One
7. Apparent size:
Flew within 150 ft of mass which was approximately 1 and 1/2 miles wide.
8. Color of object:
Main mass of white light based on water, surrounded by a red glow which was pierced by 2 shafts of white light.
9. Shape:
Mushroom
10. Altitude:
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11. Direction from observer:
1100
12. Distance from observer:
100 miles at original sighting, under observation from 100 to 150 ft.
13. Direction of flight of object:
Unknown
14. Time in sight:
1 hour 24 min
15. Speed:
Unknown
16. Sound and odor:
Unknown

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17. Trail:
Unknown
18. Luminosity:
Definitely did illuminate water surface. Shafts of light resembled blue-white fluorescent light.
19. Projections:
None
20. Maneuvers:
Unknown
21. Manner of disappearance:
Departed from area
22. Effect on clouds:
Clouds appeared black against glow.
23. Additional information concerning object:
Light was constant and did not vary in intensity. Gave appearance of radiating from water. Three or four shafts of white light was outside east portion of the red mass. Stars and water was visible on other side of light mass. Did not in any manner resemble a Northern Light display (observer states he has seen many).
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Dark, no moon; weather was good, scattered clouds, however, none in immediate vicinity.

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Occupation and hobbies:
Co-Pilot, B-29
No particular hobbies

Comments of Interrogator:
Observer is of above average intelligence. Character, as far as viewed at this headquarters, is excellent.