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Description of Incident

At approximately 0949 MST on 29 July 1952, several pilots and guards from Los Alamos observed an UFO. The object was flying straight and level at high speed north of the Los Alamos landing field. The object, which was a shiny metallic color, was observed for 30 minutes with binoculars.

Fighters in the Los Alamos area were diverted to the area of the sighting and visually vectored toward the object. The object disappeared but reappeared in front of the fighters, made a 360° turn, came around in back of the fighters, followed for two minutes and disappeared. The fighters did not observe the object. The aircraft which were at 40,000' left vapor trails, but the object did not.

The only other aircraft in the area left Los Alamos at 0950 MST and headed directly south.

Comments

The report states the object was flying at high speed straight and level, yet it was in sight for 30 minutes. The object could not have been traveling too fast, or it would have gone out of the area within the 30 minutes it was observed.

If the aircraft were high and the object was a drifting balloon at low altitude, the balloon would appear to stay ahead of the aircraft for a short period of time. A balloon would not make a 360° turn, however.

The report is incomplete, no Form 112 was submitted, and the data in the wire is sketchy.

Conclusion

Although there is hardly enough data to evaluate the report, it will be classed as unknown.