

Incident: 215

Control tower personnel on duty at Fairfield Suisun AFB, Fairfield, Calif., first sighted object at 1,000 to 2,000 feet north of field in a 5° climb heading southeast over field. Started to climb at about 400 to 500 MPH to 20,000 feet. Climb seemed erratic like change to pace. Tower personnel put 8-power binoculars on object. All that could be seen was a circular light one to 2 feet in diameter. Light had intensity of a Ramp floodlight and was so bright that it blanked out any silhouette (if any) when sighted in binoculars. Weather balloon released 45 to 35 minutes previous to sighting but was lost ten minutes after released. Personnel inside tower could not hear any sound. No exhaust trail.