

Incident 223

At 2130 hours, 5 Dec 1948, Capt Goode, flying a C-47, No. AF 9921, enroute from Lowry AF Base, Denver, Colorado, to Williams AF Base, Chandler, Arizona, reported his position to the Control Tower, Kirtland AF Base, as being approximately 10 miles east of Albuquerque. Capt Goode stated he had seen a green flare arise from the ground to an altitude of approximately 500 ft on the east slope of the Sandia Mountains at about 2127 hours. He was flying at 18,000 ft. Stated he had just seen the same type flare at approximately 2105 hours just west of Las Vegas, New Mexico, at approximately 2105 hours.

Other sightings of this <sup>or similar</sup> flare are as follows:

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7:30 p. m.	Mary & John Smith (Las Vegas, N. M.)
9:05 P. M.	(Capt Goode) west of Las Vegas, N. M.
9:15 p. m.	Mr & Mrs Lewis Martinez (Las Vegas, N. M.)
9:15 - 9:30 p.m.	Mr Roger Lewis (Las Vegas, N. M.)
9:15 p. m..	Rev & Mrs C. M. Wallace (Near Lucy, N. M.)
9:27 p. m.	Capt Goode & Major Carter (Incidents 223 & 223a) near Albuquerque, N. M.
9:35 p. m.	Mr Ernest Van Lloyd, Pilot and Co-Pilot James L. Smith (Las Vegas, N. M.)
10:00 - 10:15 p.m.	Mrs Woodrow House (Near Las Vegas, N. M.)
10:20 p. m.	Sgt. & Mrs Frank Henaley (Near Levy, N. M.)
10:30 p. m.	Mr Frank Green (Temporary Santa Fe RR Station ON VA, N.M.)
11:15 p. m.	George (Wm.?) Hirt (Near Las Vegas, N. M.)

NOTE: Inquiry of local airfields both commercial and governmental unearthed no applicable explanation of this phenomena. Holloman AF Base performs no research work at night and on Sundays which involves the use of any lighting device or flares such as described.