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Information regarding this sighting taken from a letter of Oscar Monnig addressed to Mr A. Schroeder of Abilene, Texas, in regard to Mr Schroeder's query regarding a phenomena he witnessed the night of 1 Jan 48 at approximately 1:25 A. M. and again at 1:30 A. M.

Object was described as a fan-shaped glow which originated from a large ball on the horizon and which extended to the meridian due west of Abilene, Texas, in a perfectly clear sky. Phenomena was of 2 seconds duration. Five minutes later it was seen again for the same length of time. No sound was heard.

Mr Monnig thought the phenomena could possibly be attributed to:

- (1) Disturbance of an electrical system such as transformers blowing out, or
- (2) Experiments at White Sands Proving Grounds which are due west of Abilene.

NOTE: Inquiry at Holloman AF Base, Alamogordo, N. M., revealed that research work at night and on Sundays does not involve the use of any lighting device or flares such as described in the various reports submitted. See Incidents