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They're in the Sky Again

Radar Spots More Mystery Objects Here, Fliers Report Sighting Glowing Lights

Washington received another visit last night from the unidentified aerial objects similar to those reported here last Monday.

At least a dozen of the mysterious objects were reported to have been seen glowing in the sky within a 30-mile radius of the city. They were all picked up on the radar screen of the CAA Air Route Traffic Control center at Washington National Airport.

At 11:25 p. m., two F-94 jet fighters were sent up by the Air Defense command to investigate the lights. The pilots reported seeing the lights, but were not able to get any closer to them than about 7 miles.

The jet pilots described the lights as hard to see and track down.

At 11:33 p. m., one jet pilot observed four lights in the vicinity of Andrews Air Force base. The lights were about 500 feet above him and about 10 miles

away. The pilot said he wasn't able to close on them, and they were "really moving." He lost sight of them two minutes later.

The same pilot observed a steady white light 10 miles east of Mount Vernon at 11:49 p. m. The light, about five miles ahead of him, faded in a minute.

The interceptors did not sight any more lights after that. Although the radar screen still picked up the objects. One plane landed shortly before midnight, and the other about 12:15 a. m.

It was the second time these objects have been picked up by radar. Last night's visitors showed up first on the screen at 9:08 p. m. and remained for some time.

Airline, private and military pilots all reported seeing them. Some pilots said they came within two or three miles of the objects.

They were variously described as looking like blue lights, the

lighted end of a cigaret, or a cluster of orange and red lights.

Radar operators plotted their speed at from 38 to 90 miles per hour. They were not able to determine their altitude. Some pilots reported flying over them and some under them.

Before last week's report of the mysterious lights, so-called "flying saucers" are believed never to have been picked up on radar screens. The objects shown on the National Airport radar, however, caused definite "blips" on the screen, which means contact with solid objects, rather than lights or reflections.

A CAA spokesman said the objects picked up last night gave off blips similar to those of regular aircraft.

The Air Force has been investigating last week's objects. It said reports of flying saucers this month have been the highest since 1947, when they first were seen.

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