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Subj: Unidentified Phenomena

(e) The objects sighted have been described as follows:

(1) To Lt Smith and crew it appeared as two orange lights rotating about a common center, "like two jet aircraft making slow rolls in tight formation". It had a wide speed range.

(2) To Morgan, EIC, and Carver, OMI it appeared as a reddish orange ball of fire about one foot in diameter, travelling at a high rate of speed.

(3) To Lt Causer, Lt Birco, and Paulson, AD1, it appeared to be a pulsating orange yellow projectile shaped flame, with regular period of pulsation on 3 to 5 seconds, off 3 to 5 seconds. Later, as the object increased the range the pulsations appeared to increase to on 7 to 8 seconds and off 7 to 8 seconds.

3. A check with the Navy Weather Central, Kodiak, Alaska revealed that balloons were released at the following times:

22 January - 0445. and 2200W (approximately)
23 January - 0400. (approximately)

4. On 23 January winds aloft at 1000 feet were reported at 0400W as from 310° T at 36 knots, and at 2000 feet from 240° T at 37 knots, while the object was reported to be on an ascending - westerly course.

COMMENT: In view of the fact that no weather balloons were known to have been released within a reasonable time before the sightings, it appears that the object or objects were not balloons. If not balloons the objects must be regarded as phenomena (possibly meteorites), the exact nature of which could not be determined by this office.

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