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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
16 March 1949

PREPARING OFFICE
Office of the AC of S, G-2, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUBJECT
Unusual Lights
452.1 AKADB

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Following is an interim summary predicated on request of the Fourth Army Liaison Officer at Sandia Base for this headquarters to investigate and report on "fireball" phenomena reported to the Commanding General, Sandia Base, by AFSWP installation at Camp Hood, Texas. Report stated that several sightings of unusual "light" phenomena in the atmosphere above Site Baker (Q Area) had been made by security personnel there during the period 6 - 8 March 1949.

AT CAMP HOOD, it was determined that this type of phenomena, hitherto unreported from the Camp Hood Area, has the same general characteristics of the phenomena observed during the past several months at Sandia Base. Because observers were in different locations and some were not certain as to time, it is possible that observation reported within the same hour on the same date are duplications. It should be noted that none of the observers had been instructed to look for or report any sort of atmospheric phenomena. All stated without equivocations that they had never before seen anything resembling the reported phenomena. All claimed to have seen "falling stars" nearly every night on the Camp Hood Reservation; but all were emphatic in stating that this phenomena was quite different. All men were interrogated separately and had no advance notice that they would be questioned. After the interrogation they were taken to the spot where the observations had been made. These points were numbered and then plotted on map, Camp Hood and vicinity, 1/62 500 1943. Overlays have been made and a copy is hereto attached. The observer was then told to aim a surveying instrument, brought along for the purpose, at the celestial points of origin and of termination of the phenomena. Vertical angles and magnetic azimuth of each point was then recorded. In most cases, the observer was able to fix azimuths by some terrain features. Vertical angles were of course estimated except where elevations of observations coincided with ridge on tree lines.

Observations on 6 March 1949:

1. From observation point #6 (see attached overlay)
 - a. Location of point: 909.7 - 857.5; Time: 2100 hours.
 - b. Weather: Overcast (see attached weather report).
 - c. Witnesses: Sgt Hubert J. Vickery, AF 34932926
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