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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena, Camp Hood, Texas

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IMMARY OF INFORMATION

Beginning 6 March 1949, a series of aerial phenomena has been observed in the vicinity of the restricted area at Camp Hood, Texas. For want of a better appelation, this phenomena has by common consent been tagged "Balls of Fire." The phenomena has recurred at Camp Hood on the average of every nine days since it began. Complete reports of each incident have been reported in detail to the Commanding General Air Material Command, by direction of the Director of Intelligence, 25 Earch 1948. Detailed reports of numerous similar phenomena at Sandia Base, Albuquerqua, New Mexico, and Los Alamos, New Mexico, have already been made direct to the Director of Intelligence.

Observations made at Camp Hood indicate:

The "fire bells" are highly luminous "lights" usually greenish-white but sometimes orange-red in color.

They are usually round but are sometimes of diamond or oblong shape.

Some move and some appear to be fixed "bursts"—described as like the turning on and off of an electric switch. The movement has been reported as in an arc, vertical, and zig-zag.

Observations always occur on the same or consecutive hights—the shortest observation period being one night and the longest three. The smallest number of individual phenomena reported during any period of manifestations has been 4 and the largest 50.

When artillery observation and plotting methods were used, the following data was obtained by triangulation: On 7 May 1949, from 1940 hours to 2105 hours. Weather was clear and a bright moonlight night.

Diamond shaped fireball, red to greenish white, 15 yards in diameter and 1,000 feet high, moved approximately 100 yards horizontally in 57 seconds and appeared to "go out."

Diamond shaped fire ball, 24 yards in diameter and 1,300 feet high, moved approximately 120 yards horizontally in 40 minutes and then appeared to "go out."

Diamond shaped fire ball, 16 yards in diameter and 1,600 feet high, moved horizontally in 9 minutes and them appeared to "go out."

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No sound or oder has ever accompanied the phenomena.

All observed groups of phenomena have "bracketed" the restricted area.

Over 100 men and officers have observed and reported the phenomena (including field ranks and college graduates).

Flights of aircraft and all firing and training schedules have been checked and rechecked without a single such incident having been found that coincides in time and place with any of the observed phenomena.

No explanation of this phenomena is known to nor has any been presented to this headquarters. In the absence of scientific equipment and observers, it appears that no explanation is forseeable.

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