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2. 'CATION Ladd AFB, Alaska
10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Exploding)
Observation was in dalight. Observer witnessed the observation of an exploding balloon.
Object appeared red with two white dots underneath which seemed to revolve around the red object. Round in shape, three feet in
diameter. Appeared to remain constant and slowly descended. Two light dots appeared to be reflectors

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on 22 July 1950, at 1710 hours (Alaska time) an unidentified object was sighted in the air, over Ladd Air Force Base, at Fairbanks, Alaska. The object was sighted by personnel manning AAA gun positions near the Ladd AFB Airstrip, 66 47'N - 147'38'W, and remained in sight for twenty (20) minutes.

'Object was viewed laterally from gun positions at an angle of from 50 to 70 degrees and appeared very high.

Object was red in color with two (2) white dots underneath which seemed to revolve around it. It was round in shape, about three (3) feet in diameter and of unknown construction.

Object moved from East to West at an unknown rate of speed. It appeared to be moving in a direct line with no evasive action, and slowly descending.

Any exhaust emitted from the object evaporated very rapidly. The two (2) white dots appeared to be reflectors. There were no visible means of support; no visible means of prophlaion; no audible sound; no apparent air ducts; and no evidence of radio antennae or irregular surface protuberances.

After the object had been almost stati many for approximately twenty (20) minutes, a stream of smoke was noted. Immediately thereafter the object emploied and disappeared Brom view.

Weather at the time of observation was CAVU.

There were no known aircraft in the vicinity at the time; and all weather stations contacted in the vicinity reported there were no testing devices sent aloft by their units at the time of sighting.

The following are the Comments appearing at the close of the Alaskin Air Command Intelligence Report 17-50: "Although the sources of information are considered to be reliable, the truth of the incident cannot be evaluated with dependable objectivity. No material interpretation can be offered as to the origin or nature of the object mentioned in this report. The/possibility exists that the objects were meteorological belloons which might have floated into the immediate area from some other station in the Territory of Alaska. The possibility also exists that the object sighted was some kind of terrestrial body."

COMMENT: Alaskan Air Command evaluated the report B-6. Alaskan Air Command original report (Intelligence Report 17-50) was forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, Washington, D.C. on 13 September 1950.

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Evaluation is that given report by Alaskan air Command.

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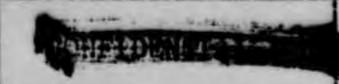
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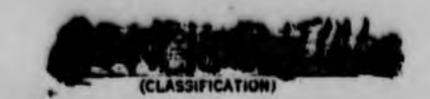
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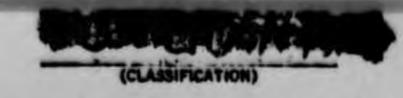
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