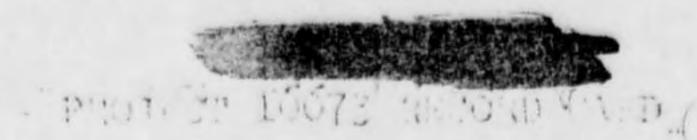
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Incident #231 -- Abilene, Texas -- 1 January 1943

This incident has no astronomical explanation.

The fan-shaped glow that extended momentarily from the horizon to the zenith suggests a man-made disturbance -- electrical or explosive. The green color is the only characteristic that might connect this incident with the "New Mexico green flashes"; the rest of the description does not.

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- 1. Date and Time of Observation: 1 Jan 48 1:25 A. M. & 1:30 A.M.
- 2. Where Sighted: Abilane, Texas
- 3. Observer's Position: ground (i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
- 4. Name and Address of Observer: Abilance, Texas
- 5. Occupation and/or hobbies: M/S
- 6. Attention Attracted by: glow on the horizon due west of Abilene, Texas (direction of White Sands Proving Grounds)
- 7. Number of Object(s) Seen:
- 8. Size of Object(s): M/S
- 9. Color of Object(s): Bright blue green
- 10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) Like bell with a fan-shaped glow surrounding
- 11. Nature of Luminosity: Like flare (directed beem of light?)
- 12. Altitude of Object: E/S observed on the horizon (estimated)
- 13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: N/S could not be estimated
- 14. Estimated Speed of Object: No appearant speed
- 15. Time in Sight: 2 seconds
- 16. Tactics: remained stationary
- 17. Sound Hade by Object(s): No sound
- 13. Direction of Flight of Coject(s) No flight perceived
- 19. Apparent Construction: flare-like
- 20. Effect on Clouds: Clear sky
- 21. Exhaust Trail (Color of): Fax-shaped glow seemed to surrounded object
- 22. Menner of Disappearance: 1/S
- 23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: Clear do
- 24. Peculiarities Noted: See
- 25. Summary of Incident: (over)

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Information regarding this sighting taken from a letter of the addressed to Mr American addressed to Mr American addressed to Mr American appearance and the might of 1 Jan 48 at approximately 1:25 A. M. and again at 1:30 A. M.

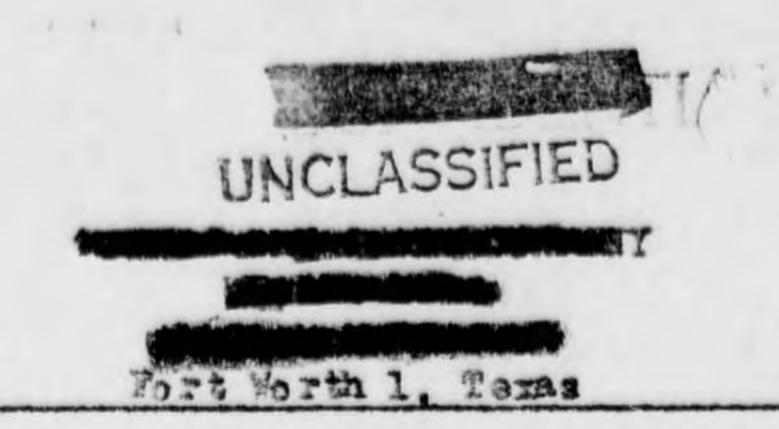
Object was described as a fan-shaped glow which originated from a large bell on the horizon and which extended to the meridian due west of Abilene, Texas, in a perfectly clear sky. Phenomena was of 2 seconds duration. Five minutes later it was seen again for the same length of time. No sound was beard.

Mr thought the phenomena could possibly be attributed to:

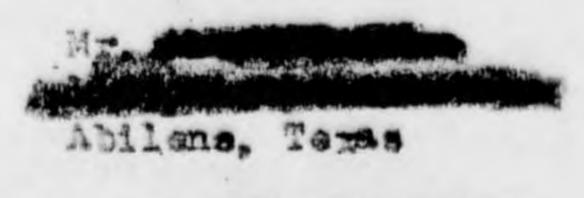
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- (2) Experiments at Whit's Sands Proving Grounds which are due west of Abiline.

MOTE: Inquiry at Holloman AF Base, Alamagordo, M. M., revealed that research work at night and on Sundays does not involve the use of any lighting device or flares such as described in the various reports submitted. See Incidents

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1948, January 7



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Yours sinceraly,

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No. 231: Another glowing green flare just as described above.

AIR WHATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To: AMS DSS

11 Pay 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Air Lateriel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Chio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

- 1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indersement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.
- 2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Meather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.
- 3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER STRVICE

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1 - Inoident Summaries

2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/s/ W. A. West
W. A. West
Lt. Col., USAP
Adjutant General

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Fort Worth 1, Texas

1948, January 7

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Yours sincerely,

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Mr. American

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