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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 18 February 1948 Incident # 101
2. Time 5:01 P.M.
3. Location Norcatur, Kansas
4. Name of observer M. R. Krebbiel account (taken from newspaper)
5. Occupation of observer Editor
6. Address of observer Norton, Kansas
7. Place of observation Norcatur, Kansas
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 30 - 35 miles above earth
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound One big explosion - "afterwards a lot of little explosions"
16. Size N/S
17. Color Bluish-white smoke smudge
18. Shape Mushroom (Vapor)
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Meteor
21. Exhaust trails ~~NONE~~ Bluish-white smoke smudge
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Photo of vapor trail left in sky by explosion
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegration
26. Remarks: Oscar Monnig, of the Texas Observers, Amateur Astronomy, 1010 Morningside Drive, Ft. Worth, offers "tangible proof that the fireball

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of February 18 over northern Kansas was just that, inasmuch as meteorites have been recovered from it." There were found, beginning April 24, first several smaller fragments up to one of 4 1/2 pounds. Then a disturbed spot in a clover field led to the digging up of a piece of some 109 pounds embedded about two feet in the soil. The stone is what is termed as an "achondrite", a technical name for an unusual type of stony meteorite. It is reported to be of a type which will deteriorate rapidly.

A photograph of the trail of the meteor, made by amateur photographer Duane W. Wray of Norton, shows the vapor trail left in the sky by the explosion of a meteor which was seen in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. It was made at Wray's home, nine miles north of Norton, just four minutes after the meteor exploded. A smudge of blue-white smoke remained in the sky for an hour February 18th. This photograph is in file under Incident #101.

Further remarks are contained in supplement.

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323 W. Tenth St.,
Pueblo, Colorado
February 20, 1948

Office of the Chief of Staff
U. S. Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Explosion in the sky near Norcatur, Kans.
4:00 p.m. (MST) February 18, 1948

Purpose: To call attention to some peculiarities
in connection, whether coincidental or not

According to an AP bulletin appearing in the Pueblo CHIEFTAIN for February 18, 1948, some object was seen moving eastward across the sky on the late afternoon of February 18th, and when this thing reached a position approximate to Norcatur, Kansas, exploded, or disrupted, or disappeared. The explosion is said to have been terrific.

Directions given as to the progress of this appearance indicate that it moved from west to east.

Information contained in the dispatch under a Denver dateline indicate that while many would call this object a bolide - e.g., exploding meteor - the astronomers of Chamberlin Observatory (Denver) did not so assess it: it is said in the dispatch that these officials could offer no explanation of it.

If this is the case, the appearance is anomalous, and may lend itself to other meteoric explanation.

A sketch-diagram of the earth and moon's orbit reveals a peculiarity in connection with the appearance, which may be significant.

If a line is stricken at right-angles across the meridional position of the site of explosion of this meteor at hour angle four o'clock (local time) and this line be considered the west-to-east course of the object, then it will be seen that if this line is continued outward into space toward the orbit of the moon it will intersect the lunar orbit at a place near to where the moon would be at from 80 to one hundred hours after the explosion took place.

New moon occurred at 9 D 10 H 2 M February; First Quarter at 17D 8H M. February -- the moon moves approximately 12.5 degrees per day along its orbit.

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It is held by rocketry experts (example, WILLY LEY - see his ROCKETS, p. 192, diagram and note in connection therewith) that it would take about 100 hours for a rocket-craft to negotiate the distance from Earth to Moon.

Prior to its explosion over Norcatur, this object of Feb. 18th was variously reported as a "falling plane", a "jet plane", and a "ball of fire". It is said by some to have left a trail of smoke behind it.

It is the suggestion of this writer that the Army collect and assimilate reports on this object, with a view to determining where it was seen as an object trailing smoke and where as a ball of fire.

If this thing is a rocket of some kind headed for the moon, it might first have been seen as a streak of smoke, then later as a ball of fire, and lastly as a tremendous explosion when it at last reached sufficient speed and elevation for take-off.

The writer has in mind the various and unexplained reports on "flying saucers", and bases this speculation upon a long consideration of various oddments of reports whose significance might be of space-craft from other worlds of space.

The so-called "meteoric procession" which crossed Toronto in February 1913, consisted of a number of groups of illuminated bodies traveling in groups of three and moving in "rigid formation", all pursuing a course across the same streak of the earth's surface. If a line is projected backward along this line of flight it will be seen that this line "comes out" at the position of the moon at the time. The 1913 phenomenon occurred in the mid-period of a series of reports on dirigible aircraft of appearance like zeppelins which were seen over England and whose appearance terminated - or reports on the appearances stopped - just prior to the inferior conjunction of Venus of April 24, 1913.

The writer begs to call attention to the fact that the times prior to and just after inferior conjunction of Venus are prolific in reports of strange things seen in the sky.

Also that lights have been reported on the moon from time to time, back for at least a century.

If in the future of military experiment the moon is selected as a base for the launching of rockets (which has been suggested by some writers), it may be well to look first

into reports like this one on the explosion over Norcatur
and the direction of the object involved.

There is a possibility, however remote this may seem, that
the moon is either inhabited or in use by other than human
beings.

ours,

/s/ NORMAN GARRETT MARKHAM

It may do not harm to
watch the moon for
possible arrival of
this thing in the quarter
at 80 to 100 hours after
"its departure".

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March 14, 1948

FILE REF: - SIGGE-M-1

From: Norman G. Markham
MAIN HOTEL, Pueblo, Colo

To: Chief Signal Officer
U. S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Norcatour, Kans., sky explosion
of 18 February, 1948

Purpose: To show a speculation regarding
the above phenomenon and
another one of earlier date
and to call attention to
occurrences between the two
which have an appearance of
relationship whether coinci-
dental or not.

The geographical position of the Norcatour explosion suggests possible linkage with other occurrences happening inside latitudinal limits arbitrarily demarkable between $43^{\circ} 36'$ North (which is the latitude of Boise, Idaho) and $36^{\circ} 10'$ North (the latitude of Nashville, Tenn.), a belt about 485 miles wide.

This suggestion is gained from positions given for occurrences happening between June 24, 1947 and February 18, 1948, as shall be hereinafter briefly described.

THE BOISE (Idaho) OBJECT—This was seen either beginning or ending at 330 pm 24 June 1947 and was visible for 20 minutes. It was in the western sky, was of comet-like appearance, and settled gradually toward the horizon as planetary bodies set. It was seen by Lt. Gov. Whitehead and Chief Justice Lampert. Its nature was unknown.

The peculiarity which connects this object, for speculative purposes, with the explosion of some unknown object over Norcatour, Kans., on 18 February 1948 is the seeming of a relationship between the positions of the moon for the two phenomena:

In the former case the moon was at the date of phenomenon, about 7%, 63 before the position of First Quarter; on the second case it was about 8%.73 beyond the position of first quarter.

Since the Boise object was visible for 20 minutes before it sank this argues it was about ten degrees above the horizon when first seen. Now if a line be drawn westward and at ten degrees zenithward from the

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horizon of Boise at 3:30 p.m. and another line be drawn from the position of the moon at one hundred hours before the sighting of the Boise object, and projected to the center of the earth, it will be seen that this ten-degrees-altitude and the moon-earth line intersect as a place far above a geographical position considerably to the west of Cape Blance, in the neighborhood of about 700 miles off the coast.

The Boise object in its appearance suggests a rocket-type of craft possibly using reaction blasts to brake itself down for a landing on the earth. The bright point and plummy tail of the description suggest this, as also its apparent fixity in space.

HOLLE'S "SHIP IN FLAMES" -- Nine days after the sighting of the Boise object a forest lookout named Earl Holle saw at or soon after 4:00 p.m., 3rd July, 1947, something he took to be a "tanker in flames". This was seen horizon-ward from a point in Sonoma County, California, near to Fort Ross. A search was instituted by the Navy or Coast Guard, and nothing was found. The soviet tanker ELBRUZ, which had been in the vicinity, was queried and found to be all right. This was not explained.

If this appearance had been on the horizon, there is no telling how far it may have been from the observer.

CAPE MENDOCINO BLIMP INCIDENT -- Not far from the location of Holle's "burning ship" an accident occurred to a navy blimp, 14 July 1947, off Cape Mendocino.

This blimp suddenly settled into the water, slipped out its crew and rose again.

The anomaly here is that one would not expect to find drastic down-drafts of such violence as to thus upset a lighter than air craft. Possibly a downdraft accounted for the accident - but if the Signal Officer will look up the incident of the British steamer Talma which, at the time of the sighting of a luminous wheel-like phenomenon in the Gulf of Martaban, reported a slowing of the engines from some unknown cause, it may be seen that possibly forces are generated in some manner by certain unknown objects at times in the ocean, which may have physical attraction for material objects. This blimp accident occurring in waters where occurred other phenomena shortly to be mentioned, seems to have a doubtful side to it.

THE OAKLAND OBJECT -- Early on the morning of 13th October, 1947, a photographer named Ben Dobus together with a taxidriver named A. J. Goldman saw a thing "that looked like Saturn with a ring around it." It shot at terrific speed WESTWARD across the sky of the Bay area, and was seen shortly after midnight.

This may have been heading in the general direction of what may have been the goal of two later objects which roughly resemble it in description.

THE TICONDEROGA OBJECTS -- According to the tanker Ticonderoga's second officer, two "flying discs" were seen heading SOUTHWEST when the ship was in 43 degrees fifteen minutes north and 124 degrees 54 minutes west, at 0620 GCT, 12th November 1947.

These may have been heading for the object seen in the Pacific off the Golden Gate, not long afterward - or possibly at the same time, if earlier reports on this are consulted.

THE PHANTOM REEF -- On November 24, 1947, the Navy denied that it had found a phantom reef or other obstruction to navigation at a point about 400 miles west of San Francisco. The Navy Survey ship MAURY, sent out there in response to reports of ships that some huge object had been seen in the water in that neighborhood, reported that when in the approximate latitude and longitude of the supposed obstruction they picked up an echo from something in the water 1600 yards from the ship; but that when they had steamed to within 400 yards of this, the echo vanished.

There seems a possible connectability between the various elements so far considered.

Later on January 7, 1948, there were occurrences in the neighborhood of Wilmington, O., Ft. Knox, Ky., Franklin, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., all of which must be now familiar to the archivists of the Signal Office.

Something like a "flying disc" was pursued by one Lt. Mantell and two other pilots, Mantel being killed while in the process of attempting to gain altitude to get close to whatever it was he was chasing.

Also, in this connection, it may not be amiss to mention the deaths of two military officers who were said to have been bringing back material evidence from "flying discs" one of which was said to have met with some kind of accident over Maury Island, Puget Sound, around June, 1947.

It will be seen on inspection that the geographical locales of these incidents fit inside the belt of latitudes hereinbefore mentioned.

THE NORCATUR EXPLOSION was described in a previous letter of this writer, and it was shown in that letter that a line tangential to the meridian of Norcatour, Kans., at hour-angle 2:20 p.m., would if continued outward into space to the orbit of the moon, intersect the moon's orbit at a point where the moon would have been at about 100 hours after the time of the explosion.

According to rocketry theory, it would take a reaction-propelled craft of the rocket type about 100 hours to reach the moon.

I submit there is a likelihood that on June 24, 1947, something like a space-ship came here from the moon and upon February 18, 1948, returned to the moon.

This is of course speculation.

But has anyone yet explained the "flying discs" in terms of all the pretty-well proven facts in connection with them?

Has anyone yet devised a fuel powerful enough to kick a rocket from Earth to the Moon?

There have been hundreds of reports, during the past century, on occurrences which imply this world is visited from outside space. Absence of contact by these postulatable visiting entities may imply a state of culture far beyond ours, to the point where it would be inexpedient for their members to have to do with us en-masse.

These reports have never been seriously considered by science, which in general ignores them.

However, according to Dr. Roehl of Chamberlin Observatory, Denver, there is nothing in astronomy to explain the thing which exploded over Norcatour. Dr. Nininger's idea that the thing was a meteor flatly disregards Dr. Roehl's opinion, which may have been based on the Denver Posts' statement that a Denver woman saw the Norcatour object twenty minutes before the explosion occurred.

I submit that the Army needs men who are capable of recognizing the anomalies beforementioned when they occur, even if only to aid in speculation regarding them.

The undersigned offers his services to that end, if the Army may wish to avail itself of them.

/s/ N. G. MARKHAM

Excerpt of letter dated April 11, 1948 from Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Deputy Executive Director, Committee on Geophysical Sciences, Research and Development Board:

Thank you for the surprising documents sent me under date of March 30. As you remark, certain aspects of Markham's letters are fantastic (for example: (1) the fireball procession of 1913, February 9, was genuinely meteoric, although a rare type of chain fall; (2) no astronomer could take seriously Markham's "invasion by beings from Venus or the Moon"-theory: (3) he appeals to, and biases in his favor, such untrustworthy evidence as newspaper stories, e.g., the absurd statement attributed to Dr. Roacht of the Chamberlin Observatory). Nevertheless, Markham is justified in calling attention to certain incidents as unexplained, for example, the "flying lenses" (in my opinion 99% hoax and imagination and 1% real).

As regards the Norcatour, Kansas incident, I remain convinced that, like the Four Corners incident, it was a genuine meteorite fall, although one of exceptional size (again like the Four Corners fall). However, there are many curious aspects of both these falls, some of an objective nature, like the singular fact that in spite of intensive searches (admittedly under bad terrain and weather conditions), not a trace of meteoritic material has so far been found; some of a non-objective nature, like the amazing testimony given by Mr. Leland Sammons, Mr. Alfred Glenn, and other witnesses of the Norcatour incident, both to members of the State Highway Commission of Kansas and to Institute of Meteoritics field survey parties. (See exhibits A, B, and C enclosed.)

Some comment on such testimony as appears in A, B, and C would seem desirable:

1. Glenn first reported the battery case as red hot. When I pointed out that the paper on it was not charred, his account was changed to "too hot to handle". The Institute of Meteoritics party found only two men, not four, who saw the battery case fall. The battery case has been examined by Dr. Victor Regener, Department of Physics, University of New Mexico, who states that it appears to be identical with the small batteries used in portable radios.

2. K. Hays' identification of the Norcatour object as a rocket has the following support: On the morning of February 19, I talked to the towerman and two assistants at the Air Base at McCook Field, Nebraska. All three denied the Norcatour object was a fireball and described it as a black object with an extremely bright jet of flame pouring out of the rear. Furthermore, a 14-year old, and presumably unbiased, schoolgirl in Oberlin, Kansas wrote me a similar description of the "Fireball."

3. A determined effort is under way to check up on Sammons' veracity (and sanity!) I have neither seen nor talked to Sammons, but another member of the Institute of Meteoritics party (Dr. D. M. Gragg, an Instructor in the Department of Mathematics) who did so believes Sammons (who is a well-to-do farmer) to be sincere and very badly scared. Of course nearness to a big meteorite fall would scare one as badly as an atom bomb; but how could it produce such testimony as Sammons".

The "meteoritic" incidents from the great fall of 1945, November 29 (from which no meteorites have been recovered either!) through the sequence of similar falls culminating in the Four Corners and Norcatun incidents, coupled with such things as the Ussuri incident, convince me that either the earth is under a most unusual cosmic bombardment or many of the fireballs are not meteorites at all. While I still cling to the meteoritic hypothesis, it is clear that which ever alternative is the right one, the situation cries aloud for thorough investigation.

EXHIBIT B

Statement taken from Leland Sammons

My name is Leland Sammons, and I live on a farm 14 miles west of Stockton and 1 mile north, off US 24.

On February 18 at about 5 P.M., I was standing near my hog-pen about 100' east of my house, when I heard the pheasants raising a disturbance and the chickens all rushed to the chicken-house. I looked around toward the house to see what was causing it and saw something hovering just above the house. I ran toward the house, and it then lowered over the north end of the house and settled toward the ground. I was then very near it, approximately 6' when it stopped about level with my face, and just wobbled around for an instant, fire belching out of it and sucking back in. The thing was about 4' long, shaped something like a funnel. There was a pipe sticking out the back of it, and once as it wobbled around, the pipe was sticking right at my belly. Suddenly there was a lot of sparks showered from it, and the fire increased as if a fuse might have lighted, and it took off in a north-westerly direction very fast, gaining altitude as it went. My wife heard it leave and ran out where I stood, and we watched it go, leaving a trail of smoke all the way. Suddenly there was a great cloud of smoke in the sky, not more than 40 seconds after it left my yard, and in a few seconds or more, we heard an explosion. I then stepped off from my house to where it had been, and it was five steps. Yes, it was hot, I could feel the heat from it. Had I not been washing my car prior to the occurrence, wetting the ground, there would have been a bare spot in the yard where the thing started up because there was a great rush of fire from it when it left. It must have been quite high when it exploded.

Kenneth Hays, son of Floyd Hays, 14 miles east of Norton on US 36, at the Jct. of K-60, south side of highway. At about 5 to 5:30 P.M., not sure of time, was riding his horse in a pasture, when he heard something queer in the sky. Looking up to the south-west, he saw what appeared to him to be a rocket, just like he had seen during the war in Europe. It startled him, and he jumped off the horse. He then remounted, watched its course, almost on a level but losing altitude a little, and it then exploded with a big cloud of smoke, apparently over Norton, from where he was, south of Prairie View. He rode on toward home a ways, when suddenly the sound and jar of the explosion reached him. Mrs. Hays was home in the house, when she heard and felt something like a truck might have struck the house. She ran out of the house and then first saw the huge cloud of smoke. About 40 minutes later, a part of the smoke cloud drifted directly over their house, and went on east over Phillipsburg.

Ralph New, postmaster at Norcatour, stated that at about 4:50 P.M. he was standing just inside the front window of the postoffice in Norcatour, when he observed a blinding flash as if someone had taken a flashlight picture. He could locate no one with a camera, but noticed several men walking to the center of the street and looking up. He then walked out to where they were and looking up, saw a high cloud of smoke in the sky almost directly overhead

but slightly east. Suddenly, about 1 and 1/2 minutes after he had seen the flash, there was a terrific explosion and jar, shaking the ground and causing the windows all around to rattle. Following the explosion, there were several loud reverberating rumblings across the heavens. He stated that the explosion must have been very high.

Edgar Young, a boy living at Regar, just east of Norcatur, was outside the elevator, when he observed the explosion, looked up and saw the huge cloud of smoke. He stated that it was almost overhead but slightly west of him. He said that it was a big explosion. The elevator man was out in the elevator, when he heard the explosion. He thought that his oil-burner had exploded in the office and ran in to see about it. Finding it O.K., he ran outside to see what had exploded, saw the big cloud of smoke high overhead, slightly west.

Eastern Kansas newspaper carried a story about 6 days ago of one just like this one, coming from the south to vicinity of Iola, Kansas, where it turned west and disappeared into the sky.

Check with Chief Scott of Norton about a burned flashlight battery which fell in the street of Norton just after the explosion. It was too hot to be picked up for several minutes. Chief Scott has it.

Note: A copy of Exhibit "C" referred to in letter from Dr. LaPaz, was not received.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 102

1. Date 18 February 1948
2. Time 1500 MST
3. Location ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Air Near Green River, Utah
4. Name of observer Lenord P. Marchese (B-29 Pilot, Lt. 28 Bomber Gp)
Carl W. Stucki, Lt., Co-Pilot, (see reverse side
for other witnesses)
5. Occupation of observer Pilot
6. Address of observer 77th Bomb Sq, 28th Bomb Gp (VH), Weaver AFB, S.D.
7. Place of observation 39° N - 100° W - near Green River, Utah
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 100 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 20,000 feet
12. Speed Very high
13. Direction of flight Southeast of Limon, Colorado
14. Tactics Explosion rate
15. Sound Could not be determined due to B-29 engine noise
16. Size Huge
17. Color Multi-colored ball of fire
18. Shape Huge multi-colored ball of fire and dense cloud of smoke
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Vapor trail with ball of fire at head of trail
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: ~~XXXXX~~ Over

A huge multi-colored ball of fire trailing a dense cloud of smoke was sighted at approx 1500 hours MST 18 Feb 48, 39° N-100° W at approx 20,000 ' by two B-29 aircraft of the 28th Bombardment Group (VH). It was seen some 100 miles southeast of the B-29s. Size was estimated as huge altho impossible to determine accurately due to the distance. It was traveling at very high speed and heading southeast of Limon, Colorado, at approx 20,000 ft.

Witnesses: Capt Howard H. Berodt, AO-49504, 718th Bomb Sq
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 1st B-29

Capt Maurice T. Ritenour, AO-48043, 718th Bomb Sq
28 Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 1st B-29.

1st Lt Leonard P. Marchese, AO-748714, 77th Bomb
Sq., 28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 2nd B-29

1st Lt. Carl W. Stucki, AO-785916, 77th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

NOTE: See Incident 101 - Norcatur Kansas.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 103

1. Date 18 February 1948
2. Time 1500 MST
3. Location ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Air near Green River Utah
4. Name of observers Capt. Howard H. Berodt - Capt Maurice T. Ritenour
(See Inc 102 - corroboration)
5. Occupation of observer Pilots
6. Address of observer 718th Bomb Sq, 28th Bomb Gp (VH) Weaver AFB, S.D.
7. Place of observation 39° N - 100° W - Near Green River, Utah
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 100 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 20,000 feet
12. Speed Very high
13. Direction of flight Southeast (of Limon, Colorado)
14. Tactics Explosion rate
15. Sound Could not be determined due to B-29 engine noise
16. Size Huge (Seen 100 miles west of the B-29's)
17. Color Multi-colored ball of fire
18. Shape Huge multi-colored ball of fire and dense cloud of smoke followed
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: ~~None~~ - Same as incident 102 which see

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 104

1. Date 7 Mar 48
2. Time 2055 C
3. Location Smyrna, Tenn.
4. Name of observer Frank L. Fenn, Maj, USAF, CO, Smyrna AF Base
Cpl Richard C. Pettingill & Pvt Frank C. Johnson,
5. Occupation of observer s CO of Smyrna & radio and tower operators
AACs Station
6. Address of observer Smyrna AAF, ~~Smyr~~ Smyrna, Tenn
7. Place of observation Smyrna AAF - 6 miles from (ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 6 miles
10. Time in sight 45 minutes
11. Altitude About 5° above horizon
12. Speed very slow
13. Direction of flight WNW away from Smyrna
14. Tactics N/S Faded away
15. Sound None
16. Size Unknown
17. Color yellow-orange
18. Shape oval
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S - seemed to be flare
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions CAVU - 10 miles
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Figs (2) showing yellow orange flame-like oval
25. Manner of disappearance faded into horizon
26. Remarks: (over)

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A yellow-orange object which had the appearance of a flare was observed some six miles from Smyrna AAF between the west and northwest just above the horizon and moving directly away from Smyrna. The speed was estimated as slow since the object remained visible some forty-five minutes. It gradually faded away disappearing into the horizon. No exhaust trail was seen and no sound was heard.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 105

1. Date **8 Mar 48**
2. Time **1100**
3. Location **Belmont, N. C.**
4. Name of observer **Mr. A. C. Morrison**
5. Occupation of observer **Supt. Meter Dept, Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.**
6. Address of observer **Charlotte, N. C. (Duke Power Co.)**
7. Place of observation **Belmont, N. C. (Sighted from ground)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **about 10 seconds**
11. Altitude **N/S - could not be estimated**
12. Speed **Around 600 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **Easterly**
14. Tactics **None - moved in straight line at constant speed without change in altitude or direction**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **From a distance - that of a small coin**
17. Color **bright or silver - looked metallic**
18. Shape **round or sphere (unable to determine which)**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **Metallic**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with scattered white clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **behind small white cloud**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

A round metallic-appearing object moving very rapidly at an estimated speed of 600 MPH was observed near Belmont, N. C., at approx 1100 the morning of 8 Mar 48. The weather was clear with excellent visibility with a few small scattered fleecy white clouds. It could not be determined if the object were a disc or sphere. Its apparent size was that of a small coin of a bright or silver color. It reflected the sun maintaining a steady reflection which did not flicker. The object which was under observation for some 10 seconds was on an easterly heading and moved in a straight line at a constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction. It was impossible to determine the altitude but it was moving above the clouds. No sound of any kind was heard nor was any exhaust trail observed.

NOTE: Witness (Mr Morrison) is a man of excellent character and reputation, a first-grade engineer and employee of Duke Power Co for some 30 years. He impressed the agent as being conservative and sound and is a technical man with a very technical and responsible position.

Mr. Morrison was careful in his statements. He does not claim he saw the "flying disc", merely ~~saying~~ claiming that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. It resembled "a round metallic appearing object moving very rapidly."

Witnesses: Mr. Hendrix, assistant Superintendent, Meter Dept
Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. G. W. Jordan, Gastonia Electric Co.,
Gastonia, N. C.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 March 1948 Incident # 106
2. Time 1610 - 1655
3. Location Bakersfield, California
4. Name of observer George L. Buchner
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Bakersfield, California
7. Place of observation From ground, southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, Calif.
8. Number of objects Two
9. Distance of object from observer 10 - 12 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Earthward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Seemingly on fire, black and red smoke trailing behind
18. Shape Similar to falling aircraft
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Brownish-white smoke and debris trailing
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to the view
26. Remarks: Comments of G. L. Buckner and other witnesses to this sighting contained in attached supplement.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

LAFDA-3/1208-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

Mar 11, 1948

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE
Air Intelligence Requirements Branch

1. Incident reported on 9 March 1948, this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt A. M. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Bakersfield, California.

a. Observation by Mr. (George L) Les Buchner, Bakersfield, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 5 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and debris trailing. Observation made at Bakersfield with objects sighted southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, California.

b. Observation by Mr. Denio, employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Bakersfield, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source north of Bakersfield, California, 8 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

2. Informant Larsen stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate these reported objects without success.

3. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

/s/ Donald L. Springer
DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AC of S, A-2

Information to:
ADC, Mitchel Fld, N.Y.
FBI, San Francisco
G-2, Sixth Army
DIO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA-3/1208-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Information from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California, revealed that numerous calls from residents in Bakersfield concerning peculiar objects in the sky over Bakersfield, predicated an investigation by their office and contact with A-2 Headquarters Fourth Air Force.

104 On 13th March 1948, two informants, Mr. George L. Buchner, and Mr. H. B. Nix, stated that they observed a flying object which appeared to be consumed in fire, and left a brownish-white plume of smoke, which suddenly stopped and disappeared. Seconds later, what appeared to be a parachute, was seen to be drifting to the east.

The object, as described, appeared to be a burning fabric airplane, consumed in smoke. Observations were made in Bakersfield of object to the south and southwest, approximately ten to twelve miles distance, around 1600 hours on 5 March 1948.

108 On 13th March 1948, informant, Mr. H. B. Nix, stated that he observed an object at 0830, 8 March 1948, due north of Bakersfield, approximately five miles distance. The object was a large, orange-red ball of fire, somewhat larger than a small airplane, appeared to remain static for approximately thirty seconds, then split and continued to burn; each visible as a burning half. A parachute, with a black object hanging was then observed to fall, drift to the east and disappeared into the hills east of Bakersfield.

109 On 13th March 1948, two informants, Mrs. Callie R. Mason, secretary, Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, and Dr. J. E. Johnson, dentist Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, stated that they were in Room 518, Haberfelde Building, on the morning of 9 March 1948. Mrs. Mason was a patient of Dr. Johnson. Both informants stated that they observed a flaming object which appeared at first to be a very small airplane. Orange red flames seemed to envelope the object with considerable black smoke trailing in a zigzag manner for approximately 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The object was observed at 1,000 feet, approximately due north of Bakersfield, seven to ten miles distant at approximately 0830 hours.

Informants further stated that the object disappeared behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to their view, and was near the ground. Both informants watched for an explosion, thinking that it would explode upon reaching the ground, but nothing unusual was noted.

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A-2 COMMENT:

Although there is no evidence to substantiate the following, it is the opinion of this headquarters that this activity could be attributed to marker fires. Any further developments, or evidence obtained, will be forwarded this headquarters from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 March 1948 Incident # 107
2. Time N/S
3. Location Bakersfield, California
4. Name of observer Mr. Denio
5. Occupation of observer Pacific General Electric Company employee
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Sighted from ground
8. Number of objects Two
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Earthward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color One object seemingly afire, red and black smoke trailing
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance ~~N/S~~ Fell to earth
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 108

1. Date 8 March 1948
2. Time 0830
3. Location Bakersfield, California
4. Name of observer H. B. Nix
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Sighted from ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 5 miles
10. Time in sight Approx. 30 seconds before splitting and burning
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Static for approx 30 seconds, and then drifting
13. Direction of flight eastward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Larger than a small airplane
17. Color Orange-red ball of fire
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Drifted to the east into the hills east of Bakersfield
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #109

1. Date 9 March 1948
2. Time 0830
3. Location Bakersfield, California
4. Name of observers J.E. Johnson and Mrs. Callie R. Mason
5. Occupation of observer J.E. Johnson, Dentist, Mrs. Mason, Secretary
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation 5th Floor of business building
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 7 - 10 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 1000 feet
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Due north of Bakersfield
14. Tactics Zig-zaging
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Appearance of a very small airplane
17. Color Orange-red flame
18. Shape Appearance of a very small airplane
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Considerable black smoke trailing for 4000 to 5000 feet
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 110

1. Date: 23 March 1948
2. Time 0300 - 0500
3. Location Baltimore (Hamilton) Maryland
4. Name of observer Identity confidential
5. Occupation of observer Active in American Union activities
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation N/S
8. Number of objects Undetermined
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Not sighted
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Motor drone of foreign type aircraft
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See Supplement

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Incident # 110

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
Andrews Field
Washington 20, D. C.

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SAC 350 (29 Mar 48)

29 March 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Aerial Sounds.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
Attention: Director of Intelligence

1. The following is quoted from a copy of a letter, Baltimore Office, FBI, addressed to the Director of Intelligence, Second Army:

"On March 23, 1948, an individual, who desired that her identity be kept confidential, telephonically communicated with this office and indicated that she is the wife of a former member of the United States military forces, and that she is presently active in American Legion activities, but was emphatic in stating that she was in no way hysterical or unduly apprehensive regarding present world conditions. She did, however, wish to bring to the attention of the proper authorities that during the past six or eight weeks, on a number of occasions between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 A.M., she has heard peculiar sounding noises in the sky, which appear to come from airplanes in the distance, but the sound is not the type of airplane motor drone which is generally heard from American planes. She has discussed the matter with her husband, and he believes that the sound is more like that of a foreign type airplane. She recently discussed this matter with an unidentified woman who lives in her neighborhood, which is Hamilton, Baltimore, Maryland, and this woman stated that she, too, had heard the noise in question, and that her husband is also an ex-G.I. and he has stated that the motors sounded like that of foreign planes."

2. No action is contemplated by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

c/c furnished CG,
AMC, Attn: MCI.

ALAN MARCEAU
CWO, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 111

1. Date 1 April 1948
2. Time 0955
3. Location $124^{\circ} 3'$ East, $12^{\circ}, 52'$ North
4. Name of observer 1st Lt. Meyers (Robert W.)
5. Occupation of observer P-47 Pilot
6. Address of observer 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Group
7. Place of observation Philippine Islands - Sighted from air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 3 miles
10. Time in sight Approximately 60 seconds
11. Altitude 1000 feet
12. Speed 200 mph (disappeared in 5 seconds, indicating great acceleration)
13. Direction of flight 270°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size Estimated - wing-span 30 feet, length 20 feet
17. Color Silver
18. Shape A half moon closely resembling a flying wing type acft; turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None observed
22. Weather conditions Scattered cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Object leveled out on heading of 270° , accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight
26. Remarks:
See attached supplement

[Handwritten signature and date]

HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 719

B-2/am

8 April 1948

AG 452.1

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft
and/or Flying Object.

TO : Commanding General,
Far East Air Forces,
APO 925,
U. S. Army.
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

1. In compliance with "Intelligence Requirements - Un-identified Aircraft" and letters, your headquarters, AG 452.1 A-2, 3 November 1947 and AG 452.1 A-2, 20 March 1948, the following incident is reported.

2. At 1630 hours on 1 April 1948, the S-2 officer of the 18th Fighter Group contacted the A-2 Division, this headquarters, and reported that 1st Lt. Robert W. Meyers had sighted an unidentified flying object. His story is as follows.

3. On 1 April, at 0955, 1st Lt. Meyers was leading a flight of four (4) P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180 degrees, altitude 1500 feet, position 124 degrees 3 minutes east and 12 degrees 52 minutes north, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1000 feet, heading of 360 degrees. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half moon what appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible, the span of the object estimated to be thirty feet, length twenty feet and silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt. Meyers immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify this phenomena. While Meyers was making a 240 degree turn, the unidentified object made a 90 degree left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270 degrees, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately five seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet.

a. Because of the distance from which the sighting was made, no distinguishing features i.e. power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

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B-2, AG 452.1, Subject: "Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object."

cockpit were observed.

b. The interview with Lt. Meyers indicated that he is a reliable, non-excitabile individual and appeared quite positive in his statements. It must be taken into consideration however that he was the only witness to this incident, as he was unable to call the object to the attention of his three wing-men because of their maneuvering in the turn, plus the fact that his radio was out.

3. Above incident reported your headquarters, 2 April 1948, in radio, cite K1213H.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ Robert F. DeLong
ROBERT F. DE LONG
1st Lt., USAF
Acting Asst Adjutant General

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 13th AF, APO 719, Subj: "Rpt of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object," dtd 8 Apr 48.

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15 April 1948

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: CMI

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters United States Air Force, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'" dated 26 February 1948.

2. Evaluation of sighting described in basic communication by this headquarters is that in view of the circumstances surrounding the incident, the object was probably a bird.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ C. N. Stewart
C. N. STEWART
Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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IN 090359Z

April 1948

P R I O R I T Y

FROM: CINCFE TYKYO JAPAN 080731Z.

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC FOR CSGID, COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB
DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCI RPT MCI

INFO: COMGENFEAF

IN REPLY CITE: CX 59769

Report control is A-1917. Pilot, 13 Air Force, at 0955, 1 April 48, Flying P-47 Aircraft heading 180 degrees altitude 1500 feet indicated at 124 degrees 3 minutes East, 12 degrees 52 minutes North, weather scattered CFMULUS Rpt CUMULES. 3/10 base three thousand, top 600 visibility unlimited sighted flying object proximately 3 miles East 1A heading 360, altitude estimated one thousand feet below him. Unidentified object estimated speed at time of sighting 200 miles per hour. Pilot turned left attempting to intercept unidentified flying object for more positive identification. At this time flying object made a turn of 90 degrees left, leveled out and accelerated disappearing in approximately 5 seconds. Described as having a turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin. The shape of the object was that of a half moon closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, estimated wing span 30 feet, estimated length 20 feet, color silver, no rpt no exhaust trail was observed. Five seconds elapsed time for disappearing would indicate exceedingly high speed and great acceleration. Reporting officer is considered sincere and non-excitable type and firmly believes he sighted object. A report will be forwarded upon completion of an investigation of this incident.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112

1. Date 8 Apr 48
2. Time 1400 - 1430
3. Location Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Miss Winifred Paines - Mrs. Bertha Slack
5. Occupation of observer Miss Paines: Asst Bank Cashier; Mrs. Slack: housekeeper
6. Address of observer 227 W High St., Ashley, O.
7. Place of observation Ashley, Ohio (ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer "Quite a distance"
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Could not estimate
12. Speed slow-moving
13. Direction of flight Southwest
14. Tactics No maneuvers
15. Sound N/S
16. Size undetermined
17. Color silver
18. Shape Oblong, long and narrow - like silver streak
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds near object
23. Effect on clouds N/S - no clouds near object
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness thought she heard plane which appeared to be flying low and making an unusual amount of noise. Could not locate the plane but did see an object oblong in shape and long and narrow which had the appearance of a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and moving slowly and steadily in a southwesterly direction parallel to the ground and without changing direction. Altitude and size were not estimated.

Note: See Incident #112a in which the plane was perceived flying low.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112a

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 11:00 - 11:30
3. Location Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. Melah Stephens
5. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
6. Address of observer 226 West High Street, Ashley, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight approximately five minutes
11. Altitude Quite high
12. Speed Slow - drifting
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Smaller than the airplane that was in view at the time
17. Color Opalescent - like mother of pearl
18. Shape Long cylindrical body, like a stick of firewood
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, few clouds in sky but none around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A plane, which sounded as if it were flying low since there was an exceptionally loud roaring noise, first attracted the attention

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of this witness. She observed a large airplane, heading south, and about the same time also observed a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. Witness first thought it was sky writing, as it looked like a streak; but later it became clearly outlined, appearing to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. With the sun shining on it, it appeared opalescent, like mother of pearl. The object was much higher, and quite a bit smaller than, the airplane, but drifted slowly along after the airplane disappeared. It may have been drifting with the wind.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112b

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Slow
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Very large - about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Cylindrical, with vapor around the top
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: At 1430 Mrs. J. B. Stephenson's attention was attracted from her window by an object of unusual shape in the sky. Upon going outside

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to get a better view it appeared very white, with no shadows at all, was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around the top. When first seen, it appeared to be leaning at an angle, and then right itself and move along "perpendicular" to the ground. It appeared not to be moving at first, but upon a closer look it was seen moving slowly in a southwesterly direction, without sound or maneuverings, and remaining at the same altitude. The weather was clear, and no exhaust trails were seen. The object seemed very large, about the size of a full moon in height, but much smaller in width. Since there was nothing to compare it with, she could not be sure of the size. No statement was made as to whether or not witness heard an airplane.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112c

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Rev. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 93 N. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Slow
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not Stated
17. Color White
18. Shape Verticle, larger at the bottom and narrow at the top
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: witness first thought that object was a plane on fire, as it was surrounded by a vaporous substance. A plane was heard, and

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it seemed low and made a great deal of noise. After a few seconds' study object became clearly outlined and looked similar to a vertical cylinder, large at the bottom and narrow at the top, with streamers or streaks of vapor attached. It gave the appearance of a white cloud, but did not behave as a cloud. It retained its shape and maintained a steady movement on a straight course against the wind. The Delaware airport was alerted for its appearance, but after a half hour it had not been sighted there.

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Incident # 112d

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. John Bergen
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound ~~xxxx~~ Could not be determined
16. Size N/S
17. Color White
18. Shape Spherical "blob" with streaks above it
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness heard planes prior to the sighting, but doesn't know whether or not they had any connection with the object.

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The object was clearly outlined, but did not look like a balloon. The Perkins Observatory was alerted but was unable to sight the object.

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Incident # 112e

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Rev. John H. Bergen
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer Not determined
10. Time in sight Ten minutes
11. Altitude Several thousand feet
12. Speed Not too fast
13. Direction of flight Almost due west into the wind
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not less than 5 feet in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Spherical, with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared from view behind the trees
26. Remarks: This object appeared like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The size could not be determined,

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since witness could not tell whether it was a small object near him or a large object far away. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. It was not stated that the sound of a plane was heard.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112f

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 11:30
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. H. S. Kirkpatrick
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 107 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Steady - not too fast
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size It was not large enough for a person to be inside
17. Color white - about the color of a fleecy cloud
18. Shape Spherical - was what larger at top with a protruding end underneath
19. Color detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, blue sky, sunny
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness heard, but did not see airplane, and saw instead a white object, spherical in shape, larger at the top with a protruding

end underneath. It was clearly outlined and maintained the same shape as it moved along, steadily, and at the same altitude. Robert Cochran, son of the witness, who is in the Merchant Marine, thought the object very unusual. He said it was in the shape of a rainspout.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 113

1. Date 9 April 1948
2. Time 1510
3. Location Montgomery, Alabama
4. Name of observer Robert B. Hughes, Lt. Colonel, USAF
5. Occupation of observer Pilot
6. Address of observer Tactics Div., Air Tactical School, Tyndall AF Base
7. Place of observation From the air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Five seconds
11. Altitude Approximately 16000 feet
12. Speed In excess of the viewer's 310 mph air speed
13. Direction of flight Northwest
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size Top part eight feet diameter
17. Color Silver
18. Shape Had the appearance of a parachute carrying a large canister or ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, visibility and ceiling unlimited
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs - Sketch (trip)
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Lt. Col Robert B. Hughes first sighted the object before completing an 180° left turn over the town of Montgomery, Alabama.

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The object, sighted at ten o'clock off his left wing, appeared to be a silver disc. He immediately completed a sharp bank to the left and was able to get a better look at the object, and described it as follows:

"Top part of the object approximately eight feet in diameter, silver in color, had the appearance of a parachute. Attached to the bottom of this had been a dark cable or shroud which appeared to be approximately five feet long. Suspended upon the cable had been a large canister or ball (Colonel Hughes could not discern which) also silver in color. This canister or ball had the appearance of being slightly to the rear of the top part of the object. The overall appearance of the object, looked something similar to the parachute and canister containing photographic testing equipment dropped from a V-2 rocket."

At the time he lost sight of the object, Hughes' aircraft had been indicating 310 miles per hour air speed, and the object had appeared to fly away from him on a horizontal plane rather than a vertical decline.

A sketch of the object is attached.

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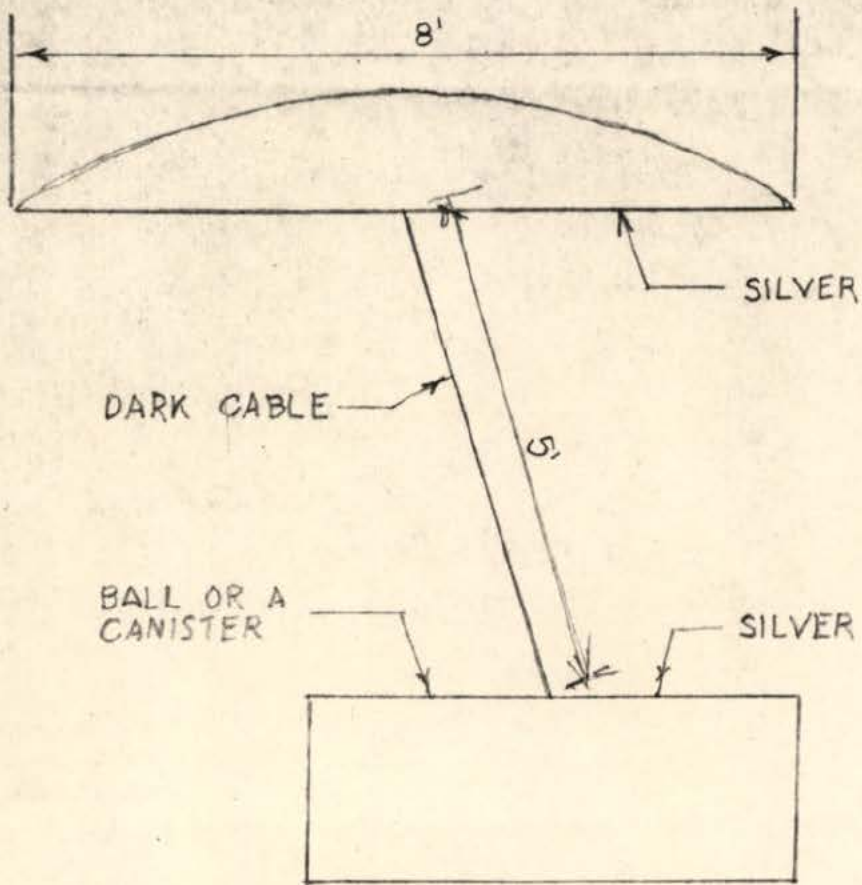


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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 18 Apr 48 Incident # 114
2. Time 1306 hours
3. Location Approx 1 mile north of Fairbanks, Alaska
4. Name of observer Lt Aytch Johnson
5. Occupation of observer 1st Lt (discharged f/USAF as per authority
Para 1, SO. 60 dated 28 May 48) (see)
6. Address of observer Ft Worth, Texas
7. Place of observation Over city of Fairbanks, Alaska
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight few minutes
11. Altitude 2000-3000 ft
12. Speed 250-300 miles (traveled 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds)
13. Direction of flight Northeast toward southwest
14. Tactics Oscillated from horizontal plane
(rapid speed)
15. Sound No sound
16. Size 8" in diameter
17. Color silvery
18. Shape round and flat
19. Odor detected N,S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails no trails of any kind
22. Weather conditions Weather clear and visibility un
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Object observed at altitude of about 2000-3000 on NE-SW heading. It appeared to be some 8 inches in diameter and gave off a silvery brilliant reflection. It oscillated from a horizontal plane to a vertical plane at a very rapid pace. Estimated speed: about 250-300 MPH -(traveled some 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds) No sound could be heard nor were there any trails of any kind.

NOTE: This sighting may have been the reflection of sun from wings of these aircraft. At the approximate time of the sighting a number of aircraft were flying in the local area.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 19 Apr 48 Incident #115
2. Time 1615
3. Location Over Greenville AF Base, Greenville, S. C.
4. Name of observer s 1st Lt Francis W. Hennin, Jr.
& 1st Lt Robert G. Loomis, USAF
5. Occupation of observer Both attached to Liaison sq. Greenville
6. Address of observer s Greenville AF Base, Greenville, S. C.
7. Place of observation Greenville AF Base
8. Number of objects ~~2~~ 3 - 1 at first, ¹ 2 later
9. Distance of object from observer 15,000 to 20,000 ft overhead
10. Time in sight 2 minutes
11. Altitude 15,000 to 20,000 ft
12. Speed Undetermined. Stationary, then rapidly accelerating and climbing
13. Direction of flight North
14. Tactics Hovering then acceleration and climbing
Observed trail formation
15. Sound none audible (?) - states: Witnesses were attracted by sound of fighter aircraft in vicinity.
(no mention made of these)
16. Size undetermined
17. Color white
18. Shape elliptical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails No exhaust or condensation trail
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs 2
25. Manner of disappearance in distance
26. Remarks: (over)

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Witnesses were attracted by sound of fighter aircraft in vicinity. They started searching the sky for the aircraft and sighted the objects. When first sighted, the witnesses thought the objects might be weather balloons. However, when they accelerated so rapidly in a northerly heading, they determined the objects could not be balloons. They were in a trail formation on a North-South line, and moved so rapidly they were out of sight within a few seconds. From original sighting in the stationary position to their disappearance, a period of approximately two (2) minutes elapsed, of which the objects were in a stationary position for approximately one (1) minute.

NOTE: Wind at 20,000 ft from 340° at 10 knots per hour (1230 EST Rpt)
Wind at 20,000 ft 32° at 13 knots per hour * (1830 EST Rpt)

NOTE: Nearest weather station releasing balloons is Spartanburg, S. C.
One black balloon was released at 1230 EST.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 116

1. Date 11 Mar 48
2. Time night
3. Location Near shores of James Bay,
4. Name of observer V. J. Pratt
5. Occupation of observer Employe of Hudson Bay Co.
6. Address of observer Moose Factory
7. Place of observation Moose Factory, Canaca
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed meteoric
13. Direction of flight earthward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound No noise
16. Size size of ~~football~~ football
17. Color ~~N/S~~ Blue flame
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction meteor
21. Exhaust trails ~~strange light~~ N/S
22. Weather conditions Night
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance exploded
26. Remarks: (over)

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A big ball of blue flame, seemingly the size of a football streaked out of the sky and exploded near this Northern Ontario community (Moose Factory) near the shores of James Bay. The explosion lit up the entire area brighter than daylight, the whole ball disappeared and a second later a streak of orange light shot upward from where the ball was last seen. The orange streak was gone within a second. Witnesses heard no noise of any kind.

NOTE: This ties up with earlier reports from Cochran, 150 miles south of Moose Jaw where several citizens reported seeing what they thought to be a meteor around 11.40 P. M. EST Thurs.

One witness (a Mrs. Charles Giles) said that the object plunged downward like a spent rocket in the northern sky. She described it as about the size of a full moon which gave the appearance of disintegration as it fell.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 7 May 48 Incident # ~~116~~ 117
2. Time 1500 to 1700
3. Location Memphis, Tenn.
4. Name of observer Miss Jean Bray, Housekeeper et ~~al~~ al (see other side)
5. Occupation of observer Housekeeper
6. Address of observer 253 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
7. Place of observation Memphis, Tenn.
8. Number of objects 50 or 60
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude extremely high
12. Speed faster than any aircraft witnesses had ever seen
13. Direction of flight easterly
14. Tactics Most traveled in straight line altho some of them zig-zagged.
15. Sound None
16. Size Very small
17. Color shiny - like bright aluminum
18. Shape unknown - possibly like meteor
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Some objects seemed to have a silvery tail which might have been exhaust
22. Weather conditions CAVU, wind: 330 to 340°, 15 MPH at surface increasing to 66 MPH at 20,000; Surface temp: 72°; dew point 43° relative humidity 40%
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Fifty to 60 shiny objects were seen moving at a speed faster than any known aircraft on an Easterly heading at an extremely high altitude. For the most part these objects traveled in a straight line altho some of them zig-zagged slightly. No sound was heard. Some objects seemed to have a silvery tail which might have been exhaust. These objects could not have been weather balloons as only one balloon was released by the Memphis Weather Bureau that day.

NOTE: Witnesses thought they had seen a meteor; however subsequent investigation seemed to preclude this possibility. See Supp II to Trip Report to Memphis - Visit with Dr. Paul Herget of the Observatory of Cincinnati, Ohio, in which Dr. Herget expressed serious doubt that the 50 or more objects observed 7 May 48 in Memphis were meteors. He, was, however unable to offer any explanation as to a possible identification of the objects.

Dr. Hynak of OSU and Dr. Lincoln LaPaz are to be consulted about the possibility of ~~them~~ these being a meteor shower.

Witness of this incident were: Mr. F. J. Kaiser, salesman
251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis

Mrs F. J. Kaiser, housewife
251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 118

1. Date 28 Mar 48
2. Time 1630 hours
3. Location Berlin Lichtenrade, Kirchbachstrasse 2
4. Name of observer Dr Ormans,
5. Occupation of observer Former guided missile expert at Exeinmetall Borsig
6. Address of observer Berlin Lichtenrade, Kirchbachstrasse 2
7. Place of observation As above
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 14 kilometers
12. Speed rather fast
13. Direction of flight South to North
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound No sound reported
16. Size "white point"
17. Color White
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails No exhaust trail reported
22. Weather conditions clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Dr Ormans, former Guided Missile expert at Exeinmetall, Borsig mentioned that he sighted 1 white point moving from South to North at an approx height of 14 kilometers, speed undetermined, rather fast, no rpt of sound, and no report of exhaust trail.

WITNESSES: Dr and Mrs. Ormans.
No photographs available.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 119
1. Date 20 Feb 48
 2. Time 0700 hours
 3. Location Asuncion, Paraguay
 4. Name of observer Mrs. Agustina Vargas de Paula
 5. Occupation of observer N/S
 6. Address of observer resident of Asuncion (southern part of city)
 7. Place of observation Asuncion
 8. Number of objects 1
 9. Distance of object from observer N/S
 10. Time in sight N/S
 11. Altitude N/S
 12. Speed N/S
 13. Direction of flight west to east
 14. Tactics N/S
 15. Sound N/S
 16. Size N/S
 17. Color N/S
 18. Shape oval
 19. Odor detected N/S
 20. Apparent construction N/S
 21. Exhaust trails highly colored wake
 22. Weather conditions N/S
 23. Effect on clouds N/S
 24. Sketches or photographs None
 25. Manner of disappearance N/S
 26. Remarks: (over)

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At approx 0700 hours 20 Feb 48 witness saw object of oval shape traveling thru space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately 3 feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow and orange colors and it had a highly colored wake.

Statements from a local newspaper "La Tribuna" which has interviewed several people claiming to have seen the saucers.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 119a

1. Date 20 Feb 48
2. Time 0700
3. Location Aregua - 10 miles east of Asuncion
4. Name of observer "withheld"
5. Occupation of observer employee of Bank of Paraguay
6. Address of observer Bank of Paraguay
7. Place of observation ~~N/S - [REDACTED]~~ in Aregua
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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An employee of the Bank of Paraguay declared that in Aregua, 10 miles east of Asuncion on 20 Feb 48 at 0700 hours an object which he judged to be a meteor crossed the sky from west to east. Many other people also saw this object. Its form was oval and it had various colors and all agreed that it was a meteor. Later, inhabitants of Cicervo Gua claimed to have seen a "star" fall in one of the hills some distance to the east of Aregua

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 20 Feb 48 Incident # 119b
2. Time 0700
3. Location, Villa Hayes (10 miles NNE of Asuncion)
4. Name of observer ~~is~~ Rancher and laborers
5. Occupation of observer Rancher.
6. Address of observer in the "Chaco"
7. Place of observation Ranch house in neighborhood of Villa Hayes
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 1,000 ft
12. Speed less than that of a plane
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape disc
19. Oder detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S - gave off an intense green color
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Perceived a disc giving off an intense green color. Witness reports that the object traveled from west to east at a speed less than that of a plane and at an altitude of approx 1000 ft. Along its edges it gave off an aureola with the color green predominant.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date N/S - around 7 Feb 48 Incident # 120
2. Time N/S
3. Location Vejle, Denmark
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer field laborers
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Gadbjerg (near Vejle)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 200 meters altitude
10. Time in sight ~~N/S~~ 3 seconds
11. Altitude 200 meters altitude
12. Speed high speed
13. Direction of flight SE to NW
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color shining
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (Over)

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Three men working in a field in Gadbjerg (near Vejle) Denmark, have observed a shining object which moved at high speed over the sky from southeast to northwest at about 200 meters altitude. It remained visible for three seconds.

NA COMMENT: No verification received of the above. Evaluation P-6

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 121

1. Date 9 January 1948
2. Time 2330
3. Location Cartersville, Georgia, 34° 10' N, 84° 49' W
4. Name of observer Hugh DuBose
5. Occupation of observer Pilot (EAL)
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 3000 feet
12. Speed 400 mph
13. Direction of flight 175° M
14. Tactics None
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Light, sky-blue
18. Shape Circular, except for the top quarter which was flat, pot-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance 10° below the horizon
26. Remarks: When object crossed the path of the witness all that could be observed was an intense blue flame, in a shape circular except for

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the top quarter which was flat, pot-shaped. The witness states that the object definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a wingless missile. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame sputtered and turned immediately earthward. The flame then died altogether but nothing was seen hitting the ground. Witness states that the flame was not of the long trailing type, but rather gave the impression that you were looking down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame and further stated that his connections with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked the same as the "Buzz Bombs" chased by those RAF pilots at night. Arthur Porter, purser on this flight 9 January 48, also saw the object, the flame only, but can give no further evidence for its identification.

Mr. DuBose stated on April 29 that seventy-five cattle had died of an unknown disease on the farm of a Mr. Gordy at Newman, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between the unidentified object he reported and this unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Atlanta Office of the Animal Industry Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year and other cases repeated elsewhere in the country for some time back. There apparently remains no basis for connection between the object Mr. DuBose reports and the death of seventy-five cattle at Newman, Georgia.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 122

1. Date 5 April 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Olsen
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed Faster than any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics Erratic - completing a large loop after its downward descent, then soaring upward and disappearing suddenly
15. Sound None
16. Size Large
17. Color Grey-white
18. Shape Rounded, indistinct form
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V.U.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: This was evidently the one object, of two sighted by another witness, that veered to the right and down. Its vaguely

defined form gave the appearance of a large object at a great distance. The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112a and 112b.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 122 a

1. Date 5 April 1948
2. Time Afternoon
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Johnson
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed Tremendous
13. Direction of flight West
14. Tactics Object made three vertical loops, upon completion of which it
it disappeared in a large arc to the west
15. Sound None
16. Size Considering the moon the size of an orange, the object was the
size of a dime
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Bore some resemblance to, but definitely not, a balloon
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: Presumably Mr. Johnson saw the object that did not veer
to the right. (See Incident #112 b) He stated that it was absolutely

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silent on the desert that afternoon and that no audible noise was heard from the object. Neither was any signal nor atmospheric noise heard on the 400-meter receiver to which he was listening at the time. He further stated that the wind at high altitude that day was very calm being only 10 to 15 miles an hour from the west at 65,000 feet.

The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112 and 112b.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 122 b

1. Date 5 April 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Chance
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects Two
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed Very high, faster than any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight 1 straight up, 1 disappeared in the west
First one veered to the right, started down and was lost to view.
14. Tactics Second one made arc into the west at a terrific speed and
disappear suddenly.
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Golden hue
18. Shape Had appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly
rounded and slightly concave on top
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: Mr. Chance was the only one of the three witnesses who
saw two objects. When he first perceived them, they were going

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straight up then one veered to the right, started down, and was lost to view. Directing his attention to the other object, Mr. Chance saw it arc into the west at a terrific speed and disappear suddenly. Mr. Chance described the object as being of a golden hue, rather indistinct in outline and possessing somewhat the appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly rounded and slightly concave on top.

The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112 and 112a.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 11 April 1948 Incident # 123
2. Time 2330
3. Location 4 miles north of Alton, Illinois
4. Name of observer Col W. F. Siegmund
5. Occupation of observer Former Commandant of the Air Base at Kearns, Utah
and at present sales manager for Weestern Cartridge, Co., Alton.
6. Address of observer Weestern Cartridge, Co., Alton, Ill.
7. Place of observation 4 miles north of Alton, Ill - ground
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics "flapped its wings"
15. Sound N/S
16. Size "bigger than an airplane"
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Resembled a huge fowl and not a type of aircraft
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Col Siegmund said he observed the creature at about
11:30 A. M. 11 Apr 48, while riding four miles north of Alton, Ill

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Siegmund said he didn't see any flapping of wings but he was sure it was a huge fowl and not a type of aircraft. He was riding with a companion, Col. Ralph Jackson, Head of Western Military Academy, at the time. Jackson, however, was talking to a farmer and didn't see it. Siegmund said he didn't mention it to him as it seemed too incredible.

Note: A child, James Traves, age 12, said he saw the bird flying over his home in suburban Glendale, Mo., some 3 months previous.

The Belvidere report quoted a Robert Price and Veryl Babb as saying the bird was "bigger than an airplane" and flapped its wings.

RELIABILITY: Impossible to evaluate.
Col Siegmund was never questioned but some sort of investigation obviously should be made in lieu of the fact that he was once commandant of the Air Base at Kearns.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 124

1. Date 18 April 1948
2. Time 1500 GCT
3. Location North Atlantic, 62°00'N 33°00'W
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer Weather station patrol
6. Address of observer First Coast Guard District
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 6500 yards - 18000 yards
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed 30 mph
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V.U.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Target strength was S5 fading at 18,000 yards
26. Remarks: This incident is the result of a radar sighting. Copy is also filed in radar sighting file.

This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 GCT on 18 April 48. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 m.p.h. The area in which the target was contacted was thoroughly search visually and there were no clouds nor weather fronts in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was S5 fading at 18,000 yards.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 125

1. Date 2 May 1948
2. Time Night
3. Location St. Louis, Missouri, 40°00'N 90°15'W
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Phosphorescent after dark
18. Shape Bird
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See Incident #123

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 126

1. Date 30 April 1948
2. Time 1015
3. Location Anacostia, Naval Air Station, 38°52'N, 77°00'W
4. Name of observer Marcus L. Lowe
5. Occupation of observer Lt Commander, US Navy
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer One mile
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 4500 feet
12. Speed 100 m.p.h.
13. Direction of flight 360° N
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 25 - 40 ft diameter
17. Color Yellow (light colored)
18. Shape Sphere
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: The object appeared to the pilot to be a yellow (or light colored) balloon, and attracted attention principally because

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of its flight path. No external fittings or attachments were observed on the object. The speed of the object was estimated at about 100 m.p.h. The flight of the object was in approximately a south to north direction, despite upper winds from north northwest, and apparently followed a constant altitude. Pilot did not pursue object further because it was entering the prohibited flying area, U.S. Capitol, White House Area.

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Incident # 127

1. Date 7 May 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Lake Doiran, along the Yugoslav-Greek frontier
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 3000 feet
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight 180°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Like artillery shell (shrill whine)
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Flying disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A press dispatch quoted residents of the Lake Doiran area along the Yugoslav-Greek frontier as saying they saw a "flying

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disc". It was described as speeding southward from Yugoslavia at a height of about 3,000 feet, making a noise like an artillery shell.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 May 1948 Incident # 128
2. Time Night
3. Location (Hobson) Middleport, Ohio, 30° 00' N, 82° 03' W
4. Name of observer Ben Rupe
5. Occupation of observer New York Central System Car Inspector
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects N/S
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 6 - 8 miles
12. Speed Great amount of speed
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 9" diameter from ground level
17. Color Phosphorescent
18. Shape Round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Phosphorescent trail in sky
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: The above covers sighting of same objects by Earl Roush, New York Central System Car Inspector; Bob White, New York Central

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ward Clerk; and C. K. Hite, New York Central Patrolman. Patrolman Hite stated in addition that his attention was called to these objects by Car Inspector Ben Rupe. Upon observing the sky Hite saw disc-shaped objects traveling from west to east in succession in the same path at about two-minute intervals. Now and then one would "hook back apparently in the same path whence it had come." Occasionally one seemed to burst and disintegrate. For a resemblance, Hite said "Take a large clock face, cover it with radium, and sail it through the air."

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 129

1. Date 31 May 1948
2. Time 1320
3. Location Wilmington, North Carolina, 34° 14' N, 77° 51' W
4. Name of observer Mrs. H. D. Alspach
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer 709 South 6th
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Awfully high
12. Speed Fast
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics None
15. Sound N/S
16. Size As large as an arm, and about 3 feet long
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Oblong
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Emitted smoke
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Mysterious sky object was sighted by Mrs. Alspach, her sister Mrs. Colvin, and Mrs. H.D. Hufham. It came at first at a fast

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speed from the direction of Bluethenthal Field at 1:20 p.m., over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west.

The local office of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Bluethenthal Field's station manager James Holomon, that object could have been a P-30 plane in flight. The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky there at the time.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #130

1. Date 17th May 1948
2. Time Night
3. Location Between Plevna and Miles City, Montana
4. Name of observer W. A. Bonneville
5. Occupation of observer Territory Mgr., B. F. Goodrich Company
6. Address of observer 415 W. Rosser Ave., Bismark, N. D.
7. Place of observation Ground, Route #212, West of Plevna, traveling west
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer At closest point, approx. 2500 feet
10. Time in sight Some twenty minutes
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Twice the speed of the Northwest Airlines planes
13. Direction of flight West, slightly south, then west
14. Tactics Performed arc
15. Sound None
16. Size Fairly large compared with an aircraft
17. Color White - (might have had slight bluish-white tinge)
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S - but apparently meteor-like
21. Exhaust trails A long bright light shooting from under it
22. Weather conditions Moonlight, but cloudy
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None - Map forwarded showing location of object
25. Manner of disappearance Flew in a dark cloud bank
26. Remarks: See Supplement

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

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415 W. Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, N. Dakota
June 18, 1948

Col W. R. Clingerman
U. S. Army Air Forces
Wright Field
Dayton, Ohio

Refer - MCIAXO-3

Dear Sir: -

In reply to your letter of June 15th in which there are several questions which you desire answered to the best of my ability - with reference to the object which I saw flying through the air between Plevna and Miles City Montana on the night of May 17th, I will answer them and give you a graphic description again with a little more elaboration than my previous letter - if that is possible.

Question: - Did the entire object appear to be glowing, or did it give the effect of carrying lights. Answer: This thing seemed to be a ball of bright white light - and I could not make out if it was being carried or just what made it go - however, it did disturb me quite a little because after stopping to view it at the Powder River Bridge I could not hear motors humming such as an aircraft in these parts might have, and I therefore tried to find out just what it was by the use of my field glasses.

(b) Question: - An estimate of the size of the object in comparison with some other known object. Answer - the size of the light which was very brilliant would indicate that it was fairly large compared with aircraft - and I would say that this exceedingly bright light which was one light and not several was as bright as the headlight on a locomotive, only about three times that bright and without direction. By this I mean that this light simply glowed very bright and was not a directed light.

(c) Question: - An estimate of the speed of the object in comparison with the jet type or conventional aircraft. Answer: This object flew at about twice the speed of any aircraft that Northwest Airlines planes fly - because it would appear coming through where I was traveling west on Highway #212 or #12 as we call it out here appearing only faintly first and then growing larger as it approached over the hills north of the highway - until it seemed to hang there off in the northwest of me brightly and then would turn south toward the highway where it became real bright and then would start back West again and fly out of sight. This thing did this several times - which actually got my goat - if I may put it that way. (d) Question: Did the object appear to be circling at random or did it follow a definite flight pattern. Answer: As I have explained before - the object appeared first when

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the West - then turning slightly South and turning in a big swing and then heading West again - flying out of sight into the dark black cloud bank out of sight - then reappearing, and it did this several times.

(e) Question: - Is it possible that its disappearance into a "heavy cloud bank" might have been caused by clouds obscuring reflected moonlight from a highly polished surface. Answer: - No - I have seen aircraft many times on moonlight nights - but this was not anything like that - this thing glowed brightly white light such as any real white brilliant light might. The moon was not bright enough to reflect polished light unless the craft might have been South of me in the direct light of the moon - which showed (the moon) from time to time through the clouds. This object was in the black section of the sky over to the North of me and slightly west, and was a steady oncoming light growing brighter as it came, and had the appearance of something carrying this light in the air - but without sound, and it certainly was close enough to me to have heard motors.

I thought it might have been some kind of a jet aircraft that I perhaps had never seen - because we as civilians know very little as to what might be going on in defense or experimental mechanics however I felt it my duty to report the thing regardless as to what it might have been. This was somewhat difficult for me to do because of the crackpot stories making the rounds in some sections about flying saucers etc., but for the life of me this had all the earmarks of just that kind of a deal.

I have traveled this road about which I have related this sighting many many times and at night Winter and Summer - and have never before in my life seen anything like this - so naturally I was somewhat alarmed about it, and have steadfastly kept the whole thing to myself. I will certainly be on the lookout for the damned thing the next trip I make through this same area which is generally after dark - because most of the time I work from Lemmon South Dakota or Hettinger North Dakota along this highway to Miles City which is about one days work with my Dealers. In times like these I feel as before stated anything of this nature which we are not familiar with we are duty bound to report to our Defense Forces who may be better equipped to understand the unfamiliar than we are.

Yours very truly,

W.A. BONNEVILLE - Territory Mgr
for the B. F. Goodrich Company

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Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

415 West Rosser Ave
Bismark, N. D.
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United States Army - Intelligence Div.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

On the night of May 17th at about 11:30 PM driving from Baker, Montana to Miles City Montana on U.S. Highway #12 just West of Plevna, Montana before getting to the hills I noticed a very bright object in the sky to the North-west. The sky was overcast in the West but to the South the moon could be seen at times - with a broken sky. Having traveled this same route for many years - about 15, I am pretty well used to open prairie road at night and can tell a star from an unusual object when I see it.

Northwest Airlines travel a Western route just North of this route also, but I stopped at the Powder River Bridge where the road dips considerably down from a high ridge - cut off my car motor and watched this object as it sailed around in the sky - which at times close and others seemed to speed away into the heavy cloud bank to the West and then later reappearing, at a very bright white light at what I would judge about not more than several miles away or closer. I carry a pair of field glasses with me, and after stopping the car engine watched this thing through my glasses, which seemed to appear as a small object with a long very bright light shooting from the under part of it. Because of the speed of the object and the darkness it was very difficult to make out what it might be, but I am sure that if I had had a more powerful glass I might have made it out.

I am perfectly sincere and do not drink so the foregoing is absolutely the truth. With some of this newspaper funabout flying saucers etc, this had all of the appearance of just that- and in stopping the car if this had been an aeroplane I would certainly have been able to hear the motors.

I stopped at a service station just before getting to the Powder River Bridge but they had all gone to bed so did not have anyone along with me to witness the object as it flew through the air. It stayed around this area for about 20 minutes and then flew off through the heavy cloud bank to the West.

I am enclosing a map showing the location of the foregoing.

Yours very truly,

The B. F. Goodrich Company

/s/ Wm. Bonneville
Territory Manager

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Date | 20 June 1948 |
| 2. Time | 2230 |
| 3. Location | Belleville, Illinois |
| 4. Name of observer | Lt Col Wm T. Hall |
| 5. Occupation of observer | Pilot, Supervisor of Flying Trng
Scott AF Base |
| 6. Address of observer | Scott AF Base, Belleville, Illinois |
| 7. Place of observation | (?) |
| 8. Number of objects | 1 |
| 9. Distance of object from observer | N/S |
| 10. Time in sight | N/S |
| 11. Altitude | Undetermined but below 6,000 ft |
| 12. Speed | Approx 500 MPH |
| 13. Direction of flight | 295° S of Base then 340° upon reaching
south end of Scott AF Base |
| 14. Tactics | Zigzag course |
| 15. Sound | None |
| 16. Size | Six or eight inches in diameter |
| 17. Color | White light |
| 18. Shape | Approx round |
| 19. Odor detected | N/S |
| 20. Apparent construction | N/S |
| 21. Exhaust trails | None |
| 22. Weather conditions | Complete overcast at 6,000 ft |
| 23. Effect on clouds | N/S |
| 24. Sketches or photographs | None |
| 25. Manner of disappearance | N/S |
| 26. Remarks | No aircraft flying in the vicinity
of Scott AF Base at the time light
was sighted |
| 27. Reappearance: | N/S |

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 20 June 1948
2. Time 2230
3. Location Belleville, Illinois
4. Name of observer Major Earl J. Harrington
5. Occupation of observer Pilot, Supervisor, Military Trng
6. Address of observer Scott AF Base, Belleville, Ill
7. Place of observation Belleville, Ill. (1) Ground (?)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Undetermined but below 6,000 ft.
12. Speed Approx 500 MPH
13. Direction of flight 295° S of Base then 340° upon reaching south end of Scott AF Base
14. Tactics zigzag course
15. Sound none
16. Size Six or eight inches in diameter
17. Color White light
18. Shape Approx round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Complete overcast at 6,000 ft.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks No aircraft flying in the vicinity of Scott AF Base at the time light was sighted.

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ALD 12199
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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date 12 Dec 1947
2. Time 2205 & 2208
3. Location Oslo, Norway
4. Name of observer Daughter to MA Kai E. Rasmussen, Col GSC
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Same as MA, Oslo, Norway
7. Place of observation Oslo, Norway (Ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Between two and three seconds
11. Altitude N/S (apparently traveling fairly close to ground or would be visible to more people)
12. Speed Not quite as fast as a meteor
13. Direction of flight SEE-SSE to NNE(?)
14. Tactics Performed arc of circle, curvature-very great
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color *Retained*
Luminous white with greenish-yellow tail
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction Meteor-like
21. Exhaust trails Greenish-yellow trail
22. Weather conditions No fog, sky clear and star-lit
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Trees obscured vision
26. Remarks: Office employee reports unusual no. of falling stars
night of 13 Dec.
Univ Observatory has no record of incident.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

INCIDENT 133

1. Date 20 - 26 Feb 48
2. Time Usually around 2130 hours
3. Location N/S (Norway Denmark & Sweden)
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation N/S
8. Number of objects N/S
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude From tree-top level to 20,000 f
12. Speed one to two miles per second
13. Direction of flight Come from direction of Pennemunde
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color . (green tail)
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S (~~unknown~~)
21. Exhaust trails green
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks The trend of these objects to appear at 2130 hours might be significant.

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CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 134

1. Date of Incident 28 May 1948
2. Time of Incident 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
from air while passenger in a C-47 plane
4. Name of observer 1st Lt Alexander Kokolonis
5. Occupation of observer 1st Lt USAFR Corps of Engineers, Security Officer
6. Address of observer 838 Eng. Aviation Bn, Co. B, Oscoda AF Base, Michigan
7. Number of objects observed 5 objects; 3 at first; 2 later
8. Distance of object from observer 2 miles to left of their plane
9. Time in sight 10 to 15 seconds
10. Altitude 7500 to 8,000 ft
11. Speed well over 500 MPH
12. Direction of flight Southwest
13. Tactics executed abrupt turns, flew in line of stern stepped up.
14. Lights N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 300 to 400 ft - about the same size of lake freighters on Lake Erie
17. Color bright silvery golden hue
18. Shape disc shape with well rounded contours - all had hazy or fuzzy outline
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails no exhaust or trail of any kind
22. Weather conditions high overcast at 18,000 ft and a low thin stratus layer
very broken at 8,000; lateral visibility: 10 - 15 miles
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs drawing
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Lt Kokolonis first observed the objects from the navigator's window. At the time their plane was on a 35° heading, altitude approx 8,000 ft and they were six miles east of Monroe, Michigan. The objects came into view at 9:00 o'clock position and disappeared in the haze at a 7:00 o'clock position, making an abrupt turn to their right, ship's left. Visibility into the sun was some 8 miles. The size of the objects seemed about 300-400 ft (about the size of the lake freighters on Lake Erie). The objects were moving at great rate of speed well over 500 MPH. Their track thru the sky was smooth. They were disc shaped with well rounded contours. All of the objects maintained a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. They were a bright silvery gold color. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

INCIDENT
134a

1. Date 28 May 1948
2. Time 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Location ^{Enroute to} Selfridge Fld., Mt. Clemens, Mich f/MacDill Fld
Position: 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
4. Name of observer M/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored)
5. Occupation of observer M/Sgt
6. Address of observer Selfridge Field
7. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer 25 to 30 miles to ~~xxx~~ left
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude approx 8,000 ft
12. Speed ~~xxxx xxxx~~ Over 400 miles per hour
13. Direction of flight South West from 35° at 8:00 o'clock position
14. Tactics Pursued straight course
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Appeared to be four feet in diameter
17. Color Shiny brass
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, high overcast at 18,000 ft; thin stratus layer broken at 8,000 ft, lateral visibility:
23. Effect on clouds 10 to 15 miles
N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks Discrepancy as to position of 2nd object in group 2 as sighted by Lt Kokblomis (Inc 134)
Witness perceived only top-side of object. Objects seen flying over wooded section

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

INCIDENT: 135

1. Date Between 15th & 20th Aug 7
2. Time 2130 MST
3. Location Rapid City AF Base, Weaver, S.D.
4. Name of observer Maj Elmer H. Hammer, Jr. (AO-46014)
5. Occupation of observer Intel Officer
28th Bombardment Group (VR)
6. Address of observer Rapid City AFBase
Weaver, S. D.
7. Place of observation Weaver, S. D.
8. Number of objects 12 (Approx)
9. Distance of object from observer 4 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 10,000 ft to approx 6,000 ft.
12. Speed 500 MPH +
13. Direction of flight Approached first from NW
then turn to right and disappeared in SW
14. Tactics tight diamond-shaped formation
15. Sound no noise heard
16. Size Length: 100+ ft estimate
17. Color Yellowish-white - brilliant
18. Shape Elliptical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds, stars visible, wind, calm
visibility 30+
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs Sketches
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared on a SW heading
26. Remarks There appears to be minor discrepancies as to
speed and altitude in the report given verbally
to Glasebrook and ltr to this Hq f/Maj Hammer

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HEADQUARTERS 28th Bombardment Wing (VH)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
Rapid City Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota

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1 July 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: PROJ. SIGN

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation No. 45-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 20, D. C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance.

- a. Flying Discs sighted over Rapid City Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota at 2130 MST between 15th and 20th of Aug 1947
- b. Sky - clear; no clouds, stars visible; visibility 30+; wind - calm.
- c. Name, occupation and address of witness:
Major Elmer H. Hammer, Jr. AO-46014
Intelligence Officer
28th Bombardment Group (VH)
Rapid City Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota
- d. No photographs available
- e. See Inclosure Number 1
- f. Object sighted: Flying Discs
 - (1) Number: Twelve (12), (Approximate)
 - (2) Shape: Oval shaped
 - (3) Size: Length: One hundred plus (100+) feet (estimate)
 - (4) Color: Yellowish-white, brilliant
 - (5) Speed: Five hundred plus (500+) MPH.

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- (6) Heading: Approached the base from the NW on a SE heading at 8 to 10,000 feet altitude; when at 5 to 6,000 feet and a mile or so West of the field, a turn to the right was made (by the entire formation) in a wide arc, and while turning began a climb at a 30° to 40° angle, accelerating very fast. Disappeared on a SW heading.
- (7) Maneuverability: Very maneuverable; held a tight formation (all equally spaced) and remained so during all maneuvers.
- (8) Altitude: Ten thousand (10,000) feet when first seen; descended to approximately six thousand (6,000) feet near the field.
- (9) Sound: No sound whatsoever. (The night was very still and no aircraft engines were running or other noises to distract).
- (10) Exhaust trail: No exhaust trail - unknown means of propulsion.

g. There is no doubt as to the existence of these sightings, but there is little substantiating evidence inasmuch as no other witnesses are known and no pictures could be taken. The objects sighted were visible only for approximately one (1) minute. Their form remained the same throughout the time observed.

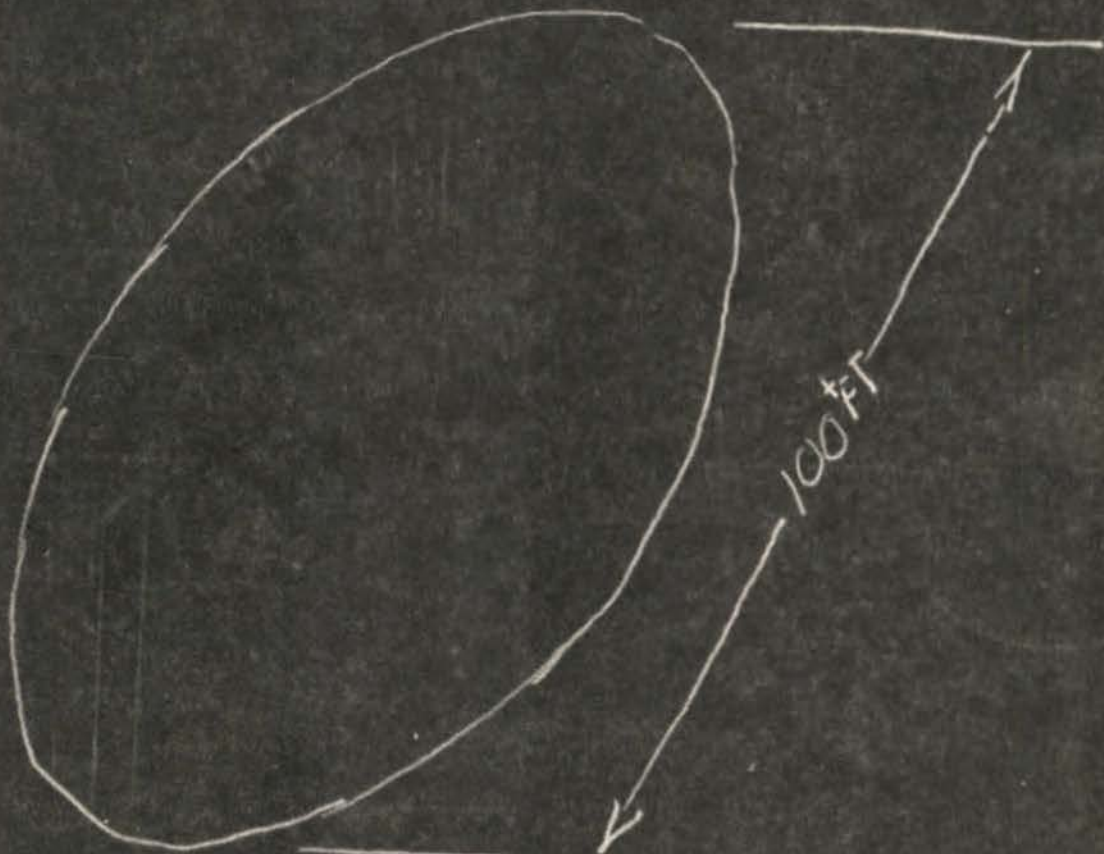
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1. Diagram of size and formation

ELMER H. HAMMER, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

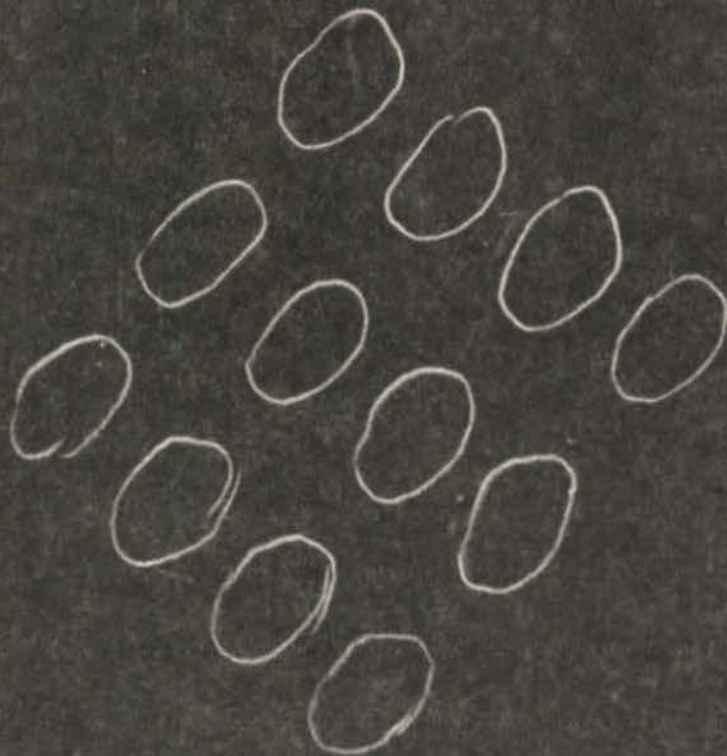
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Fig. 2

FORMATION PATTERN



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INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET

Incident No. 136

1. Date and Time of Observation: **30 June 1948 at 2140**
2. Where Sighted: **South Knoxville, Tennessee**
3. Observer's Position:
(i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
4. Name and Address of Observer: **Mrs. Whitehouse, South Knoxville, Tenn.**
5. Occupation and/or hobbies: **wife of Major Harvey J. Whitehouse
Commanding Officer, ASU, 3319 Tennessee**
6. Attention Attracted by:
7. Number of Object(s) Seen: **1**
8. Size of Object(s): **N/S**
9. Color of Object(s): **orange**
10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) **Ball**
11. Nature of Luminosity:
(directed beam of light?)
12. Altitude of Object: **30,000 ft**
(estimated)
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: **N/S**
14. Estimated Speed of Object: **1,000 MPH**
15. Time in Sight: **3 minutes (according to Mrs Whitehouse)
3 seconds (according to ORC instructors)**
16. Tactics:
17. Sound Made by Object(s): **N/S**
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) **West**
19. Apparent Construction: **"fire"**
20. Effect on Clouds: **N/S**
21. Exhaust Trail (Color of): **"streamer of bluish color trailing"**
22. Manner of Disappearance: **over horizon**
23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: **N/S**
24. Peculiarities Noted:
25. Summary of Incident:
(See attached page)

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At approximately 2140 hours, 30 June, a ball of fire of orange color with a streamer of bluish color trailing, traveled thru the sky in a westerly direction and disappeared over the horizon to the west. The object traveled at a very fast rate of speed. No sound was heard.

Witnesses: Mrs. Whitehouse, wife of Maj Harvey J. Whitehouse,
C. O., ASU 3319 Tennessee
ORC instructors, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. Tryus W. Setliff (See Incident 136a)

Mrs. Whitehouse stated that the object remained visible for approximately 3 minutes and that the streamer emitted sparks.

Mr. Setliff stated that the object was visible for about 3 seconds and traveled at an estimated speed of 1,000 miles per hour at an altitude of about 30,000 feet.

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1. Date 30 June 1948
2. Time 2140
3. Location S. Knoxville, Tenn
4. Name of observer Mr Tryus W. Setliff
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Oakridge, Tennessee
7. Place of observation Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 3 seconds
11. Altitude ~~1,000 miles per hour~~ 30,000 ft
12. Speed 1,000 MPH
13. Direction of flight Westerly
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Orange Color
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Fire
21. Exhaust trails Bluish Color
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Over horizon to West
26. Remarks

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Incident # 137

1. Date 7 Jul 48
2. Time 2114 and 2115
3. Location Chapel Hill, N. C.
4. Name of observer James Eaves, Lt., U. S. Naval Reserve
5. Occupation of observer Mathematics Instructor
6. Address of observer University of North Carolina
7. Place of observation Chapel Hill, N. C.
8. Number of objects three (3)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Approximately one (1) minute
11. Altitude Extreme
12. Speed High
13. Direction of flight East Northeast
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Jet
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Not Visible
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks:

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to a point in the rear. Objects shaped like cigars. Appeared about the size of an airplane in the sky. They were about 3-1/2" in length. Didn't have wings or any apparent means of getting around in the sky.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 7 Jul 48
2. Time 2114 and 2115
3. Location Chapel Hill, N. C.
4. Name of observer H. W. Daniels
5. Occupation of observer Capt., Infantry, Reserve
6. Address of observer Box 188, Chapel Hill
7. Place of observation Chapel Hill, N. C.
8. Number of objects three (3)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Approximately one (1) minute
11. Altitude Extreme
12. Speed High
13. Direction of flight East Northeast
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Jet
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Not Visible
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks:

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #138

1. Date 8 Jul 48
2. Time 0920
3. Location Columbus, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. Wilda Zittek
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 2579 Avalon Ave.
Columbus, O.
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects two (2)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight four (4) minutes
11. Altitude Judged to be around 3000 feet
12. Speed Could not be estimated around
13. Direction of flight First headed NE then North
14. Tactics Bobbed up and down
15. Sound None
16. Size With binoculars (Type M-3, 6 x 30) about 3 1/2" in length by
1" in diameter
17. Color Silver
18. Shape Like a cigar or torpedo
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Metallic
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, sunlight, no clouds
23. Effect on clouds None (There were none)
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Faded away
26. Remarks:

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Mrs. Zittek said that the objects looked like something going through air currents. They had a blunt nose and the tail was obscured. At first they looked like a dark blot. Both ends were indistinct. They were visible for three or four minutes and began to fade away.

Subject's powers of observation were checked on air craft flying in the area and were found to be good as far as direction and movement, but poor for distance and altitude.

A check at Patterson Field Operations showed two F-80's in the air at the time of sighting.

Capt. Darnell, pilot of one F-80, was flying a loose formation in trail of Lt. Collins while pacing him on a calibrated speed check. The aircraft were not equipped with wing tip tanks. The pilots stated that they were in the Columbus Area. Mrs. Zittek position was from a three quarter rear position at sighting.

An article was published by the Columbus Citizen News Paper, Columbus, Ohio, 8 Jul 48.

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Information received from Captain Boyd, District Intelligence Office, 320 Old Post Office, Columbus, Ohio

Unconventional aircraft sighted by Mrs. Wilds Zittek, 2579 Avalon Ave., Columbus at 0920 on 5 July. Weather was clear, sun shining brightly, no clouds near the object. She first saw the object with her naked eye, then spent two minutes looking for binoculars. Observed the object for a about two minutes with them. There was no flying objects; both appeared to have a blunt front and seemed to taper to a point at the rear. The shape was very much like a cigar. The sun was shining on them and they appeared to be silver in color. With the naked eye, they appeared to be about the size of a airplane when writing in the sky. They were about 3 1/2" in length and 1" in diameter. In other words, they seemed to be a little more than three times the diameter in length. Speed was not estimated. Observed for approximately four minutes. When first seen, they were headed northeast. Seemed to bob up and down rather than pursuing a set and steady course. Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft. No sound audible from the object; no exhaust trail visible. First seen in east point toward Fort Columbus, then moved generally north there. Binoculars were 13.

The following was broadcast over the radio this morning (9 Jul) but not persons not yet interviewed: On 7 July, five members of one family saw the object which looked like pie pans, directly over Fort Columbus.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 139

1. Date 9 Jul 48
2. Time 2147
3. Location North end of Osborn, Ohio
4. Name of observer Clarence Glasebrook, 1st Lt., USAF, Hq AMC (MCIA XO-4)
5. Occupation of observer ATI Investigator
6. Address of observer Hq AMC (MCIA XO-4)
7. Place of observation ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Appeared 3 times each time being 1-2 second duration
11. Altitude 3000 to 4000 feet
12. Speed between 500 & 600
13. Direction of flight west (east to west)
14. Tactics Made intermittent appearances at regulated intervals
15. Sound None
16. Size could not be estimated
17. Color pale yellowish white (luminous)
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear w/ quarter moon in the East-Southeast.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Suddenly at angle of approx. 70° to horizon in front of observer who was looking north
26. Remarks: Lt. Glasebrook was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II.

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The object seemed to glow and was not a directed beam.

It is believed that his powers of observation are above average and that the estimates of speed can be considered to be fairly accurate.

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Unidentified Flying Object

MCIAXD-3

MCIAXD-4

16 July 1948

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1. At 2147 hours on 9 July 1948, the undersigned sighted an unidentified object flying from east to west at approximately three to four thousand feet over the north end of Osborn, Ohio.

2. The object appeared as a pale yellowish white light that seemed to glow. It was not a directed beam. The light was traveling at a rate of speed between five or six hundred miles. It appeared long enough to allow the observer to determine its flight path (approximately one to two seconds) and then went out. There was a pause of three seconds, the light then reappeared again for the same length of time, another three-second pause and the pattern was repeated. After the third appearance it was not seen again. The final sighting was made with the object at an angle of approximately 70° to the horizon in front of the observer who was looking north. The last sighting was slightly above the horizon to the west, just north of Patterson Field. The intermittent appearance of the light was at a regulated interval.

3. The sky was clear with about a quarter moon rising in the East-southeast; however, nothing could be ascertained except the glow of the light. There was no sound or trail.

4. The undersigned was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II and served for eight months in the 160th Reconnaissance Sqd. (J. P.) flying FF-80 type aircraft. It is believed that his powers of observation are above average and that the estimates of speed can be considered to be fairly accurate.

/s/ CLARENCE GLASEBROOK
1st Lt., USAF

CWG/aw
Ex 65310
Bldg 288
Post 201F

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 1 July 1948 Incident # 140
2. Time between 2100 and 2200 hours
3. Location Gahanna, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. Howard Enslow
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer Gahanna, Ohio
7. Place of observation ground
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 3 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Northeast to Southwest
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color golden
18. Shape saucer
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction luminous
21. Exhaust trails Seemed to wear a halo of silver
22. Weather conditions Clear - moonlight
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness states: "A beautiful golden saucer glowing like a halo with a silver rim around it."

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 140a

1. Date 1 July 1948
2. Time Between 2100 and 2200 hours
3. Location Gahanna, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mr Jack Taylor
5. Occupation of observer N/S but now active in National Guard
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Gahanna, Ohio (ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 2 seconds
11. Altitude 3000 to 4000 ft
12. Speed terrific
13. Direction of flight Northeast to Southwest
14. Tactics Pursued ~~straight~~ flat line of flight
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color bright yellow-white
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction luminous
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Clear - bright moonlight
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Mr. Chester Taylor gave the same version as that of his son. Mrs. Taylor apparently did not observe the phenomenon.

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Incident: 140a

Object was described as a bright yellow-white light that moved through the sky at a terrific rate of speed. It was a glow and not a directed light and was about two seconds in duration. It didn't fade but ceased abruptly. The line of flight appeared flat and the object appeared from the Northeast going southwest. Altitude was between 3,000 and 4,000 ft. There was no audible noise although it was a quiet night and the object appeared close in at an angle to the horizon of about 45°. Although the sky was clear and the moon was bright nothing but the light was seen.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 111
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1. Date 30 June 1948
2. Time 11:25 A. M., to 1:27 PM and shortly thereafter
3. Location Hecla, South Dakota
4. Name of observer Norman Pfitzenreuter
5. Occupation of observer Chemical Engineer - Amateur Astronomer
6. Address of observer Hecla, South Dakota
7. Place of observation Between Watertown, S. D., & Webster, S. D.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Slightly over two hours
11. Altitude 150 miles (?)
12. Speed Stationary
13. Direction of flight Stationary
14. Tactics Remained in one ^{approx} position then disintegrated
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color Like polished aluminum
18. Shape Changing
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction Seemed to be a cluster of parts
21. Exhaust trails Particles of disintegrating mass left very faint trails of vapor
22. Weather conditions Brilliantly clear (CAVU) - Wind velocity 3 MPH
23. Effect on clouds No clouds
24. Sketches or photographs Map showing locations of sightings
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated into smaller pieces
26. Remarks: Object appeared as cluster of parts which remained fairly stationary and constant for some two hours when it underwent a rather slow change in shape. A large chunk fell off. Within the next 2-1/2 minutes the entire spot started to very slowly disintegrate. Three larger parts moved
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away out from the mass and formed a perfect isometric triangle, the remaining mass slowly moved into hundreds of small parts seemingly leaving very faint vapor trails. The three remaining parts continued to move apart holding their related positions of a perfect triangle but gradually getting smaller and fainter until they disappeared some 9 minutes after the initial break-up. It could ~~maxim~~ easily be seen that the parts were moving away from the earth.

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Incident # 142

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Name of observer Mr. Charles W. Shangle, Jr.
5. Occupation of observer
6. Address of observer Boise, Idaho
7. Place of observation
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight
11. Altitude
12. Speed
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics
15. Sound
16. Size
17. Color
18. Shape
19. Odor detected
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions
23. Effect on clouds
24. Sketches or photographs
25. Manner of disappearance
26. Remarks:

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 143

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Name of observer Mrs. Felix G. Matthews
5. Occupation of observer
6. Address of observer Columbia, South Carolina
7. Place of observation
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight
11. Altitude
12. Speed
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics
15. Sound
16. Size
17. Color
18. Shape
19. Odor detected
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions
23. Effect on clouds
24. Sketches or photographs
25. Manner of disappearance
26. Remarks:

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **24 July 48** Incident # **144**
2. Time **0245**
3. Location **20 miles south of Montgomery, Ala**
4. Name of observer **Pilot Clarence Shipe Chiles & Co-Pilot John B. Whitted & Mr. McKelvie, (Occupation - N/S)**
5. Occupation of observer **Pilot and Co-pilot, EAL**
6. Address of observer **Atlanta Office of EAL**
7. Place of observation **Air - 20 miles south of Montgomery, Ala**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **5 to 10 seconds**
11. Altitude **5,000 ft**
12. Speed **500 to 700 MPH (See Atlanta Constitution of 25 July 48)**
13. Direction of flight **Southwest toward Mobile and New Orleans**
14. Tactics **Pulled up sharply with tremendous burst of flame (Atlanta Constitution - 25 July 48)**
15. Sound **none**
16. Size **100 ft long and about twice the diameter of "B-29"**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **cigar-shaped**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **red-orange flame**
blue fluorescent glow running beneath the object
22. Weather conditions **Full moon, clear with broken cloud coverage of 4/10**
at 6,000 ft
23. Effect on clouds **N/S - pulled up into one**
24. Sketches or photographs **2**
25. Manner of disappearance **Disappeared into a cloud**
26. Remarks: **See attached statements**

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **24 July 48** Incident # 144a
2. Time **0230**
3. Location **Near Blackstone, Va. enroute to Raleigh-Durham**
4. Name of observer **Louis Feldwary**
5. Occupation of observer **pilot**
6. Address of observer **LGA**
7. Place of observation **Air - near Blackstone, Va.**
8. Number of objects **Only trail seen**
9. Distance of object from observer **n/s**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **terrific speed -**
13. Direction of flight **230°**
14. Tactics **Trail covered an 80° to 90° arc laterally**
15. Sound **N/S**)
16. Size **N/S**)
17. Color **N/S**) **Only trail perceived - object**
18. Shape **N/S**) **was not seen**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Seemed to be a jet or rocket trail**
22. Weather conditions **at 0230 at Blackstone: 0/70 0 4GF 112/73/72/
wsw 5/987. Greensboro and Raleigh-Durham had 0/15 plus**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S** *Lyncham*
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Shortly after checking Blackstone, at approx 0230, a trail was picked up that appeared to be a jet or rocket trail. The object leaving the trail was traveling at terrific speed in a southwesterly direction and as nearly as they could estimate they calculated the degree of travel as 230° .

They were on a heading at the time of 215° . The jet or rocket trail at no time crossed their flight path. It was on the distant western horizon at approx 20° above the horizon. The trail covered an 80° to 90° arc laterally.

NOTE: There is a 15 minute difference in time f/this sighting ~~at~~ (0230) to the rocket sighting at 0245 in ~~Atlanta~~ *Montgomery* some 400 to 475 miles distant.

NOTE: The above time (0230) tallies with another sighting by another pilot in the vicinity of Blackstone, Va. who saw a very unusual meteor that appeared to be on a bearing of about 210° from them traveling in a southerly direction above but close to the horizon.

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Supplement to Trip Report to Columbus, Ohio - 31 July 1948
Re: Atlanta Sighting

THRU: Col Clingerman
TO: Col McCoy

1. The object of this trip was to interview C. L. McKelvie, a passenger aboard the Eastern Airlines DC-3, the night of 24 July 1948.

2. Mr. McKelvie's written statement is essentially as follows: He was occupying the 5th or 6th seat from the front of the plane on the right and would periodically glance out the window. There was a full moon which illuminated the ground and the skies and the ground could clearly be seen. Frequently they passed cumulus clouds. On one occasion as he was looking out he observed a sudden streak of light moving in a southeastern direction across the airway above the plane. He wondered if it were lightning but observed the flame moved in a straight line and not in a flare. The color was bright flame - he thought it was probably a light cherry red - although the edges were more of a yellow flame. He shifted his position in his seat for better observation, momentarily losing sight of it. Then he saw it again. He estimated the flame to be about 1/2 as far above the plane as the plane was above the ground. He saw no physical shape - only a streak of flame moving in a straight line. The whole experience was momentary so that detailed observation was absent. He heard no sound but stated that the vibration of the plane was much greater than normal and that it was not possible to hear any sound from the outside.

3. In the interview Mr. McKelvie stated to Maj Llewellyn that the pilots seemed quite excited and that they appeared nervous over the episode.

R. A. LLEWELLYN
Major, USAF

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Atlanta, Ga.
Aug 3, 1948

Mr. S. L. Shannon
Eastern Air Lines
Miami, Fla.

The following is a report of an unidentified aircraft which was sighted by John Whitted and me, as we were twenty miles southwest of Montgomery, Ala. July 24, 1948, as we were on Eastern's trip 576.

At 2:45 A. M. we were cruising at 5,000 feet when there came, what looked like a Jet type of aircraft to our right and slightly above meeting us. It was a clear moonlight night with the visibility excellent; therefore, we were able to view the ship as it passed for a period of around ten seconds. It was clear there were no wings present, that it was powered by some jet or other type of power shooting flame from the rear some fifty feet. There were two rows of windows, which indicated an upper and lower deck, from inside these windows a very bright light was glowing. Underneath the ship there was a blue glow of light.

After it passed it pulled up into some light broken clouds and was lost from view. There was no prop wash or rough air felt as it passed.

After talking to the only passenger awake at the time, he saw only the trail of fire as it passed and pulled into the clouds. I called the company at Columbus and asked if there was any reported jet army craft and requested if the ATC had any aircraft under control. I was told that no such craft was reported by either source.

/s/ C. S. Chiles

C. S. Chiles
Capt E. A. L.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #. 144b

1. Date 24 July 48
2. Time 0230
3. Location Between Blackstone, Va. and Greensboro, N..C.
4. Name of observer Capt Perry R. Mansfield,
5. Occupation of observer Capt on 571/23 EAL
6. Address of observer EAL
7. Place of observation Between Blackstone, Va. and Greensboro, N. C.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 3 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed meteoric
13. Direction of flight southerly
14. Tactics traveling horizontally
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S -
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions ~~N/S~~ CAVU
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance "died out" in the distance
26. Remarks: (over)

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At about 0230 on July 24, 1948, C. Kingsley/^{pilot} and Capt Perry R. Mansfield saw what they thought was an unusual meteor. It was brighter than any ever seen before and traveling in a horizontal direction, slightly above the horizon. It was observed for 3 seconds before it died out. At no time did it appear to travel in a downward direction. Kingsley & Mansfield discussed the matter that the meteor appeared to be traveling horizontally.

At the time they were traveling between Blackstone, Va., and Greensboro, S. C.. The sky was clear and the visibility unlimited. They were on a magnetic heading of 240° and estimated the object to be on a bearing of about 210° from them - that is - about 30° to the left of their heading. It appeared to be traveling in a southerly direction, above, but close to the horizon.

NOTE: There is a 15 minute variance in ~~time~~ time of this sighting (0230) to the rocket sighting at 0245 in Atlanta some 400 to 475 miles distant. The time (0230) also tallies with Inc 144a Pilot Louis Feldwary's account of sighting a jet or rocket trail just after leaving Blackstone.

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STATEMENT OF JOHN B. WHITED

I was flying co-pilot for Capt. C. S. Chiles on Trip 576 which left Houston, Texas at 8:40 PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday night, July 22, 1948. At 0245 EST, we sighted a strange object coming toward us at a high rate of speed. We were at 5000 feet and our position was 25 miles southwest of Montgomery, Ala. The strange object had a stream of red fire coming from its tail. I assumed that it was a jet type airplane of the Army or Navy but as it came nearer I could see that it was much larger than any Army or Navy jet that I have ever seen or read about. It passed us on the right side of our DC-3. I estimate its speed in the neighborhood of 700 MPH but this is purely a rough estimate. We were holding a compass heading of 50 degrees and the object passed us going in the opposite direction. To me, the object seemed about a half-mile from us, flying straight and level. I could see no wings supporting the object.

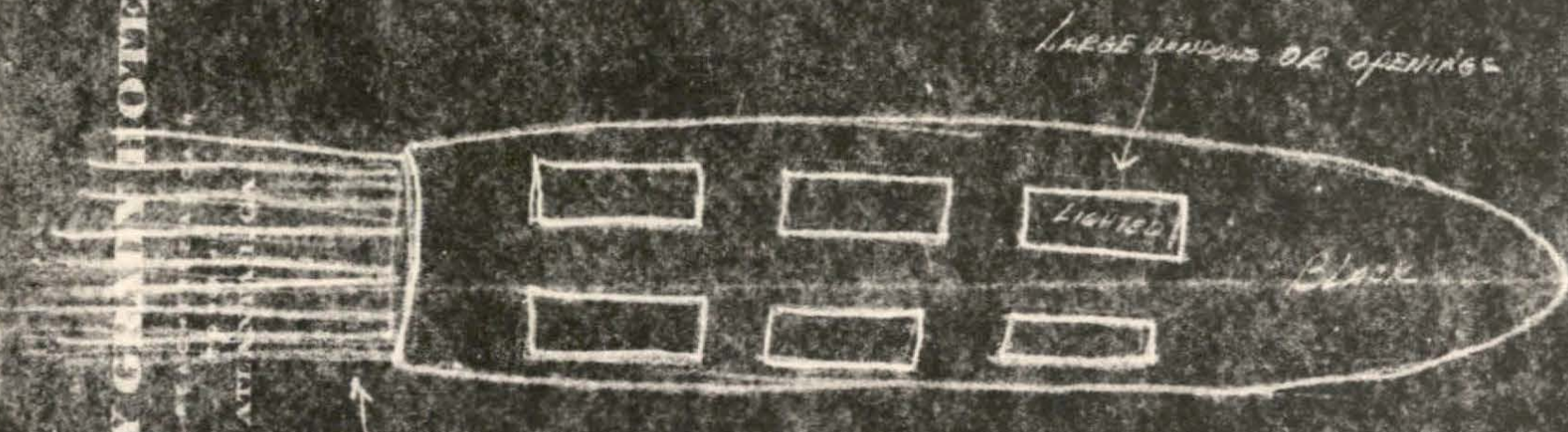
The object was cigar shaped and seemed to be about a hundred feet in length. The fuselage appeared to be about three times the circumference of a B-29 fuselage. It had two rows of windows, an upper and a lower. The windows were very large and seemed square. They were white with light which seemed to be caused by some type of combustion. I estimate that we watched the object at least 5 seconds and not more than 10 seconds. We heard no noise nor did we feel any turbulence from the object. It seemed to be at about 5500 feet.

I asked Capt. Chiles what we had just seen and he said that he didn't know. Capt Chiles then contacted the company radio operator at Columbus, Ga., and asked him to contact Lawson Fld at Ft Benning, Ga., and find out if the Army had any jet or experimental planes in the vicinity. The company operator called us a few minutes later and stated that Lawson Field reported that they had no planes flying in our area. Capt Chiles then reported back to the company radio operator saying that a strange aircraft just passed us and it looked like some type of rocket ship.

We passed up Columbus because of ground fog and continued on to Atlanta

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HENRY GARDNER HOTEL



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100' LENGTH

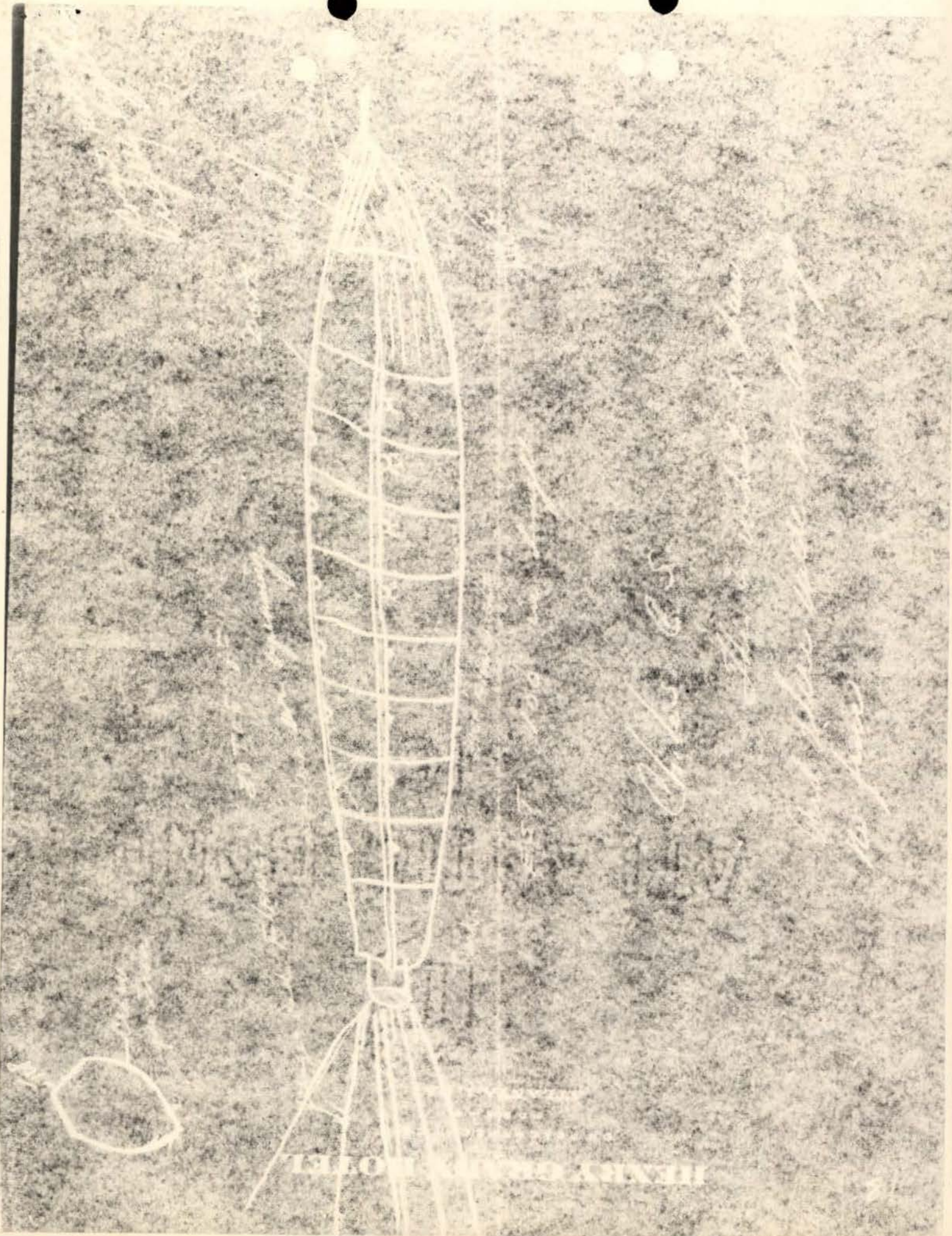
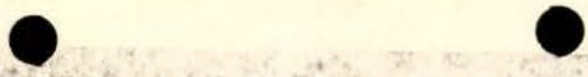
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ESTIMATED FRONT VIEW
ROUND

J. B. Whitaker

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HENRY G. HOTEL

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 145

1. Date 9 July 1948
2. Time 1205 AST
3. Location Fielding Lake
4. Name of observers 1st Lt Dominick J. Caramia & Thomas B. Carpenter
5. Occupation of observer s(VLR) Photo
6. Address of observer 72nd RCN Squadron (VLR) Photographic
c/o APO 731, c/o Postmaster Seattle Washington
7. Place of observation Fielding Lake, Alaska (63°11' - 145° 40' W
8. Number of objects Approximately 20
9. Distance of object from observer 5,000 + above
10. Time in sight 5 seconds or less
11. Altitude 5,000 + immediately below the clouds
12. Speed over 500 MPH
13. Direction of flight From WNW to ESE
14. Tactics Jockeyed back and forth in the group formation (gave impression of shotgun blast pattern) but maintained straight course.
15. Sound Loud roaring sound heard (thought it was strong wind) before objects were sighted; sound sharpened into a buzz as they approached and passed.
16. Size dot
17. Color grayish black
18. Shape ~~N/S but apparently round~~ Spheroid or disc-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails none visible
22. Weather conditions bright and sunny w/ $\frac{5}{10}$ strato-cumulus cloud coverage
23. Effect on clouds none - flew immediately below them
24. Sketches or photographs sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: The objects resembled a group of dots, grayish black in color and numbering about 20. They were plainly visible and either spheroid or disc shaped. They appeared to be jockeying back and
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forth in the group formation which gave the overall impression of a shotgun blast pattern. The objects were thought to be moving in excess of 500 MPH at approximately 5,000 ft (immediately below the clouds) from WNW to ESE and were definitely flying a straight course. Just before they were sighted a loud roaring sound was heard which was attributed to a strong wind blowing through the surrounding woods. However, as the objects approached and passed, the sound sharpened into a buzz much like that made by a group of jet aircraft. No exhaust trails were visible. There were no photographs available.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 17 July 1948 Incident # 146
2. Time 1650
3. Location Vicinity of San Acacia Dam, 65 miles south of Albuquerque
4. Name of observer s M/Sgt Wm R. Carter & M/Sgt Bernard E. Harvey
5. Occupation of observer s ~~N/S~~ Carter: Armament technician
Harvey: experienced AF non-com
6. Address of observer 428th AFBU Kirtland AF Base
7. Place of observation Vicinity of San Acacia Dam
8. Number of objects 7
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 20,000 ft
12. Speed 1,500 MPH (if estimated altitude correct)
13. Direction of flight northerly heading (between north and northwest)
14. Tactics Maintained formation
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Color of aluminum aircraft at high altitude
18. Shape When overhead: circular. After passing zenith: indeterminate
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction metallic
21. Exhaust trails none
22. Weather conditions CAVU At 20,000 ft wind velocity 8 to 10 miles
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance ~~N/S~~ In northwest
26. Remarks: (over)

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About 65 miles south of Albuquerque 7 unidentified objects flying on northerly heading were observed. Objects initially in V formation at an estimated altitude of 20,000 ft above earth. Formation varied from "V" to "L" to "Q" and then grouped in an irregular formation and a regular pulsating flashing light was observed from them after they had passed 30° beyond zenith. The shape was difficult to ascertain. When directly overhead they were circular and resembled a cluster of balloons traveling at a great rate of speed. The color was that of aluminum at high altitude (or white painted aircraft). If the altitude estimation is correct the speed could be estimated as 1500 MPH. There was no vapor, smoke or other trail visible. They did not appear spherical when viewed at oblique angle. Disappeared on heading between north and northwest.

AGENTS NOTES: Sgt Carter is a sober industrious, level headed individual, an armament technician of outstanding ability. Definitely not the type to experience hallucinations. Info received in other instances from this individual in each instance proven accurate.

Sgt Harvey is an experienced AF non-com accustomed to the sight of aircraft at various altitudes and speeds.

EVALUATION OF INFORMANTS: "A"
OF INFORMATION: 3.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 27 July 48
2. Time 2200
3. Location Springfield, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. H. H. Gibson
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 1217 East Main St.
7. Place of observation Springfield, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 3 seconds
11. Altitude Great height
12. Speed That of a jet plane
13. Direction of flight north
14. Tactics None - traveled in straight line
15. Sound None
16. Size Witness stated object resembled "huge ball"
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Bright red tail of fire
22. Weather conditions Some thunder and lightning
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Flew out of sight
26. Remarks: (over)

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On night of 27 July 48, at 2200 hours observer saw object which resembled a huge ball in the sky. It came from the south and was headed north traveling at speed of jet planes which often fly over observer's house. Object trailed a bright red tail of fire and traveled in a straight line. There was some lightning and thunder at the time, but ~~from~~ observer thought the object something entirely foreign. No noise could be heard. Object only seen for three seconds.

Agents note: Mrs. Gibson is the wife of a local carpenter, and is highly respected. Not inclined to exaggerate or brag, according to neighbors.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 148

1. Date **28 July 48**
2. Time **0400**
3. Location **Springfield, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Rose Henry**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **826 Dibert Ave., Springfield, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **826 Dibert Ave., Springfield, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **1st time: 5 minutes. 2d time: 15 minutes**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **Remained nearly stationary**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **Hovering**
15. Sound **Witness thought she heard sound of plane before she saw the object**
16. Size **About the size of a basketball**
17. Color **Intense yellow**
18. Shape **Round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Faded away**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On morning of 28 July (about 0400) Mrs Rose Henry happened to look out of her bedroom window toward the northeast and saw an object the size of a basketball which gave off an intense yellow light. It remained for some 5 minutes and appeared to fade away. ~~Some~~ In a moment it reappeared and was visible for some fifteen minutes, then faded away completely. It made no noise. Sound like that of a plane heard before the object was seen. No witnesses.

Agent's Note: Mrs. Henry is a colored woman about 50 yrs of age and is a respected member of the community. She appeared well educated and sure of her statements during the interview.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 19 Jan 48 Incident # 149
2. Time 7:30 AM
3. Location North Jutland (Hjerrin, the Scaw and Hjerup)
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S) Taken from OMA R-34-48 (NAD 11796)
as prepared by Lt Col Franklin E. Tomlinson
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation North Jutland
8. Number of objects ~~N/S~~ Three
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed apparently rocket-like
13. Direction of flight ~~N/S~~ East - West
14. Tactics "suddenly stopped, exploded and disappeared"
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape ball - saucer
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction rocket-like objects
21. Exhaust trails ~~tail~~ tail of green light
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Exploded and disappeared
26. Remarks: (over)

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Various parts of North Jutland have reported that on 19 Jan 48 at 7:30 AM the ~~so-called~~ so-called flying saucers were observed. The phenomena has been observed in Hjerring, the Scaw and Hjerup. The objects were surrounded by a bluish light and had tail of green light, moving east west. One observer thought they looked like three balls. Several observers in the Scaw say they were rocket-like objects which suddenly stopped, exploded and disappeared.

M/A COMMENT: Impossible to get any verification of this from Danish officials or Danish War Ministry.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **Approx 1 Mar 48** Incident # 150
2. Time - **0930 hours**
3. Location **Swedish Coast**
4. Name of observer **N/S - a Norwegian pilot**
5. Occupation of observer **ONL pilot**
6. Address of observer **N/S** **Material taken from MA R-130-48
NAD 20560**
7. Place of observation **Air - enroute from Aalberg, Denmark to
Oslo, Norway**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **4 seconds**
11. Altitude **20,000 ft**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **Southeast - passing along Swedish Coast
and disappearing over Norway**
14. Tactics **N/S - flight path followed earth's surface**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S** but ~~emitted~~ **emitted a bluish-green flame**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Over Norway**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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An ONL plane enroute from Aalberg, Denmark, to Oslo, Norway, sighted a projectile coming from the southeast, passing along the Swedish Coast and disappearing over Norway. The missile was at 20,000 ft and disappeared over the horizon in four seconds. It emitted a bluish-green flame but left no trail in the sky. The projectile seemed to ~~fly~~ follow the earth's surface.

NOTE: Similar missiles have been observed at Rjukan, Norway & Finse, Norway.

In this connection, it is of interest to know that heavy water is currently being produced in Rjukan.

Observers: A Norwegian pilot and his co-pilot.
The pilot served with the Royal Norwegian AF in Great Britain.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 29 July 1948 Incident # 151
2. Time 0955
3. Location Northeastern part of Indianapolis, Indiana (See attached sketch of location)
4. Name of observers Mr. James W. Toney & Mr. Robert Huggins
5. Occupation of observers ~~Toney~~ Both employees of W. O. Jones Rug Cleaners
6. Address of observer Toney: 235 So Bradley, Indianapolis
Huggins: 5040 Indianaola, Indianapolis
7. Place of observation (See attached drawing of location)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S - not over a few hundred feet
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 30 feet - just above tree-tops
12. Speed 25 to 30 MPH
13. Direction of flight Headed south in bank to left
14. Tactics gliding with no apparent spinning action
15. Sound no discernible sound
16. Size 6 to 8 feet long by 1-1/2 to 2 feet wide (See attach drwg.)
17. Color Aluminum and shiny in color
18. Shape Shaped like a broad short propeller (See attached drwg.)
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction ~~Aluminum~~ construction
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions CAVU - no clouds
23. Effect on clouds No clouds
24. Sketches or photographs 2
25. Manner of disappearance Went down in wooded area (seemingly)
26. Remarks: (over)
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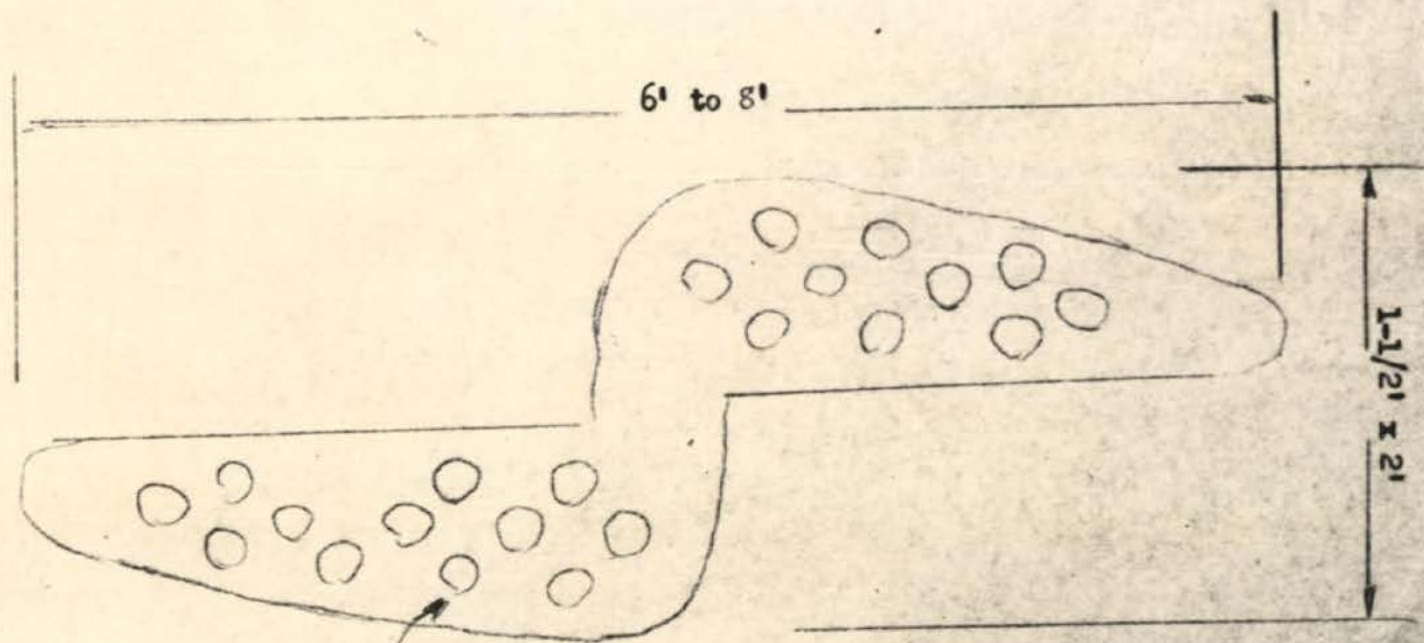
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Object was shaped like a broad short propeller approximately 6 to 8 ft long, each blade approximately 2 feet wide and approximately one foot thick with cups on upper side of blades. It appeared aluminum and shiny in color. Traveled approximately 25 to 30 MPH. It was sighted just above the trees at approximately a 30 ft altitude in bank to the left of approx 20° and appeared in a slight descent. There was no discernible sound and no exhaust trail.

NOTE: Truck had just started across bridge (see drwg) when object was sighted directly ahead above the trees. Witnesses stopped on the other side of the cantilever bridge but could not relocate object.

Search by Lt John E. Hoskins, Base PIO, and Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr. Base Intel Off. (331st AFBU) Res Tng Stout Fld. did not produce any result. However the area in which it was believed to have fallen is densely wooded with many hills and valleys. See diagram attached.

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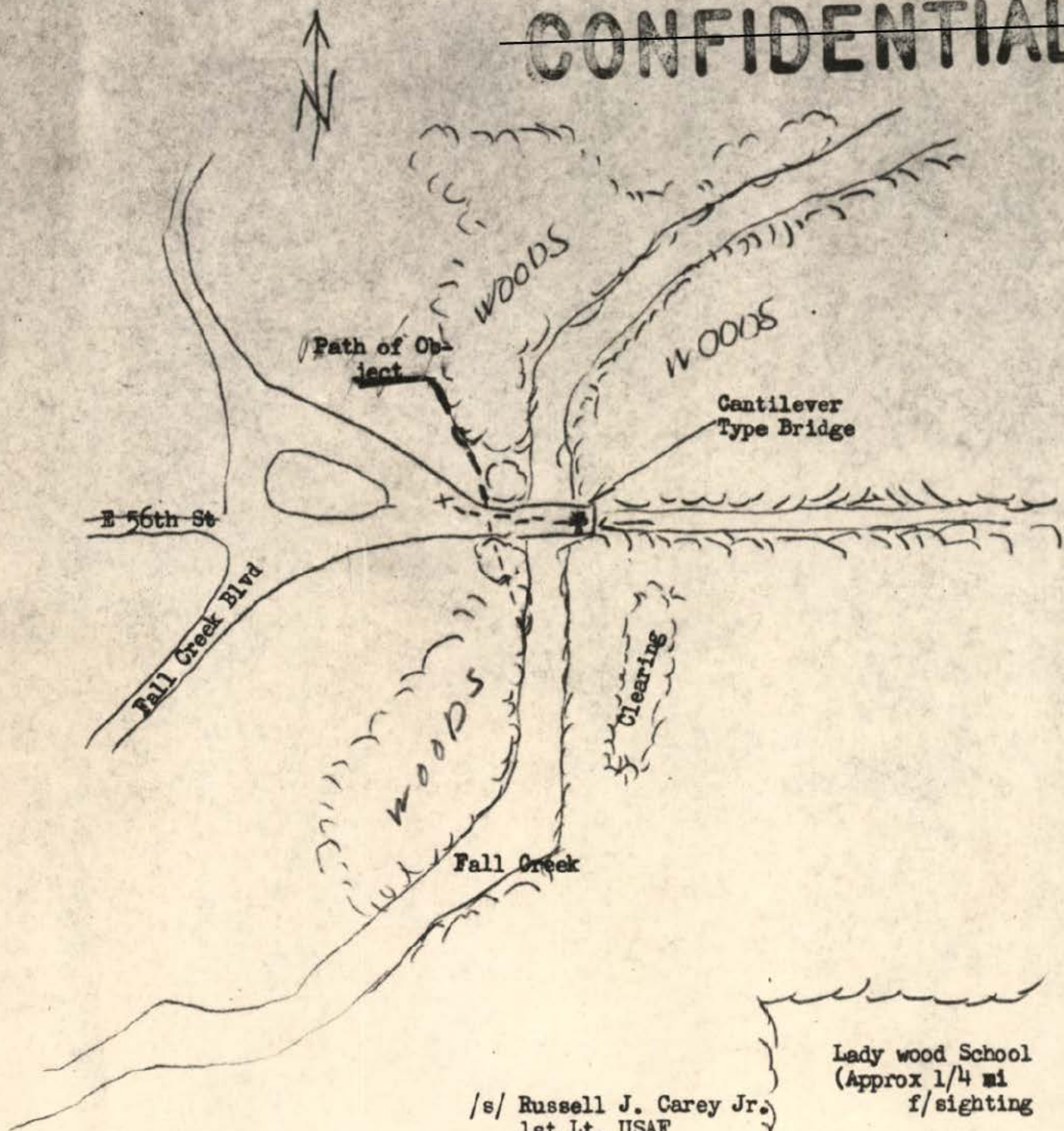
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Intel Officer

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1st Lt, USAF
Intel Officer

Lady wood School
(Approx 1/4 mi
f/sighting)

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1. Date **31 July 48** Incident # **152**
2. Time **0825**
3. Location **Indianapolis, Indiana (South-Central part)**
4. Name of observers **Mr. & Mrs Vernon Swigert**
5. Occupation of observers ~~XXXXXX~~ **an electrician and housewife**
6. Address of observers **2020 Boyd St., Indianapolis, Indiana**
7. Place of observation **As above -**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **10 seconds**
11. Altitude **2,000 ft**
12. Speed **1800 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **90° - east**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ **- 20 ft in dia. and approx 6 to 8 ft in height**
17. Color **white with no shine** **in center - Ratio about 3:1**
18. Shape **like a cymbal**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Sky clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **1**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Object first perceived in the west. The object was shaped like a cymbal with smooth surfaces and approximately 20 feet in diameter at the base and approximately 6 to 8 feet in height in the center. Ratio was about 3:1. It appeared to be flat white in color with no shine. It traveled extremely fast crossing the sky in approximately 10 seconds (a distance of about 5 miles) on a 90° heading. It maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning. The altitude was estimated at approximately 2,000 ft. Object made no discernible sound and left no exhaust trail. No openings were noted on the object.

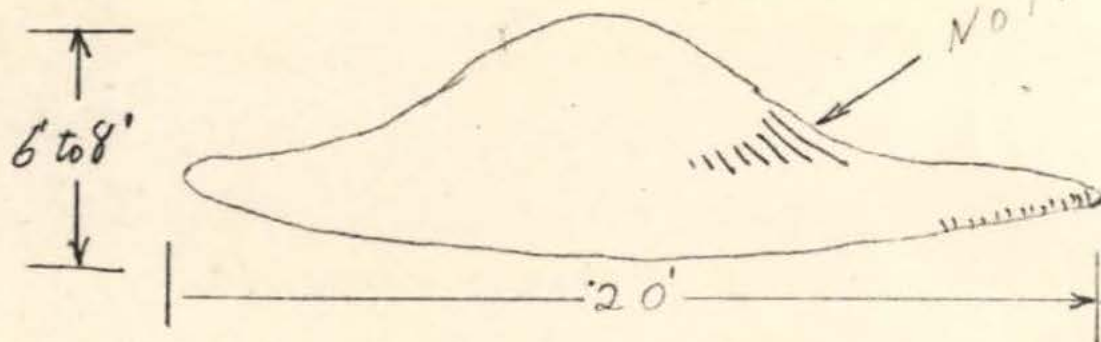
NOTE: Mr. Swigert was standing by open bathroom ~~window~~ window which faces the west when he was attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his eyes. He rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed his wife the object thru the kitchen window facing south. He ~~thought~~ stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person

NOTE: Investigation conducted by Intel Officer, 1st Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr., on a call from Mr. Swigert. It was noted that visibility was good from both windows for such observation.

No other reports received on this object.

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(Ratio approx. 3:1)

/s/ Russell J. Carey Jr.,

RUSSELL J. CAREY JR.
1st Lt., USAF
Intel Officer

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date ~~14 August 48~~ 5 August 48 Incident # 153
2. Time 0100 hours
3. Location Between Parrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga.
4. Name of observer James Amaral, Former AF Pilot
5. Occupation of observer N/S - but formerly AF pilot
6. Address of observer N/S (Info forwarded f/Turner AF Base)
7. Place of observation Between Parrott, Ga. & Richland, Ga.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 5 to 10 seconds
11. Altitude 20,000 to 35,000 ft
12. Speed ~~3600~~ 3600 MPH (estimated)
13. Direction of flight 250°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color blue-white streak of light
18. Shape "streak"
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction "rocket-like"
21. Exhaust trails A trail of sparks several miles long followed it
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Witness was traveling between Parrott, Ga., and Richland, Ga., in an automobile when he observed a brilliant blue-white streak of light which lasted from 5 to 10 seconds, traveling in an apparent level flight on a heading of approximately 250°, at about 30,000 ft altitude (estimated). After the light disappeared a trail of sparks was observed which appeared several miles long. This trail lasted from 45 seconds to (1) minute

NOTE: Mr. Amaral did not believe this to be any celestial but based on his experience as a pilot in the AF, he stated it appeared to be a burst of power applied to a rocket or rocket ship.

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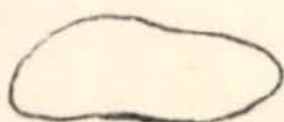
CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 154
1. Date 2 Aug 48
 2. Time 1945 hours
 3. Location Columbus, Ohio
 4. Name of observer Charles Saunders
 5. Occupation of observer Attorney
 6. Address of observer 265-1/2 South High St
 7. Place of observation Yard of 1337 Clifton Ave., Columbus, Ohio
 8. Number of objects 1
 9. Distance of object from observer N/S
 10. Time in sight 10-15 minutes
 11. Altitude 1,500 to 2000 ft
 12. Speed 15 MPH
 13. Direction of flight Moving south from the north
 14. Tactics Constant slow speed - Once it hesitated & thin trail of smoke issued from opposite direction of travel. Changed position assuming different shapes
 15. Sound None
 16. Size Judged to be about 20 to 30 ft in diameter
 17. Color N/S. Perimeter: constant grey-black. Center: transparent.
 18. Shape Changing. First: side-view: Parallelogram. Second: ~~square~~ ^{circular} then reverted to original form
 19. Odor detected N/S
 20. Apparent construction N/S
 21. Exhaust trails thin trail of smoke
 22. Weather conditions CAVU
 23. Effect on clouds No clouds
 24. Sketches or photographs 4 sketches
 25. Manner of disappearance N/S
 26. Remarks: (over)

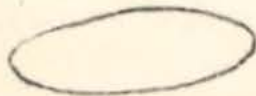
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On 2 Aug 48 at approx 1945 a round object which appeared to be about 20 to 30 ft in diameter was observed moving in southerly direction from the north over center of Columbus. Had constant grey-black perimeter with a transparent center. The blue sky could be observed through this grey-black perimeter while it moved at a constant, slow speed of about 15 MPH. It made no noise of any kind. Once it hesitated in its movements and a thin trail of smoke issued from the opposite direction of travel. The smoke soon disappeared and was not seen again during the 10 to 15 minutes object was visible to the observer. The object changed position - but not direction of travel - three times. When first seen, it evidently presented a side view which was a parallelogram in shape. (See). Slowly its position altered and it became circular in form, only to revert after a time to its original form. The altitude was judged to be some 1500 to 2000 ft above ground.

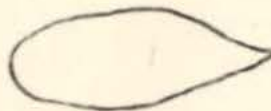
Agent's Note: Saunders drew the following sketches



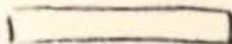
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Third



Second



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The above drawings constitute four positions of one phase. The object passed thru three of these phases during the 15 minute period.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date ² ~~12~~ Aug 48 Incident # 154a
2. Time 7:50 P. M.
3. Location Columbus, Ohio
4. Name of observer Jaymes Saunders, A. B., M. A.
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 1337 Clifton Ave, Columbus, Ohio
7. Place of observation Columbus, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 15 minutes
11. Altitude ~~N/A~~ 1/2 mile high
12. Speed slow and regular speed
13. Direction of flight from North to South to Southwest
14. Tactics/ ^{N/S} Oblong to circular to oblong change in shape
15. Sound None
16. Size of small plane
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Changing but circular for the most part
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails tail of smoke
22. Weather conditions Unusually favorable for observation. Light sufficient without interference from sun's rays.
23. Effect on clouds Cloudless
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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On 2 Aug 48, at 7:50 P. M. Mrs. Saunders observed an unusual object in the sky. Her attention was directed toward it because some neighborhood children were looking toward the north. She called her husband, Charles Saunders, (Inc 154) to witness the phenomenon. The sky was cloudless and the light more than sufficient, without interference from the rays of the sun which were hidden by the buildings of the city.

Object first appeared oblong in shape and was traveling from north to south at a slow, regular speed. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ at a height of a half mile. During the 15 minutes under observation the object traveled approx 7-1/2 miles. Although it did not change its course, it presented different appearances from time to time. From oblong to circular then to oblong. Object went thru this change three different times until observer lost sight of it. However, for the most part it presented a circular appearance. Outline very dark in contrast with the transparency of the center. Only when the shape appeared circular was observer aware of the center being a void. Once ~~it~~ it hesitated momentarily, observer noticed a tail of smoke emanating from the rear, after which the object continued in a southerly direction. This tail of smoke was observed but once. The size appeared to be that of a small plane. It made no sound altho at one time observer thought she detected one. At approx 8:00 P. M. observer lost sight of the object just as it appeared to be changing direction from South to Southwest.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date ~~1630~~ 31 July 48 Incident # 155
2. Time 1630
3. Location 480 N. Monroe Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. Edward G. Watson
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 480 N. Monroe Ave., Columbus, Ohio
7. Place of observation Columbus, Ohio
8. Number of objects 6 or 7
9. Distance of object from observer Very great distance away
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S - very great
12. Speed Hovering
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics Hovering -hanging in the sky
15. Sound N/S -
16. Size of an ash tray
17. Color gold
18. Shape starlike
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions CAVU - bright sunlight
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Witness Statement:

Objects first looked like large stars. They seemed to be at a very great distance and appeared to be about the size of an ash tray. There were approximately six or seven of them in a formation that resembled the shape of the big dipper. Did not have a definite shape individually but just seemed to be a group of spots glittering in the sky. They were gold in color and seemed to be just hanging in the sky. The sky was clear and blue and the sun was shining but do not believe the gold color caused by a reflection of the sun.

Corroborated by truck driver but/^{witness} could not obtain his name.

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Incident # 156

1. Date **31 July 48**
2. Time **8:00 P. M.**
3. Location **Columbus, Ohio - Tremont Rd near WOSU radio tower
located near University Golf Course**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Martin Price & Mrs. Mary Rippetoe**
5. Occupation of observer **Mrs. Price: housewife
Mrs. Mary Rippetoe: mother of Mrs. Price**
6. Address of observer **2186 Lamont Ave., Columbus, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Tremont Rd near WOSU Radio Tower**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **250 feet**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **250 feet**
12. Speed **very slow**
13. Direction of flight **West to East**
14. Tactics **Did not change course or altitude**
15. Sound **No noise**
16. Size **of gasoline drum - Approx 5' x 6'**
17. Color ~~dark~~ **Black**
18. Shape **Oblong**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Spouted black smoke from the top**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with no clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(above)**

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On Saturday evening, 31 July 48, at approximately 8:00 P. M. , while driving south on Fremont Road as observers approached the WOSU Radio Tower located on the University Golf Course, a large object resembling a huge lantern was seen floating in the sky. The weather was clear, and it was still daylight so object could be seen quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the tower and was about 1/2 the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead traveling east, it spouted black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a dull enclosed light like that of a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east with black smoke trailing behind. The object was black. It did not make any noise. There were no wings visible nor did it have any motor. No openings of any kind could be seen.

NOTE: Another car stopped near them with two occupants who claimed that they had never witnessed anything like it before.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- 1. Date 31 July 48 Incident # 157
- 2. Time 8:00 P. M.
- 3. Location Columbus, Ohio
- 4. Name of observer Robert C. Goshorn
- 5. Occupation of observer Teletype Operator
- 6. Address of observer State Highway Patrol Radio Station
- 7. Place of observation Near Golf Driving Range, Columbus, Ohio
- 8. Number of objects 1
- 9. Distance of object from observer Object was balloon which fell to earth & was investigated by observer
- 10. Time in sight N/S
- 11. Altitude Came to earth from around 100 ft (when first observed)
- 12. Speed N/S
- 13. Direction of flight earthward
- 14. Tactics N/S
- 15. Sound N/S
- 16. Size 2 ft x 3-1/2 ft
- 17. Color white crepe paper
- 18. Shape N/S - but said to be like old time "County Fair" balloon - round
- 19. Odor detected N/S
- 20. ~~Apparent~~ construction crepe paper
- 21. Exhaust trails smoking - caused by large ball of waste material
- 22. Weather conditions N/S - (clear - see Incident: 156)
- 23. Effect on clouds N/S (no clouds)
- 24. Sketches or photographs None
- 25. Manner of disappearance Fell to earth where it was retrieved.
- 26. Remarks: (over)

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Object was perceived floating in the sky coming from the west over Ohio State Student Housing Project and was approximately 100 feet off the ground when first observed. It got lower all the time and landed in a field nearby. Three small boys ran toward it and observer went over to investigate. Saw paper bag affair approx 2 feet in diameter and 3-1/2 feet long made of white crepe paper. (like old time "County-Fair" hot air balloons) It was smoking when first observed and this was caused by a large ball of waste material which was fastened underneath it. There were no marks or writing on it ~~and it was not a hot air balloon~~

Note: See Incident 156 - in which time & direction tally.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 158

1. Date **1 Aug 48**
2. Time **2:00 P. M.**
3. Location ~~XXXXXXXX~~ **Groveport, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Harold A. Yantis**
5. Occupation of observer **Student, ♀**
6. Address of observer **25 West Hinman Ave.**
7. Place of observation **1 mile west of Groveport, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude ~~N/S~~ **very high**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **in westerly direction against a light wind**
14. Tactics **N/S - just exhaust visible - smoke pattern dark & very large dispersed rapidly and appeared again as wide streak a mile or so in length**
15. Sound **No sound**
twisted from wide to narrow streak and back.
16. Size **N/S - object not seen**
17. Color **N/S - object not seen**
18. Shape **Just a streak observed**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction ~~N/S~~ **An exhaust trail (smoke)**
21. Exhaust trails **Appeared as black cloud with no definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it exploded**
22. Weather conditions ~~cloudy overcast~~ **Few white clouds - but clear**
23. Effect on clouds **black cloud silhouetted among them that moved**
24. Sketches or photographs **3 figs.**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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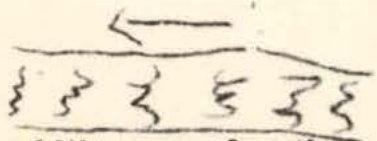
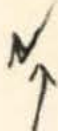
Observer noticed what appeared to be a small black cloud between two white ones. Seemed peculiar because the weather was clear and there were a few white clouds in the sky - but no other dark clouds or formations of any kind. The black cloud did not have any definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it explodes. Suddenly it stretched out into a wide streak with smaller vertical streaks, then rapidly turned and twisted, moving into a different direction and disappearing. In three or four seconds, the smoke burst appeared again spontaneously, approximately 20° west of the place where first noticed. Smoke pattern dark, very large, and dispersed rapidly, appearing again as a wide streak a mile or so in length which appeared to twist from a wide to a narrow streak and then back again changing direction as it twisted. Moving in westerly direction against light wind. Plainly visible altho far away and very high. No sound heard. Seemed like a streak that would be made if a flying wing with several engines ~~was~~ banking and turning and leaving exhaust trails.

Note: Yantis was in the war and had seen a lot of anti-aircraft shells burst and many vapor trails from planes but had never observed anything like this. He states: "It was so spontaneous like a rubber band which is round, then suddenly is stretched at length and twisted, and then disappears without a trace."

Agent's Note: Yantis drew the sketches below



Streak twisted and turned - suddenly disappeared



width same - length
estimated at 1 to 2 miles



1st position

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 159

1. Date 30 July 1948
2. Time 2015 hours
3. Location Worthington, Ohio
4. Name of observer John A. Felton
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer 5800 High St, Worthington, Ohio
7. Place of observation Worthington, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 15 minutes
11. Altitude Approx 3000 ft
12. Speed very slow
13. Direction of flight SW
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color silver
18. Shape cylindrical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Clear with high scattered clouds, visibility good
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Object appeared cylindrical in shape with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. No standard marker lights were displayed and there were no engine noises. The object emitted a steady silver glow.

Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft and the object was moving very slowly in a southwest course. It was in line of vision some 15 minutes. No other aircraft, military or civilian were in vicinity of Felton's hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and the visibility was good.

NOTE: Felton questioned by Maj Campbell of the USAF, but nothing further was gained by this interview with the exception that his wife also saw the object.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **4 July 48** Incident # 160
2. Time **11:15 P. M.**
3. Location **Dravasburg, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **John Jannicky, Jr.**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **Box 227, Dravasburg, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **Dravasburg, Pa.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **20 seconds +**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **Hovering - then moving on at undetermined speed**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **moved across sky, stopping three times and resuming movement**
15. Sound **No noise**
16. Size **of a star**
17. Color **same as a star**
18. Shape **looked like a star**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **Vague sketch**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On 4 July 48 at approx. 11:15 P. M., OST, witness and his wife thought they saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star which was moving. ~~It did not look like a star because it was moving and it was not a star.~~ Then they thought it was a plane but it made no noise. The object moved across the sky, then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds, then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When the object stopped in the sky, it resembled a star and only by following its course could the difference be noticed.

NOTE: Witness states that he lives some 2-1/2 miles from the two woman (McKeesport, Pa.) who reported seeing a big silver plate zooming noiselessly overhead in the direction of Kennywood Park. See Inc. 161.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **Around July 8, 48** Incident # 161
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **McKeesport, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Nell Veway & Mrs. Elizabeth Goltz**
5. Occupation of observer **housewife**
6. Address of observer s **Mrs Veway: 3404 Grover Ave
Mrs Goltz: 2604 Grover Ave.) McKeesport, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **McKeesport, Pa.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S - toward Kennywood Park**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **noiseless**
16. Size **12 to 15 inches in dia.**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **"plate"**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **disappeared in cloud bank**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappeared in cloud bank**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness saw what looked like a "big, silver plate" zooming noiselessly overhead in the direction of Kennywood Park.

"Oh look, that's not a plane, screamed Mrs. Veway of 3404 Grover to her neighbor, Mrs. Goltz, 3604 Grover, "it looks like one of those flying saucers."

Mrs. Veway said the disc was about 12 to 15 inches in diameter. It disappeared in a cloud bank but reappeared on the far side and was seen by Mrs. Goltz. They followed the direction of the disc until out of sight.

NOTE: Taken from the Daily News "McKeesport, Pa. - July 8, 1948.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 11 Aug 48 Incident # 162
2. Time 1200 and 1215 hours CST
3. Location Hamel, Minnesota
4. Name of observer Jerome Leuer (age 10 and Benne Leuer (age 8)
5. Occupation of observer children
6. Address of observer R/R 1 Hamel, Minnesota
7. Place of observation As above - back yard
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer a matter of a few feet
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude rested on ground -
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight After resting on ground it ascended to a height of 30 feet and shot off in a northeasterly direction
14. Tactics spun once, made whistling noise, shot straight up 20 ft, halted and again made whistling noise. Maneuvered around tree branches & tele wires.
15. Sound whistling noise - like steam whistle
16. Size 1 ft thick - 2 feet wide
17. Color dull gray
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction metallic
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance into northeast
26. Remarks: (over)

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Informants stated that on 11 Aug 48 between 1200 and 1215 hours, CST, Jerome and Benno were playing in the back yard and noticed an object in descent approximately twelve feet from the ground which was descending between the two of them. It settled to the ground gently - much as a balloon. Upon hitting the ground the object spun once, made a sort of whistling noise, described by the two boys as resembling a steam whistle, and then shot straight up into the air approximately 20 feet, halted and again made a whistling noise. The object then shot upward to a height of about 30 feet, and, in this ascent, maneuvered around tree branches and telephone wires. Upon reaching a height of approximately 30 feet the object shot off in a northeasterly direction. The object approached from the northwest.

The boys described the object as "approximately one foot thick, two feet side and round." The object had no windows, wires, or any visible appurtenances. It was a dull gray in color and when it hit the ground, it made a slight clanking noise, much as metal hitting against metal.

Philip and Mrs Leuer stated the boys were visibly frightened when they ran into the house and were afraid to tell what they had seen. Upon close questioning, the boys related the above story to them.

Mr. Leuer advised that he then had notified Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster at Hamel, Minnesota (who subsequently notified the proper authorities)

AGENTS NOTES: Agent noted that the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" had landed was approximately 2 feet in diameter and appeared as though some heavy object had landed there or had been set down - as the ground was dented and protruding rocks had been leveled. The spot was covered by a washtub.

Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster, advised that he had no reason to doubt the story of the boys or of Mr. and Mrs. Leuer, and for this reason had reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minn.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 163

1. Date 22 July 48
2. Time hour before dark
3. Location Van Nuys, Calif
4. Name of observer Capt Henry Glover & wife
(Ord-Res)
5. Occupation of observer Ordnance Reserve Officer
6. Address of observer 8531 Variel Ave., Canoga Park, Calif
7. Place of observation Van Nuys, Calif.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer ~~2000ft~~ overhead
10. Time in sight ~~N/S~~ about an hour
11. Altitude great height
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight toward the sun from the East or ~~West~~
E to W
14. Tactics traveled a vertical arc of about 25° or more
15. Sound N/S
16. Size of weather balloon at 2000 ft
17. Color bluish luminescence like fluorescent lamp which gradually
changed to orange color at dusk
18. Shape round tending to spherical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions CAVU ground temperature 70-75°
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance snapped off like a lamp when you throw switch
26. Remarks: (Over)

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Object appeared round and probably spherical. At first looked similar to weather balloon at about 2000 ft but there was no characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground with fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. In the time it was under observation (about an hour) it traveled thru a vertical arc of about 25° or more. After watching the object for a while the observer concluded that whatever it was the thing was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when the switch is thrown. The outline was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring), the air clear with visibility unlimited. Direction of travel from East directly toward the sun.

STATEMENT

Statement made by Mr. Henry Glover, Power Consultant, Department of Water and Power, Van Nuys, California; home address, 8531 Variel Avenue, Conoga Park, California. 1230 hours, 17 September 1948, concerning object sighted in the sky, 22 July 1948, in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley, California:

"On the evening of 22 July 1948, between the hours of 1930 and 2030, my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of an open air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

DESCRIPTION: It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first, it appeared to be a weather balloon at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it a while, I concluded that whatever it was, was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 69 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION BY SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM G. SPROULL

MR. SPROULL: Can you approximate the geographical location when you first sighted the object?

MR. GLOVER: Directly over Van Nuys about ~~25 or 30 degrees~~ it travelled *NE*

MR. SPROULL: Approximately what was the time when you first sighted this object?

MR. GLOVER: I didn't know the exact hour, but it was about an hour before sundown.

MR. SPROULL: Who called your attention to the object?

MR. GLOVER: Unidentified member of a group at the patio.

MR. SPROULL: What was the weather condition at the time?

MR. GLOVER: Very clear sky. Visibility unlimited.

MR. SPROULL: What was your impression of the actual shape or dimension of the object?

MR. GLOVER: It appeared to be round with no certain construction.

MR. SPROULL: What was the approximate size of the object?

MR. GLOVER: The size, as near as I could judge, would be a weather balloon at 2,000 feet. I am POSITIVE it was not a weather balloon.

MR. SPROULL: What would you approximate as the speed?

MR. GLOVER: That I wouldn't know except that it travelled about 25 or 30 degrees ^{in 1/2} at approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

MR. SPROULL: In what direction did it move?

MR. GLOVER: Overhead directly into the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Did you think it might be a reflection from anything?

MR. GLOVER: I thought it might be a reflection from the sunlight at first but then I couldn't account for the blue tinge.

MR. SPROULL: Did it glint or sparkle?

MR. GLOVER: No, it didn't sparkle at all. The light from the object was constant with a constant intensity but changed as the sun set lower until it turned toward an orange color. As the sun was setting, it became yellow and after the sun completely dropped, it became orange color. I was just observing this particular change of coloring, when it disappeared completely.

MR. SPROULL: What was the manner of disappearance?

MR. GLOVER: It disappeared like the turning off of a light. I was looking directly at it, when it seemed to disappear as an incandescent light when one turns off the switch. There was no expansion and no change in dimension whatsoever. That is the last I saw of the object.

MR. SPROULL: Any tactics employed during flight of object?

MR. GLOVER: No change in altitude or direction.

MR. SPROULL: Was there any sound to this object?

MR. GLOVER: There was no sound whatsoever.

MR. SPROULL: Was there an exhaust trail?

MR. GLOVER: No exhaust trail at all.

MR. SPROULL: Did you notice the object as carrying any lights?

MR. GLOVER: There were no distinguishing characteristics at all except for the bluish light.

MR. SPROULL: Did this occur to you to be something resembling a flying saucer?

MR. GLOVER: When I first viewed the object, the flying saucers immediately came to my mind.

MR. SPROULL: Do you feel that you were observing a definite object?

MR. GLOVER: Yes, it had a definite sharp outline - something I had never seen before. At first I thought it might be a gaseous formation but it didn't have the characteristics of a meteor or comet and the outline was too definite and sharp to be gaseous. It instead appeared to be a definite material object. I had even considered that it might be an astronomical object caught in our Earth's rotation like the moon, but it travelled faster than the sun so it couldn't have been. It was travelling three times as fast as the sun and was going in the same direction as the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Do you know any of the persons who observed this object personally?

MR. GLOVER: No.

END OF STATEMENT


Henry Glover

HENRY GLOVER
8531 Variel Avenue
Conoga, California

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 164
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1. Date 29th June
2. Time 11 P. M.
3. Location Uniontown, Pa.
4. Name of observer Mr. Catherine McDonald
5. Occupation of observer N/S ~~widow~~ widow
6. Address of observer 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown
7. Place of observation Uniontown, Pa. - Observer's front porch
8. Number of objects three - one at a time
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 5000 ft
12. Speed Very fast
13. Direction of flight NE
14. Tactics spinning vertically on edge
15. Sound none
16. Size N/S
17. Color luminous
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S - transparent
21. Exhaust trails trail of light about 1 yard long
22. Weather conditions stormy and cloudy
23. Effect on clouds N/S - flew across sky beneath base of clouds - lightning could be seen thru it.
24. Sketches or photographs vague sketch - 
25. Manner of disappearance lost sight of - obstructed by neighboring houses
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26. Remarks: (over)

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At approximately 11 P. M. on the 29th of June Mrs Hollar saw a luminous oval-shaped object ^{similar to} ~~resembling~~ a meat platter rolling along on its edge. It appeared to be going very fast since it disappeared in about 5 to 10 seconds. It was without sound or odor but seemed to have a tail which extended about a yard or so. Five minutes later, witness saw a second object and after another five-minute interval a third object was observed. They appeared in the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. The objects flew over the Oakland St. Area or just to the side of it (East of Oakland St.) They traveled about 1,000 ft and then disappeared behind the houses across the street from the witnesses.

Witnesses: Mrs. Catherine McDonald
Police Sergeant Snuh & daughter

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 164a

1. Date 29 June 48
2. Time 2300
3. Location Uniontown, Pa.
4. Name of observer Mrs. Margaret Hollar et al
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 100 Moore Ave., Uniontown, Pa.
7. Place of observation 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown
(home of Mrs. Catherine McDonald)
8. Number of objects 3 - one at a time
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 10 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed very fast
13. Direction of flight from Southwest to Northeast
14. Tactics rolled along on its edge
15. Sound ~~N/S~~ No sound
16. Size "platter"
17. Color luminous
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected ~~N/S~~ None
20. Apparent construction N/S - luminous
21. Exhaust trails a tail of about a yard in length
22. Weather conditions cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance View obstructed by neighboring houses
26. Remarks: (over)

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Witness saw a luminous, oval-shaped object flying at an altitude of approx 5,000 ft which was traveling beneath the base of some ~~clouds~~ clouds from southwest to northeast across the sky. The weather was stormy and cloudy and as a second object flew across the sky a flash of lightning could be seen thru it. It seemed to be transparent. The objects(3) traveled very fast and seemed to just disappear within 10 seconds. The objects appeared at approximately five minute intervals. There was no odor or sound ~~fr~~ from them. However, a trail of light about a yard long was observed. The objects rolled vertically on their edges and appeared to be spinning ~~an~~ end across the sky. Witnesses lost sight of the objects as neighboring houses obstructed their view.

Witnesses: Mrs. Margaret Hollar
Police Sergeant Shuh & ~~his~~ his daughter

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 29 June 48 Incident # 164b
2. Time 2300 - 11:00 P. M.
3. Location Uniontown, Pa.
4. Name of observer Sgt Chas E. Schuh & daughter
5. Occupation of observer Uniontown Police Dept.
6. Address of observer 32 Lawton Ave., Uniontown
7. Place of observation from front porch of 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 5 - 7 seconds
11. Altitude 6,000 ft
12. Speed 100 MPH
13. Direction of flight NE - sighted in west
14. Tactics straight & level
15. Sound none
16. Size half of a large meat platter (1-1/2')
17. Color N/S luminous
18. Shape semi-circular
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions partly cloudy
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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On the night of 29th June at about ~~xxxx~~ 11:00 P. M., witness saw an object that resembled a half of a large meat platter which appeared over ~~in~~ the west end of the city at Oakland Ave & West Main St., Uniontown, Pa. It seemed to be at a height of about 6,000 ft and sailed in a straight line of about 8 or 900 feet in about 5 to 7 seconds. No sound was heard and the object ~~emitted rays~~ emitted no rays. It was traveling in a northeastly direction.

Witnesses: Mrs. McDonald
Mrs. Hollar
Sgt Schuh's daughter

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 165

1. Date 26 July 1948
2. Time 2100 ~~z~~
3. Location Chamblee, Ga.
4. Name of observer Doyle L. Avery et al
5. Occupation of observer Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base
6. Address of observer Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Ga.
7. Place of observation Observation tower
8. Number of objects 1 blue white light
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S - like shooting star
13. Direction of flight SE turning S and gaining altitude
14. Tactics straight & level & gaining altitude
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color blue-white light
18. Shape N/S - object not seen
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction like shooting star
21. Exhaust trails N/S - possibly the blue white light was the exhaust
22. Weather conditions 2/10 cirrus at 25,000 ft; 1 to 4/10 of lower strato-cirrus at 5,000 ft. Visibility 12 to 15 miles. Surf wind light & variable
23. Effect on clouds N/S 2-5 MPH
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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~~On 26 July 48~~, Doyle L. Avery Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Ga., while on duty at the observation tower on 26 July 48 about 2100 hours sighted a blue-white light traveling southeast from the northeast. It was traveling very fast and maintained a uniform altitude (undetermined) and speed. It looked like a shooting star except for the fact that it maintained the same altitude. While under observation it then appeared to gain altitude and then turned sharply to the south. The weather was clear and still. There was no sound. Shortly after sighting the light several residents of the area called and reported seeing the same thing. No flights left or arrived at the station after 1910 hours on 26 July 48.

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Witnesses of this phenomena who were interviewed made statements as follows: On 26 July 48 they were seated on the lawn of the Georgia School of Technology Housing Project at Chamblee, Ga. About 2045 hours Mrs. John Gall sighted a strange light and called it to the attention of her companions. The light appeared about the size of a football and was traveling southeast on a steady course. It was green and faded into a silver-colored tail. The light appeared ~~appeared~~ to lose altitude slowly much the same as a plane coming in for a landing. It appeared to fade away in flight as if extinguished. No sound was heard.

Witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. Harold Shaw
Mr. Robert Sebring
Mrs. Jeanne Hill
Mrs. Myrtle Renfroe
Mrs. John Gall

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 Aug 48 Incident # 166
2. Time 20,000 hours or 8:00 P. M.
3. Location Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Name of observer S/Sgt Leroy H. Estes
5. Occupation of observer S/Sgt
6. Address of observer ~~N/S~~ 1301 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles
7. Place of observation 1301 W. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude estimated to be well over 20,000 ft.
12. Speed thought to be well over 700 MPH
13. Direction of flight ~~West to East~~
14. Tactics none - flew level course
15. Sound No sound
16. Size Larger than B-29
17. Color silver
18. Shape V-2 rocket
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction rocket - like
21. Exhaust trails blue exhaust trail
22. Weather conditions ~~N/S~~ Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Object resembled the fuselage of a V-2 rocket - but much larger. S/Sgt Estes stated that it was much larger than a B-29 and silver in color and that it completely filled the lens of a 10 B-80 field glass which was taken from a German 88 mm artillery piece. Each lens was 8" in diameter. Speed estimated to be well over 700 MPH, and object was traveling at an altitude of well over 20,000 ft. No sound was heard. Left a blue exhaust trail. Object traveling from west to east. Only one object sighted.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 167
1. Date 6 May 1948
 2. Time 0905 GCT
 3. Location 19° 08' N - 164° 05' E between Kwajalein Island, Marshall Islands and Hickam Field.,
 4. Name of observer Capt Floyd Barnes
 5. Occupation of observer Pilot USAF
 6. Address of observer Pacific Division, Milit Air Trans Service
 7. Place of observation Ahead & above his plane
 8. Number of objects 1
 9. Distance of object from observer 4 to 5 miles
 10. Time in sight split second
 11. Altitude 10,000 ft
 12. Speed N/S
 13. Direction of flight N/S
 14. Tactics exploded like a shell
 15. Sound N/S
 16. Size N/S
 17. Color white
 18. Shape ball
 19. Odor detected N/S
 20. Apparent construction ~~N/S~~ "fire"
 21. Exhaust trails None
 22. Weather conditions 5/10 cloud coverage
 23. Effect on clouds N/S
 24. Sketches or photographs none
 25. Manner of disappearance exploded
 26. Remarks: (over)

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A large white ball of fire was observed some four to five miles directly ahead of and slightly above the aircraft. It was observed for only a split second and was comparable to the explosion of a shell. There were no streamers or "tails" observed such as usually related to a meteor or a distress signal. As the aircraft approached the approximate position where the ball of fire was observed a single white light was seen on the water surface. However, this disappeared within a few seconds after sighting because of the existing cloud coverage. More lights were immediately observed on the water surface some 10 miles north of the plane's course. It is the opinion of the witness (Capt Barnes) that these were from a surface vessel. Some 10 minutes elapsed after these lights were observed on the water surface when an aircraft was sighted flying a reciprocal course (240°) at about 1000 ft below the observers' aircraft and slightly to the right of the course. Capt Barnes made numerous attempts to contact this aircraft on Channel "B" and "C", "VHF" but acknowledgment of his transmission was never received.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 168
1. Date 20 July 1948
 2. Time 1330 local
 3. Location Obrechstreet, Arnhem, The Hague
 4. Name of observer A. D. Otter
 5. Occupation of observer Chf. Investigator of Court of Damage
 6. Address of observer Arnhem, The Hague
 7. Place of observation 52° 30' N, 4° 30' E
 8. Number of objects 1
 9. Distance of object from observer N/S
 10. Time in sight N/S
 11. Altitude very high
 12. Speed high speed - comparable to V-2
 13. Direction of flight N/S
 14. Tactics N/S
 15. Sound Same as V-2
 16. Size N/S
 17. Color N/S
 18. Shape Aircraft with 2 decks and no wings
 19. Odor detected N/S
 20. Apparent construction N/S
 21. Exhaust trails N/S
 22. Weather conditions visibility unlimited - scattered clouds
 23. Effect on clouds N/S
 24. Sketches or photographs None
 25. Manner of disappearance N/S
 26. Remarks: Object appeared to be wingless aircraft with two decks. It was traveling at very high altitude and was seen four times intermittently thru clouds. Visibility: unlimited.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 169

1. Date 29 Aug 48
2. Time 0530
3. Location Maplewood, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mr. Faby Niswonger
5. Occupation of observer farmer
6. Address of observer RD #1, Maplewood, Ohio. Phone: Jackson Central
8-0742
7. Place of observation Maplewood, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics Arose from behind woods - seemed to unravel a silver
substance that floated earthward
15. Sound N/S
16. Size large
17. Color silver
18. Shape sphere
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails - silver substance (?)
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated in mid-air
26. Remarks: (over)

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Witness observed a large silver-colored sphere which seemed to arise from behind his woods and continued to float across his farm. While in flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While under observation it disintegrated in mid-air.

NOTE: Witness seemed very conscientious and sincere while relating this incident. Subject arose while witness was talking to a man from this Command (MCIAXP) when an airplane chanced to fly overhead.

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Incident: 170

Item from Turkish newspaper "Yeni Sabah" Istanbul, 5 May 48:

"There have been reports lately to the effect that shining objects like meteors, have been sighted in various parts of the country. Some people suggest that these might be rockets. Information received from authorized circles reveals that such a thing passed over Adapazari and was seen to explode in the air. Parts of it fell into a village nearby and killed a sheep dog. The thing was found to be a rocket and the debris will be inspected by experts.

Observers say that the rocket which is claimed to have come from the Northwest was flying at an altitude of 200 meters over Adapazari before it fell.

According to rumors, it is possible that the rocket is connected with the "flying disc" experiments being conducted by the Russians at the station on Mt Alaguz close to the eastern frontiers.

SEARCH: NA, Ankara, Turkey, 10 May 1948, Serial 86-48, Eval F-0

COMMENTS: Air Attache, Ankara, Turkey, has been requested to investigate this incident fully and encourage Turkish General Staff to do likewise. Whether incident can be confirmed or not Air Attache has been directed to determine sources for information contained in Yeni Sabah article.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- 7 54127
1. Date 3 Aug 48 Incident # 171
2. Time Sunset
3. Location Moscow, USSR
4. Name of observer N/S - American Newspaper Reporter
5. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation About 25 kilometers (19 to 20 miles) NW of Moscow
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed high but not excessive
13. Direction of flight Southwest-Northeast direction
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound No sound
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S - shone brightly
18. Shape long narrow
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Apparently metallic since it shone very brightly
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S - sunny
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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About Sunset on 3 Aug 48, about 25 kilometers (20 miles) northwest of Moscow an experienced American newspaper reporter saw an unidentified object at very high altitude. It was long and narrow and proceeded at a high but not excessive speed in a generally south-west- northeast direction. It shone very brightly probably from reflected sunlight. No wings could be seen and no sound was heard. It looked like a rigid airship and was so identified by a Russian acquaintance who saw it at the same time. However, the reporter, in spite of the appearance of the object was of the opinion that it was not a rigid airship due principally to its high speed. He had no theory to offer

NA COMMENT: This object might have been anything. Its speed seems insufficient for a guided missile, but it could have been either a jet or conventional airplane as unusual light conditions and fore-shortening frequently give aircraft a freakish appearance. The possibility that it was a dirigible should not be excluded. Reference "A" should not be excluded.

REFERENCE "A": The upper winds in Russia are not published but it was noted that on the following morning there were high surface winds with storm predictions.

CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 172

1. Date of Incident 1 Oct 1948
2. Time of Incident 2100 hrs
3. Place of observation Fargo, N. Dakota from plane over Fargo and vicinity
4. Name of observer George F. Gorman
5. Occupation of observer Mgr Constr Co. (Pilot of F-51 in Air Natl Guard)
6. Address of observer 18 Fed Hous Proj Fargo N. Dakota
7. Number of objects observed ~~from plane over Fargo and vicinity~~ 1
8. Distance of object from observer 1000 yds
9. Time in sight 27 minutes
10. Altitude 1000 to 1400 ft
11. Speed much faster than F-51
12. Direction of flight various
13. Tactics Several left turns, one right turn, diving and climbing
14. Lights clear white light
15. Sound none noted
16. Size at ~~closest~~ closest observation 6 to 8 inches
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round at all times
19. Odor detected none
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none seen
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance in steep climb
26. Remarks: Nothern lights were visible in the NE quadrant

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One object was observed over a period of 27 minutes. It consisted of a small round ball of clear white light with no physical form or shape attached. It was about 6 to 8 inches in diameter. At times this light traveled faster than the F-51 and performed maneuvers in both evasive and aggressive manner. When first sighted the object was traveling at about 250 MPH at 1,000 ft altitude. Under this condition the light was not continuous but blinked off and on. At higher performance the white light was continuous. Possibilities of other aircraft, meteorological balloon releases, Canadian Vampire Jets having been in immediate vicinity have been discredited. Geiger check now being performed on F-51 aircraft for comparison survey with unaffected aircraft. Technical studies have been initiated.

The closest Gorman ever got to the object was in a head-on pass at which time the object passed over him at less than 500 feet. It then appeared to him to be from 6 to 8 inches in diameter. It was white with no apparent glare and a clear cut edge. It apparently had depth. It did not seem an exact ball but appeared "flat".

Realizing that the speed of the object was too much for him Gorman attempted to cut it off in turns. At this time his fighter ~~was~~ was under full power. His speed varying from 300 - 400 MPH. The object circled to the left, he cut back to the right for a head-on pass. The pass was made at 5,000 ft, the object approaching head-on until a collision seemed inevitable. It then veered and passed 500 feet or less over the top of him. He chandelled around still without the object in sight. The object then made a 180° turn and initiated a pass at Gorman. This time Gorman watched it approach all the way and as it started to pull up he pulled up attempting to ram. The object went straight up with him following to 14,000 ft. Gorman stalled out at 14,000 ft with the object 2000 ft above him circling to the left. They then made two circles. The object then pulled away and made another head-on pass, but did not complete it, breaking off at quite some distance from Gorman and headed over Hector Airport at around 11,000 ft. Gorman gave chase circling to the left trying to cut it off until he was some 25 miles SE of Fargo. He was then at 14,000 ft, the object at 11,000 ft. Again giving his engine full power he tried to catch it in a diving turn. The thing turned around and made another head-on pass. This time when it pulled up he pulled up also but it outclimbed him, traveling straight up until lost from view. Gorman then returned to the field and landed.

Gorman states positively that there was "thought" behind the maneuvers.

CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 172A

1. Date of Incident 1 Oct 48
2. Time of Incident 2100 hrs
3. Place of observation Fargo N. Dakota Airport - Control Tower of Fargo Airport
4. Name of observer L. D. Jensen
5. Occupation of observer Airport traffic controller
6. Address of observer 1423 6th Ave Fargo N. Dakota
7. Number of objects observed 1
8. Distance of object from observer 1/2 mile
9. Time in sight several seconds
10. Altitude 4,000 to 5,000 ft
11. Speed extremely fast
12. Direction of flight W. S. W.
13. Tactics horizontal flight
14. Lights clear white light
15. Sound none noted
16. Size tail lamp of an airplane
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected none noted
20. Apparent construction none noted - "light"
21. Exhaust trails none noted
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance straight out
26. Remarks: (over)

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Mr. Jensen was on duty ~~sight~~ during the time Lt Gorman sighted the light over Fargo. There was not much traffic during the evening hours on that day. With the exception of the F-51 Gorman was flying there was no other plane from Fargo Air Field in the air. at 2050 hours he was advised that a plane from a privately-owned field south of Fargo that Dr. Cannon had taken off in a Piper Cub and had asked permission to land at Fargo Air Field. At 2100 hours Lt Gorman called the tower asking if any other aircraft were in the air. He was given the position of the Piper Cub. Approximately 5 minutes later Gorman called again and stated that there was another aircraft in the air in approximately the same altitude as the Cub, but he stated that it could not be the Cub in view of its speed. He was advised that no other aircraft was in the air from Fargo and none other had signaled from other air fields. Lt Gorman advised then that he was going to follow the other aircraft. Mr. Jensen then stepped to the south window of the tower and saw the object approximately 1,000 ft from the tower in a northwestern direction passing very fast over the field. Taking a pair of binoculars he observed the object as it passed over the field. He was, however, unable to distinguish any shape or form other than what appeared to be the tail light of a very fast-moving craft. He did not, however, see the maneuvers carried on by the object nor the F-51 of Lt Gorman. He saw the object only once and then only as it passed in a straight line over the field.

Mr Jensen heard no sound, noticed no odor and saw no exhaust streaks in the air. The object appeared to be only a round light, perfectly formed, with no fuzzy edges or rays leaving its body. The edges were clear cut. No other attached shape was observed. The main identifying characteristic was the high rate of speed at which it was apparently traveling.

CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 172 b

1. Date of Incident 1 Oct 1948
2. Time of Incident 2100 hrs
3. Place of observation Fargo, N. Dakota Airport - Control tower Fargo, N. D Arpt.
4. Name of observer Mamuel E. Johnson
5. Occupation of observer Assistant Air-port Traffic controller
6. Address of observer 1422 Broadway, Fargo, N.D.
7. Number of objects observed 1
8. Distance of object from observer 1 to 2 miles
9. Time in sight several seconds
10. Altitude 2000 to 2500 ft
11. Speed extremely fast
12. Direction of flight NNW
13. Tactics one turn
14. Lights clear white light
15. Sound none
16. Size of a lamp
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected none noted
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none noted
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance straight line
26. Remarks: Mr. Johnson was on duty at the Fargo Airport tower from around 1600 hours 1 Oct 48 and was in the tower at the time the F-51 called in requesting information about local traffic. When Lt Gorman called a second time about the object Johnson walked to the rear of the receiver and looked out the south window and saw the object and the Cub. Object was a little higher than the "Cub" and seemed to be on a north heading, and then turning northwest. It seemed about 2,000 ft in the air and traveling at an excessive rate of speed. No definite outline could be identified. Both the object and the "Cub" were noticed at the same time.

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CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 172c

1. Date of Incident 1 Oct 1948
2. Time of Incident 2100 hrs
3. Place of observation Fargo, N. Dakota - from ~~six~~ Fargo control tower
4. Name of observer Dr. Cannon
5. Occupation of observer Occulist (amateur pilot with 2 yrs flying experience)
6. Address of observer Goodmans Jewelers, Fargo, N. Dakota
7. Number of objects observed 1
8. Distance of object from observer 1 mile
9. Time in sight at intervals for seconds only
10. Altitude 5000 to 6000 ft
11. Speed very fast
12. Direction of flight NNW SE and W
13. Tactics straight line
14. Lights clear white light
15. Sound none
16. Size tail light of plane
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected none
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none seen
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance straight line
26. Remarks: Object first observed when Dr. Cannon was landing his plane. He noticed what appeared to be the tail light of another ship going at considerable speed in a westerly direction. He landed his "Cub" at the Fargo Airport and delivered some bottles of coca-cola to the tower operators

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On entering he overheard the running commentary between Lt Gorman & Mr. Jensen. He stepped on the balcony and watched the maneuvers of the F-51 from the southeast corner of the tower. He saw the object twice. It was headed in a westerly direction, returning shortly, and then going into a steep bank, then disappearing in a northwestern by north direction

Noticed no sound from the object at any time, no odor and no exhaust streaks in the sky.

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