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discrepancies in the photos have been found and the photographer is being reinterrogated by the O.S.I.

One school of thought of the people in the Lubbock area is that the objects were some type of migratory birds reflecting light from the city. Several people reported that they definitely knew the objects were ducks because they could see wings flapping. It is very possible that some of the people who were looking for the object did see ducks as there were duck flights passing over during the period. It is significant that those people who saw ducks were definitely able to identify the objects as ducks, or some type of bird, because they could see the wings or heard them make a noise, however, other people were just as determined that they were not birds. The possible conclusion is that some people did see birds, but others saw some other objects.

The college professors do not believe the theory that the objects were birds, but they are giving the possibility more thought. If they were birds, they would have to be relatively low to give the illusion of high speed. An occasional flight of birds might pass low over a city on a clear night but it is highly doubtful if they would continue to do this for several nights. Migratory birds usually try to keep away from cities.

The Federal Wild Life Game Warden was visited and although he was not familiar with the incident he doubted if the objects were birds. He stated that they could have been, however. The most likely suspect, if it is a bird, is a member of the Plover family which has a pure white breast, but unless there was a sudden influx of the birds into the Lubbock area, the game warden doubted if there would be enough of these birds to make up as many flights as were observed.

If the photos are authentic, the objects very probably are not ducks because an experienced photographer from the Lubbock Avalanche Newspaper attempted to get photos of ducks using both natural light and flash, but failed.

The investigation of this incident is continuing. It is probably the most unique incident in the history of Project Grudge in that it was observed so many times by a scientifically trained group of observers. These people are continuing to attempt to arrive at a solution for the phenomena. They had previously lost interest after several weeks of observations because they believed that the object was some new Air Force aircraft or missile.

The photographs are now at the Photographic Reconnaissance Laboratory at Wright Air Development Center for analysis.

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Appendix II

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO - 25 August 1951

On the evening of 25 August 1951, at 2158 MST, a Sandia Base Security Guard and his wife observed what they described to be a flying wing type aircraft similar to the Northrop Fly Wing Bomber (B-49) pass over the backyard of their trailer home in the east part of Albuquerque. They judged the wing span of the aircraft to be about one and one half times the wing span of a B-36, with which they were familiar. The object was flying low, the altitude was thought to be about 800 ft. - 1000 ft., and there was no sound that could be attributed to the object. The color of the object was not apparent due to the twilight but dark chordwise stripes were noticed under the wings. Six to eight pairs of soft glowing lights were noticed on the trailing edge of the wing. The speed was judged to be about 300 - 400 mph and the object was on a heading of approximately 160°.

(See Appendix I for possible related incident.)

Weather

Broken clouds at 17,000 ft., visibility five miles, wind S at 5 mph.

Status of Investigation

The possibility of this being a known aircraft was checked with negative results. The AC and W Radar Station at Kirtland AFB did not observe any unusual or unidentified aircraft.

The guard's background was checked and since he has a "Q" clearance, it has been assumed that he is mentally stable.

The photos taken of the V-shaped object at Lubbock, Texas, (see Appendix I) were sent to Albuquerque. They were shown to the sources by the O.S.I. and sources stated that arrangement of lights on the object they saw was similar to the photo. They sketched in the wing as they saw it.

An investigation was made to determine whether or not any one else had seen the object but only negative results were obtained.

Further evaluation of this incident depends on the outcome of attempts to establish the authenticity of the Lubbock photos.