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Incident #76

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ATIC NO. - - -

AF NO. - - -

REPORT NO. - - -

DATE OF REPORT - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING N/S

SHAPE Circular

SIZE N/S

COURSE N/S

NO. IN GROUP 2

SOUND Echo of Motor

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

DATE OF INFO 13 Aug 47

LOCATION Salmon Dam, Idaho

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR reflected light

SPEED great speed Estimated Measured

ALTITUDE 4,000'-6000' Estimated Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - - -

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS - - -

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With 104 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "D" and "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M. [illegible]

212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, and probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Mt. Rainier incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally discredit the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 58, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

Incident No. 76 -- 13 August 1947, Salmon Dam, Idaho.

Two men reported simultaneously hearing a roar, and looking up observed two objects of undertermined size, several miles distant at a great height which they thought might have been 4000-6000 feet. The objects were "circular", "reflected light", and were traveling at "great speed". Although occurring on the same day as Incident No. 75, the descriptions vary widely.

AMC Opinion: There is no information contained in this report to refute the assumption that these men saw two ordinary aircraft at too great a distance to discern details.

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Incident #76 -- Salmon Dam, Idaho -- 13 August 1947

There does not appear to be anything astronomical about this incident.

Although sighted on the same day as the sky-blue canyon saucer (incident #75), the objects described here seem to have little or no similarity to the former.

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Agent could not locate [redacted] but [redacted], who accompanied [redacted] at the time stated that he and [redacted] could hear a roar. They looked up and saw 2 objects flying at great height which might have been between 4,000 and 6,000 ft. He could give no estimate as to size and said they could have been several miles away. He and [redacted] were satisfied that had seen something and were very doubtful if the objects were planes.

From a newspaper account (Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho, Friday Aug 15, 1947) [redacted] said he had seen an unusual object in the air the same day as [redacted] experience (Incident 75) and that a sound resembling the echo of a motor caused him to look upward and there he saw two circular objects which reflected light. They were traveling at a great speed and at higher altitude than most planes.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 76

1. Date 13 Aug 47
2. Time N/S
3. Location Salmon Dam
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer [redacted]
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Salmon Dam
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer ~~4,000 to 6,000 ft~~ several miles away
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 4,000 to 6,000 ft
12. Speed great speed
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound echo of a motor - [redacted]
    roar - [redacted]
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S - reflected light
18. Shape circular
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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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:
#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.