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Incident #51

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DATE OF INFO 3 Sept 1947

AIR NO. —

LOCATION Oswego, Ore.

REPORT NO. —

SOURCE Female Civilian

DATE OF REPORT —

DATE IN TO ATIC —

TIME OF SIGHTING 1215 PST

COLOR Silver

SHAPE Round

SPEED —

SIZE —

ALTITUDE High

COURSE —

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED —

NO. IN GROUP 12-15

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND —

MANEUVERS —

PHOTOS —

SKETCHES —

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With 194 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 Mr. Fitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "H" and "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M. Fitts 212 Incidents considered)

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

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

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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, 216,

Incident No. 51 -- 3 September 1947, 1215 hours, Oswego, Oregon.
A housewife observed twelve to fifteen round, silver-colored objects at a high altitude. No further information was submitted, therefore, no conclusion can be reached.

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Incident #51 -- Oswego, Oregon -- 3 September 1947

The limited information given here does not suggest anything astronomical.

It is surprising that there was only one witness to this incident, since it occurred in a city, at a time when there was a plane in the sky.

If these objects were not ordinary aircraft at a great distance, or a cluster of balloons, then the incident must be considered together with others reporting groups of unidentified round or discoid objects, several of which occurred in this locality (e.g., incidents #5-9, 12-16).

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 5

1. Date 3 Sept 47

2. Time 1215

3. Location Oswego, Oregon

4. Name of observer Mrs. [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer N/S

6. Address of observer N/S

7. Place of observation Oswego, Oregon

8. Number of objects 12 to 15

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight N/S

11. Altitude high

12. Speed N/S

13. Direction of flight N/S

14. Tactics N/S

15. Sound N/S

16. Size N/S

17. Color silver

18. Shape round

19. Color 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: 12 to 15 round, silver objects seen at high altitude above Oswego, Oregon at 1215, 3 Sept 47 while Mrs. [redacted] was observing a local plane flying overhead.

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.