PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 Jun 47	2. LOCATION Spokane, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOONS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted discs or flashes of light which were quite large. They were silver and flying slower than an a/c.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Incident #22 -- Spokane, Washington -- 21 June 1947

This incident does not have any obvious astronomical explanation.

The information given is too limited to suggest any definite interpretation. It would seem, however, that the objects might possibly have been a series of balloons.

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Spokane, Wash.
July 4th, 1947.

Commanding Officer,
Wright Field,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir,

Re- Matter of reported 'Flying Disks'.

See by local paper, information appreciated.

On Saturday June 21st, shortly before noon, I was in our yard at home when I happened to glance up at a passing plane. I am not to familiar with the various kinds of planes, but I would say this was a two motored one from one of the army bases here, flying south at about 10,000or 12,000 feet.

On the mere glance at the plane, a bright shiny flash attracted my attention, coming from approximately two or three thousand feet lower than the plane, but slightly ahead of my line of vision of the plane. Immediately after the flash, I could see a more or less distinct line, or slim body where the flash had been, only far than south, and as I looking intently I became aware of other more indistinct flashes above, ahead, and behind the first, but so far away that I could see nothing more than the flashes at any time. The first one, would flash repeatedly as it moved along.

My first thought was that the plane had thrown out hand bills, but this could not be as they (the flashes or disks) were ahead of the plane.

I called my wife from in the house, and she saw them as distinctly as I did, and we wondered what they could be. We realized they could not be hand bills, as they must have been of good size to show so plain from such height. And again they were all silvery.

When last seen, they were still traveling south, possibly a little to the west of south, BUT by this time the plane was ahead of them. In other words, they were to the back of the plane in our line of vision.

We dont no more of them until we see them mentioned in the papers, then realized we perhaps had seen what others had.

One thing different, too, it seems to me they were not traveling as fast as the plane, as will be noticed from the above.

We realize to now, that whatever they were, they must have been quite large, being as plain as the nearest one was, yet so high. And again, they were traveling south, against prevailing winds.

At least some of the smaller 'fliehers', if not all were as high or higher than the plane, but the nearest one seemed lower both when it flashed and otherwise, as it did intermittently.

This to you as it may of some use.

Respectfully

R.S- Havn't heard of anyone else in, or near Spokane discribing on this. G.R.O.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 22

(2)

1. Date 21 June 1947
2. Time Shortly before noon
3. Location Spokane, Washington
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Not stated
6. Address of observer [redacted], Spokane, Washington
7. Place of observation Spokane, Washington on ground
8. Number of objects one at first. later others more indistinct
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight Not stated
11. Altitude 7,000 or 8,000 feet
12. Speed slower than 2 motored plane.
13. Direction of flight South, a little to the west of south
14. Tactics Flashed repeatedly as it moved along
15. Sound Not stated
16. Size Quite large
17. Color Shiny - silvery
18. Shape flashes or discs
19. Odor detected Not stated
20. Apparent construction flashes or discs
21. Exhaust trails Not stated
22. Weather conditions Not stated
23. Effect on clouds Not stated
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance became less distinct but flashed repeatedly.
26. Remarks: (over)

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INC FILE 22

HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

MCIAXO-3/MTS/rm
Jan 5 1949

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base,
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: DSS

1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as balloons released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.

2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or sponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks areusually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIAXO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Weather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2	24	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
4	28	72	96	126	157
11	30	73	104	141	159
14	31	81	105	148	163
16	32	87	107,8,9	151	167
22	33	89	112(See122)	154	169
23	48				

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Hq AMC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.
Subj: Project "SIGN"

4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
for H. E. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Dept

2 Incls:
Summaries 1-172 incl
"EEI"

Copies furnished:

AFOIR, Hq. USAF
Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab
Major Kodis, MCREEP
Colonel Neal, MCLAWS

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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.