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DATE OF INFO 7 July 47

LOCATION Marne [illegible]

SOURCE Test [illegible]

DATE IN TO ATIC ----

COLOR yellowish white

SPEED est 200-225 mph

ALTITUDE 10-12,000

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ----

TYPE OF OBSERVATION visual

MANEUVERS Sand L.
Was sitting in a/c when [illegible] people looking up in the air at first believed object to be weather balloon, then noted it was whirling.

NO. IN GROUP 1

SHAPE ----

PHOTOS ----

SKETCHES ----

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Incident #3 -- Muroc, California -- 7 July 1947

There is no astronomical explanation of this incident.

In this investigator's opinion, there is nothing in the evidence offered that is basically contradictory to the hypothesis of a weather balloon. Perhaps ascending currents of warm air over the desert could give the illusion that the object was oscillating.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 3

1. Date 7 July 1947

2. Time 1930

3. Location Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.

4. Name of observer Major J. G. Kisinger

5. Occupation of observer Test Pilot

6. Address of observer Muroc AAF, Muroc, California.

7. Place of observation Ground - Muroc AAF, Muroc, California

8. Number of objects One (1)

9. Distance of object from observer Due to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude.

10. Time in sight not stated

11. Altitude 10,000 to 12,000 feet

12. Speed 200 to 225 MPH

13. Direction of flight heading from west to east

14. Tactics Oscillating in a forward spiraling movement without losing altitude

15. Sound not stated

16. Size Five (5) to (10) feet in diameter

17. Color yellowish white

18. Shape Sphere

19. Odor detected not stated

20. Apparent construction Assumed at first to be a weather balloon

21. Behavior tracks not stated

22. Weather conditions not stated

23. Effect on clouds not stated

24. Sketches or photographs none

25. Manner of disappearance not stated

26. Remarks -

Over

REMARKS:

Statement given by Major J. G. Kise, Test Pilot, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.

On 7 July 1947, at approximately 10:10, while running up the X-4A on the ground I noticed everyone was looking up into the air. Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude, was an object that I assumed it first to be a weather balloon, but after looking at it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a forward wind-blown movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 200 to 225 MPH, and heading from west to east.

The object was yellowish white in color and I would estimate that it was a sphere about 5 to 10 feet in diameter.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
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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:
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b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
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c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
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3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
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