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Incident #37

ATIC NO. _____

DATE OF INFO 14 Oct 47

AP NO. _____

LOCATION Phoenix, Ariz.

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE Ex-USA PILOT

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF SIGHTING 1200

REDDISH AGAINST BLUE SKY
COLOR black against white clouds

SHAPE resembled flying wing

SPEED 350 mph

SIZE 3' diameter

✓ ALTITUDE 8,000' 10,000' 11,000'

COURSE NW to SE

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 45 sec to 1 min

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

SOUND none

MANEUVERS _____

PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

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With 124 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 "A" and "C").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul H. Pitts)
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, probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Groups

Summary of AEC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AEC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited certain common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the 1st. 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 II

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

1, 10, 17, 21, 27, 35, 37, 40, 51, 53, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 81,
111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 163, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

Incident No. 37 -- 14 October 1947, 1200 hours, eleven miles North,
N. E. of Cave Creek, Arizona.

Two mine operators observed one object at 8000 to 10,000 ft altitude, traveling 350 MPH S.E. in a straight line for a period of 45-60 seconds. The object was red against the sky, and black against a cloud. It appeared to be three feet in diameter from point of observation. The OSI report of investigation states that one observer thought it was a buzzard, but decided later that it was not; the other observer said it resembled a flying wing, but was not a flying wing. No reasons are given for these apparently superfluous and conflicting remarks. As in many other instances, these observers cite their flying experience as qualification for their ability to observe and report details.

AMC Opinion: From the limited data furnished in this report, it is difficult to arrive at any conclusion. If the object was actually 10,000 ft distant, and yet appeared three feet wide to the observer, it would of necessity been huge. This sole point of contention tends to discredit the report.

[REDACTED]

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Incident #37 -- Phoenix, Arizona -- 14 October 1947

There is clearly nothing astronomical about this incident,
and the information given here does not suggest any other explanation.

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[REDACTED]

1. Date: 11 October 1947
2. Time: 1200
3. Location: Phoenix, Arizona
4. Name of observer: [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer: Mine owner (Pilot)
6. Address of observer: [REDACTED] Phoenix
7. Place of observation: at a mine located approx. 11 miles north or northeast of Cave Creek, Arizona
8. Number of objects: 1
9. Distance of object from observer: 25 degree angle
10. Time in sight: 15 seconds to 1 minute
11. Altitude: 8/10,000 feet
12. Speed: 350 miles an hour
13. Direction of flight: northwest toward the southeast
14. Tactics: Not stated
15. Sound: No noise
16. Size: about 3 feet in diameter
17. Color: reddish cast when the object had blue [REDACTED] for background. Black when it had a white cloud for a background
18. Shape: resembled a flying wing
19. Odor detected: Not stated
20. Apparent construction: Not stated
21. Exhaust trails: Not stated
22. Weather conditions: Not stated with the exception of some clouds
23. Effect on clouds: Not stated
24. Sketches or photographs: one
25. Manner of disappearance: Not stated
26. Remarks: (over)

Mr. [redacted] attention was first drawn to the object by his partner, Mr. [redacted]. It appeared to be a black object which was traveling at an estimated height of 8/10,000 ft above the ground and was moving in a straight line from northwest to southeast. It was traveling some 350 MPH. It did not change elevation nor direction. From their range of vision where they were standing, upwards to the object, which was at about a 25° angle. It remained within their vision from 15 seconds to a minute. It could not be identified. Mr. [redacted] thought the nearest thing it resembled was a "flying wing". However, both men stated positively that there was no tail visible. From where they were the object appeared about 5 feet in diameter. Both men could offer no estimate as to its size were it on the ground. As to color, both stated that the object appeared red against a blue background and black against a white cloud. Ground wind was about 15 miles in velocity and was blowing in a northeasterly direction which would tend to carry any sound away from them.

Both men are pilots. Mr. [redacted] was a pilot in the U. S. A. F. for a period of 7 years, flying fighter type of war planes during most of this period. Mr. [redacted] was a gunner in the AAF for 2 years and is also a pilot. Both appeared level headed and not excitable, and were very sincere in making this report.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

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147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

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2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

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3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

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