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REPORT NO. _____

DATE OF REPORT _____

TIME OF REPORTING 1320 est

SHAPE "cigar"

SIZE probably large

COURSE ENE

NO. IN GROUP 2

WEIGHT _____

FILE _____ SKETCHES _____

Temporary ATIC Form 329
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Incident #19

DATE OF INFO 20 Oct 47

LOCATION Dayton, Ohio

SOURCE Male civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

COLOR reflected light silver

SPEED very fast

ALTITUDE very high

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS Horizontal flight about city
block apart

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Information given here is insufficient to exclude positively the possibility that the objects observed were a close pair of fireballs, but this seems extremely unlikely. Since the length of time in sight is not stated nor the speed estimated, it is impossible to draw any definite conclusions. Assuming these to be appropriate, if one were to stretch the description to its very limits and make allowances for the remarks of an untrained observer, he could say that the "cigar-like shape" might have been an illusion caused by rapid motion and that the bright sunlight might have made both the objects and the trails nearly invisible.

This investigator does not prefer that interpretation, and it should be resorted to only if all other possible explanations fail. In short, while it is not out of the realm of possibility that the objects seen were an unusual double fireball, it is most unlikely.

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1. Date: 2 Oct 47
2. Time: 1:30
3. Location: David Road, Dayton, Ohio
4. Name of observer: [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer: [REDACTED] E/S
6. Address of observer: [REDACTED] Dayton
7. Place of observation: Ground - [REDACTED] Dayton
8. Number of objects: 2
9. Distance of object from observer: E/S
10. Time in sight: N/S
11. Altitude: 1 to 5 miles high - could not be determined
12. Speed: Very fast
13. Direction of flight: West to East but slightly to the North
14. Tactics: One object followed the other about a city block apart
15. Sound: None
16. Size: N/S
17. Color: Reflected light
18. Shape: Like cigar
19. Order detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction: N/S
21. Exhaust trails: Like a slight trace of steam
22. Weather conditions: Clear
23. Effect on clouds: N/S - no clouds
24. Sketches or photographs: None
25. Name of organization: N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

10-67498 This document contains information which will reflect unfavorably upon the [REDACTED] responsibility should he be considered culpable. His fingerprints seen are not as yet identified.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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1. Astronomical

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