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PROCESSED BY ATIC Incident #35

1. NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 12 Nov 1947
2. NO. _____ LOCATION 40 mi. N of Cape Blanco, Ore.
3. OUT NO. _____ SOURCE Maritime Officer
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF SIGHTING "Early" COLOR _____
SHAPE Ball of light with trail SPEED 700 - 900 mph
SIZE _____ ALTITUDE _____
COURSE 270 degrees LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 45 sec.
NO. IN GROUP 2 TYPE OF OBSERVATION ship
SOUND _____ MANEUVERS Long, low ARL
PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

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Prof Meteor

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. Dr. Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul 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, size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area or type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports. These probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AMO Evaluation of Remaining Reports

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The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reports, could not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Ft. Belvoir 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.

17, 21, 27, 33, 37, 40, 51, 55, 62, 64, 63, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80,

121, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 216.

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Incident #35 -- off coast of Oregon -- 12 November 1947

The information given here is too meager for a definite conclusion to be drawn concerning the identity of the objects observed. It is probable, however, that they were two parts of a meteor that had broken upon entrance into the earth's atmosphere. The length of time in sight is unduly great, but one wonders whether this might not have been grossly overestimated for psychological reasons. Otherwise, the scanty description favors the meteoric hypothesis.

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U.S. AIR FORCE - UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTING CRAFT

1. Date 12 Nov 47
2. Time Early
3. Location 40 miles north of Cape Blanco, Oregon, 20 miles offshore
4. Name of observer Second Officer (redacted)
5. Occupation of observer Second Officer
6. Address of observer W/S (Excerpt from Oregon Journal 13 Nov 47)
7. Place of observation At sea, 20 miles offshore, 40 miles north of Cape Blanco, Oregon
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer W/S
10. Time in sight 45 seconds
11. Altitude W/S
12. Speed 700 to 900 MPH
13. Direction of flight from north horizon in westerly direction
14. Tactics Performed a long, low arc
15. Sound W/S
16. Size W/S
17. Color W/S
18. Shape ball
19. Color detected W/S
20. Apparent construction fire
21. Exhaust trails jet-like streams of fire
22. Weather conditions W/S
23. Effect on clouds W/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance W/S
26. Remarks (over)

Two flying discs trailing jet-like streams of fire were sighted from the bridge of the tanker "Albatross" early Wednesday. Second Officer [redacted] radioed the United States Coast Guard at [redacted] and reported the sighting. The discs moved at tremendous speed out of the north horizon and came in a westerly direction in a long line [redacted] that were moving between 700 to 900 mph. [redacted] didn't think they were meteors because they generally do not travel in pairs and usually fall to the horizon. [redacted] thought they were "flying discs".

Also observed by Ordinary Seaman [redacted] who claimed he also saw "discs".

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.