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Incident #1

ATIC NO. -----

AF NO. ---

ATIC ACK NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF [illegible] 1100

SHAPE round or sphere

SIZE From distance- small coin

COURSE easterly

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHOTOS ---

SKETCHES ---

DATE OF INCD 8 Mar 1948

LOCATION Belmont, N.C.

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR bright or silver, looked metallic

SPEED 600 mph

ALTITUDE ---

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 10 sec

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

REMARKS ---

Ref A/C

AMC/MCDEX AMIC Form 329
(7 Feb 52)

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Incident #105 -- Belmont, North Carolina -- 8 March 1948

The speed of 600 MPH, the lack of an exhaust trail, and the reported "exactly horizontal course" make it extremely improbable that the object seen in this incident was a meteor. The "steady reflection which did not flicker" also argues against that possibility. Since the observer was a technical man, it does not seem likely that his observations can be considered subjective enough to fit them into an astronomical hypothesis.

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

MCIAXO-3/HWS/rm
Jan 5 1949

MCIAXO

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.

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| 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 |
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| 23 | 43 | | | | |

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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. M. 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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B/Ltr from AMC
dtd 5 Jan 1949
Subj: Project
"SIGN"

AWS DSS 1st Ind 24 Jan 1949

HEADQUARTERS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO

Investigations by this headquarters reveal that a synoptic weather balloon could have been at the location where sightings were reported in the following incidents. In compiling this list consideration was given to the wind direction and speed at the surface and aloft at the scheduled time of balloon release, and the location of the nearest weather station making balloon observations.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 52 | 91 | 126 |
| 3 | 72 | 93 | 148 |
| 4 | 73 | 94 | 155 |
| 25 | 78 | 105 | 166 |
| 28 | 81 | 113 | 169 |
| 36 | 87 | 115 | 172 |

FOR THE CHIEF AIR WEATHER SERVICE

/s/ W. A. West
W. A. WEST
Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #105

1. Date 8 Mar 48
2. Time 1100
3. Location Belmont, N. C.
4. Name of observer Mr. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Supt. Meter Dept, Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.
6. Address of observer Charlotte, N. C. (Duke Power Co.)
7. Place of observation Belmont, N. C. (Sighted from ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight about 10 seconds
11. Altitude N/S - could not be estimated
12. Speed Around 600 MPH
13. Direction of flight Easterly
14. Tactics None - moved in straight line at constant speed without change in altitude or direction
15. Sound None
16. Size From a distance - that of a small coin
17. Color bright or silver - looked metallic
18. Shape round or sphere (unable to determine which)
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Metallic
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear with scattered white clouds
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Behind small white cloud
26. Remarks: (over)

A round metallic-appearing object moving very rapidly at an estimated speed of 600 MPH was observed near Belmont, N. C., at approx 1100 the morning of 8 Mar 48. The weather was clear with excellent visibility with a few small scattered fleecy white clouds. It could not be determined if the object were a disc or sphere. Its apparent size was that of a small coin of a bright or silver color. It reflected the sun maintaining a steady reflection which did not flicker. The object which was under observation for some 10 seconds was on an easterly heading and moved in a straight line at a constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction. It was impossible to determine the altitude but it was moving above the clouds. No sound of any kind was heard nor was any exhaust trail observed.

NOTE: Witness (Mr [redacted]) is a man of excellent character and reputation, a first-grade engineer and employee of Duke Power Co for some 30 years. He impressed the agent as being conservative and sound and is a technical man with a very technical and responsible position.

Mr. [redacted] was careful in his statements. He does not claim he saw the "flying disc", merely claiming that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. It resembled "a round metallic appearing object moving very rapidly."

Witnesses: Mr. [redacted] assistant Superintendent, Meter Dept
Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. [redacted], Gastonia Electric Co.,
Gastonia, N. C.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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APR 22 1948

Project "SIGN"

Director of Intelligence
General Staff
United States Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: CSGID

The attached copy of teletype from Fort McPherson, Georgia, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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as teletype fr
Ft McPherson

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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(15 Apr 48)
HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 16 April 1948

TO: COMGENAMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCI

1. TWX forwarded this date.

2. Basic communication is forwarded for more detailed information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WALTER A. BUCK
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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Col. Wadsworth, MCR, contacted and will pick up.

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FM UEAC 98A/CG FTMCPHERSON GA 161400Z

TO COMGENAMC WRIGHPATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

16:35 April 16, 1948

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[redacted] PASS TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GSUSA

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED AT BELMONT NC EIGHT MARCH NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT ELEVEN HUNDRED HOURS PD WEATHER CLEAR CMA VISIBILITY EXCELLENT CMA FEW SMALL SCATTERED FFLEECY WHITE CLOUDS PD WITNESSES CLN MR [redacted] N CMA SUPER METER DEPT CMA DUKE POWER CO CMA CHARLOTTE CMA NC CMA MR [redacted] CMA ASST TO [redacted] CMA MR [redacted] CMA GASTONIA ELECTRIC CO CMA GASTONIA CMA NC PD NO PHOTOS PD OBJECT SIGHTED CLN NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER DISC OR SPHERE PD SIZE NOT ESTIMATED EXCEPT THAT APPARENT SIZE FROM GROUND ABOUT THAT OF SMALL COIN PD COLOR BRIGHT OR SILVER. CMA REFLECTED SUNLIGHT CMA BUT NO FLICKER CMA STEADY REFLECTION PD ESTIMATED SPEED A BIT FASTER THAN JET TYPE AIRPLANE CMA THAN WITNESS HAS SEEN CMA OR ABOUT SIX HUNDRED MILES PER HR PD WITNESS WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE VERY FAST SPEED IN RELATION TO SMALL CLOUD CMA BEHIND WHICH OBJECT DISAPPEARED PD SEEN FOR ABOUT TEN SECONDS PD HEADING EASTERLY PD OBJECT MOVED IN STRAIGHT LINE AT CONSTANT SPEED WITHOUT APPARENT CHANGE IN ALTITUDE

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OR DIRECTION PD UNABLE TO ESTIMATE ALTITUDE CMA EXCEPT ABOVE CLOUDS PD NO SOUND OF ANY KIND PD NO EXAUST TRAIL OR ANY OTHER PHENOMENON CONNECTED PD COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS PD

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c/o Office Instructor, ORC
Charlotte QM Depot
Charlotte, N. C.

15 April 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Hq, Third Army, Att. AC of S, G-2

1. The following report submitted in accordance with Ltr., Hq, Third Army, AJACI-452.1 General, 1 April 1948. The undersigned heard of a sighting of an unconventional aircraft, investigated, and submits herewith the following information:

a. Sighted at Belmont, N. C., March 8, 1948 at 1100 hours.

b. Weather clear, visibility excellent, few small scattered fleecy white clouds.

c. Witnesses: Mr. [redacted], Super. Meter Dept., Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. [redacted], Ass't to above.
Mr. [redacted], Gastonia Electric Co., Gastonia, N. C.

d. No photographs.

3. Object sighted:

(1) one
(2) Round-not able to determine whether disc or sphere.
(3) Size-not able to estimate except that apparent size from ground about that of small coin.
(4) Color-bright or silver, reflected sunlight, but no flicker, steady reflection.
(5) Speed-estimated a bit faster than jet type airplane, that witness has seen, or about 600 miles per hour. Witness was able to observe very fast speed in relation to a small cloud, behind which object disappeared. Seen for about 10 seconds.
(6) Heading-easterly.
(7) Maneuverability-object moved in straight line at constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction.
(8) Altitude-unable to estimate, but above clouds.
(9) Sound-no sound of any kind.
(10) No exhaust trail or any other phenomenon connected.

2. The undersigned talked to Mr. [redacted], but neither of the other witnesses. Mr. [redacted] is a man of excellent character and reputation, a first grade engineer, and employee of Duke Power Co. for some 30 years. He is known to the undersigned thru mutual close friend to whome he is related. He impressed the undersigned as being conservative and sound and is a technical man with a very technical and responsible position. Was employed by the government during war in some work of a technical and classified nature.

Mr. [redacted] was careful in his statements outlined above. He does not claim that he and other witnesses saw a "flying disc". He merely claims that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. He was quite sure in his own mind that it did not resemble any conventional aircraft, that it was "a round metallic appearing object, moving very rapidly." He states that there is absolutely no doubt in his mind or that of the other two witnesses that they saw something very clearly of the above description, and that they all watched it for some ten seconds until it disappeared behind a small cloud.

3. Mr. [redacted] states that he will be glad to give any further information that may be desired, but believes the above contains all the information which he can give as to the object itself. The exact location from which the witnesses sighted the object can be obtained as the three were working on a power line at the time and have a detailed diagram of their exact position.

4. Further information concerning Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] could not doubt be obtained from the Personnel Dept of Duke Power Co. The undersigned knows nothing about the references of the third witness, Mr. [redacted].

5. The undersigned has no further information upon which to evaluate report, but from talking to Mr. [redacted] feels that he and other witnesses saw something which they could not identify, are sincere, and the details of the object in their own minds are as presented above. Mr. [redacted] repeated that he was quite positive that the object was not an airplane.

James Y. Rogers, Jr.
Lt Col, Cml C (Res)
0-403612
C.O. 317th Composite Gp

Personal address:
2131 McClintock Rd.,
Charlotte, N. C.

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MCIA/JCB/smb
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
[redacted]
21 April 1948

MCIA

Lt Colonel James Y. Rogers
2131 McClintock Road
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Colonel Rogers:

Reference is made to your letter, subject: "Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft" to Hq, Third Army, Attn: AC of S, G-2, dated 15 April 1948.

It is requested that an estimate of the height of the clouds at 1100 hours on 8 March 1948 be secured from the Belmont, N. C. Weather Bureau. It is further requested that Mr. [redacted] be interviewed once more for the purpose of securing the following:

a. An estimation of the horizontal or slant range from his position to the object.

b. Whether or not the object gave the appearance of immense size at great height or that of medium size at a lesser altitude.

c. In the event the object sighted gave the appearance of great size, are there any other known observers not in the immediate vicinity of Mr. [redacted] and his companions?

Any further information available on this or other sightings of this nature would be greatly appreciated by this Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

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W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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Charlotte, N. C.
May, 7, 1948

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Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Att. MICA

Gentlemen,

Reference is made to your letter of 21 April to me from Col. W. R. Clingerman (signed by Lt. Col. J. J. Hausman) in reply to my report of 15 April, subject: "Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft."

The weather bureau at Morris Field (about five miles from the Imperial Cotton Mills, Belmont, N. C. - where object was sighted) reports that the weather on 8 March 1948 at 1100 hrs. as unlimited ceiling, clouds about .1, high (above 10,000 ft.) thin Sirrus, estimated at 30,000 ft at 1130 hrs. Morris Field says that these conditions were general over a large area, and undoubtly the same over the sighting spot as they were at the weather station at Morris Field.

Have interviewed the witness, Mr. [redacted] again and he says that since he is not a trained aerial observer and does not know either the actual size of the object or the distance, would be unable to estimate horizontal or slant range, or determine whether the object appeared to be large at a great distance, or smaller at a lesser distance. There are no other known observers other than Mr. [redacted] and his party.

Mr. [redacted] added nothing further to the original report, except that he seems to be of the impression that the object was a disc rather than a sphere, but I don't see how he could determine this under the conditions, and since he was uncertain in his original report, believe it should probably be discounted. He was quite insistent that he heard no sound, and that it wasn't in his opinion a conventional type airplane.

It is regretted that no more information is available.

Yours very truly,

James Y. Rogers, Jr.

James Y. Rogers, Jr.,
Lt. Col. Uml C (Res)
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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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#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.