[redacted] Incident#108

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 0830

SHAPE ball

SIZE larger than small plane

COURSE eastward

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES ----

DATE OF INFO 8 Mar 48

LOCATION Bakerfield, Calif

SOURCE Male civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Orange-red ball of fire

SPEED static for approx. 30 sec then drifting

Estimated ____
Measured ____

ALTITUDE ---- Estimated ____
Measured ____

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 30 seconds

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS ----

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

[redacted]

Prof. Hynek
Dave

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Incident #108-- Bakersfield, California -- 8 March 1948

It is extremely unlikely that this object was of astronomical origin. See report on incident #106.

Although the hour of observation is not stated in the witness's report of incident #107, it is possible, judging by the information which is given, that #107 and #108 refer to the same object or objects.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 108

1. Date 8 March 1948
2. Time 0830
3. Location Bakersfield, California
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Sighted from ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 5 miles
10. Time in sight Approx. 30 seconds before splitting and burning
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Static for approx 30 seconds, and then drifting
13. Direction of flight eastward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Larger than a small airplane
17. Color Orange-red ball of fire
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Drifted to the east into the hills east of Bakersfield
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106

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Ltr frm Hq 4th AF, dated 11 Mar 48, subject: "Investigation of Flying Discs"

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Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

4AFDA-3/1208-I 319.1/A-2/24 14 APR 1948

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Attached Summary of Information forwarded in compliance with ADC Ltr 45-5, Subject: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs" dated 25 March 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. J. TURNER
CWO, USAF
Actg Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:
S/I-Inves. of
"Flying Disc"(dup)

Distribution:
AMC, Wright-Patterson - 2 cys
ADC, Mitchel Fld, N Y - 1 cy
USAF, Washington, D C - 1 cy
A-2, 4AF, Hamilton Fld file - 1 cy

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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, FOURTH AIR FORCE

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

LAFDA-3/1208-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Information from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California, revealed that numerous calls from residents in Bakersfield concerning peculiar objects in the sky over Bakersfield, predicated an investigation by their office and contact with A-2 Headquarters Fourth Air Force.

On 13th March 1948, two informants, Mr. [redacted], and Mr. [redacted], stated that they observed a flying object which appeared to be consumed in fire, and left a brownish-white plume of smoke, which suddenly stopped and disappeared. Seconds later, what appeared to be a parachute, was seen to be drifting to the east.

The object, as described, appeared to be a burning fabric airplane, consumed in smoke. Observations were made in Bakersfield of object to the south and southwest, approximately ten to twelve miles distance, around 1600 hours on 5 March 1948.

On 13th March 1948, informant, Mr. [redacted] stated that he observed an object at 0830, 8 March 1948, due north of Bakersfield, approximately five miles distance. The object was a large, orange-red ball of fire, somewhat larger than a small airplane, appeared to remain static for approximately thirty seconds, then split and continued to burn; each visible as a burning half. A parachute, with a black object hanging was then observed to fall, drift to the east and disappeared into the hills east of Bakersfield.

On 13th March 1948, two informants, Mrs. [redacted], secretary, Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, and Dr. [redacted], dentist Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, stated that they were in Room 518, Haberfelde Building, on the morning of 9 March 1948. Mrs. [redacted] was a patient of Dr. [redacted]. Both informants stated that they observed a flaming object which appeared at first to be a very small airplane. Orange red flames seemed to envelope the object with considerable black smoke trailing in a zigzag manner for approximately 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The object was observed at 1,000 feet, approximately due north of Bakersfield, seven to ten miles distant at approximately 0830 hours.

Informants further stated that the object disappeared behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to their view, and was near the ground. Both informants watched for an explosion, thinking that it would explode upon reaching the ground, but nothing unusual was noted.

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A-2 COMMENT:

Although there is no evidence to substantiate the following, it is the opinion of this headquarters that this activity could be attributed to marker flares. Any further developments, or evidence obtained, will be forwarded this headquarters from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California.

EVALUATION

Of Source	Of Information
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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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