[redacted] Incident #168

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 1330

SHAPE A/C with 2 decks and no wings

SIZE ---

COLOR ---

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND Same as V-2

PHOTOS ---

DATE OF UFO 20 July 1948

LOCATION Arnhem, Holland

SOURCE Civil Official

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR ---

SPEED High (Comparable to V-2)

ALTITUDE Very high

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS ---

SKETCHES ---

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

[redacted]

Insuff Evidence

UNCLASSIFIED

Incident #188 -- The Hague -- 20 July 1948

The information given here is too limited even for guesswork. It is extremely difficult to take at face value the report of an aircraft with two decks and no wings travelling with supersonic speed, even if "seen four times through clouds" by the chief of the Court of Damage and his daughter. It seems much more probable that the observers had a subjective impression of ordinary aircraft or a fireball. Even though these two items are at opposite ends of the scale, there is nothing in the evidence to favor one or the other.

In passing, it is interesting to note that this incident occurred just four days before the famous "Alabama space ship." Maybe our visitors from Mars were cruising around!

UNCLASSIFIED

8-3-48

Incident No. 168 -- 20 July 1948, 1330 Hours, Arnheim, The Hague.

One observer saw an object intermittently through clouds four times. The object had two decks and no wings, was said to be very high, with speed comparable to V-2.

AMC Opinion: Insufficient information. It may be well to point out that the V-2 is not visible in flight, therefore, it follows that this object would not have been visible as described if traveling at that speed.

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.

20 JULY 48

With 104 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. Fitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M. Fitts 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, and probably would not have been considered unusual or reported if there had been no publicity.

[illegible]

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Mt. Rainier 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 night.

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, [illegible] so that it cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the [illegible] number of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 58, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236,