UNCLASSIFIED PROJECT 10649 PROBED

Incident #159

ATIC NO. ------

DATE OF INFO 30 July 1948

AF NO. ------

LOCATION Worthington, Ohio

REPORT NO. ------

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE OF REPORT ------

DATE IN TO ATIC ------

TIME OF SIGHTING 2015

COLOR Silver

SHAPE Cylindrical

SPEED Very Slow Estimated / Measured

SIZE ------

ALTITUDE Approx 3000 ft. Estimated / Measured

COURSE Southwest

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 15 Minutes

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND ------

MANEUVERS ------

PHOTOS ------ SKETCHES ------

See 155, 156, 157.

Pass Not AIR Based

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Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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No astronomical explanation is suggested by the description of this incident.

This investigator wonders whether an advertising "blimp" might not have been in the neighborhood. The time of observation was just after sunset, and a blimp would probably have given the appearance described.

It should be noted that the size of the object and distance are not stated.

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

MCIAXO-3/HWS/rm
Jan 5 1949

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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.

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
16	32	87	107,8,9	151	167
22	33	89	112(See122)	154	169
23	48				

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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 Material 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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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #159

1. Date 30 July 1948
2. Time 2015 hours
3. Location Worthington, Ohio
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer [redacted], Ohio
7. Place of observation Worthington, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 15 minutes
11. Altitude Approx 3000 ft
12. Speed very slow
13. Direction of flight SW
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color silver
18. Shape cylindrical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Clear with high scattered clouds, visibility good
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Object appeared cylindrical in shape with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. No standard marker lights were displayed and there were no engine noises. The object emitted a steady silver glow.

Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft and the object was moving very slowly in a southwest course. It was in line of vision some 15 minutes. No other aircraft, military or civilian were in vicinity of Felton's hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and the visibility was good.

NOTE: [redacted]n questioned by Maj Campbell of the USAF, but nothing further was gained by this interview with the exception that his wife also saw the object.

SUBJECT : Unidentified Airborne Object.

TO : Major H.M. Campbell, U.S. Air Force

1. On the evening of Friday 30 July 1948, from my home at [redacted]t, Worthington, Ohio, I saw an object in the southwest sky that did not look like any of the aircraft that I am familiar with. I first saw this object at exactly 2015 hours. The object appeared to be cylindrical in shape, with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. There were no standard marker lights displayed, and no engine noises. The object did, however, emit a steady silver glow.

2. I should judge that its altitude was approximately 3000 feet and moving very slow in a southwest course. It was in my line of vision until 2030 hours. There were no other aircraft, military or civilian, in the vicinity of my hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and visibility was good.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Worthington, Ohio

2 August 1948

Upon questioning, Mr. [redacted] revealed nothing more than the above, except that his wife saw the same object.

H.M. Campbell
Major, USAF

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WAS THE LARGEHURST USER AUG 21

GOVT HEADQUARTERS AIR MATERIEL COMMAND ATTN MCRAC-3

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

REQR DISPATCH NGH RIGID L-TYPE AIRSHIP CAA LICENSE NJ1A

DEPARTED LAKEHURST SUNDAY 6 AUGUST OPERATED TOLEDO FROM 9

TO 17 AUGUST ADVERTISING WONDER BREAD AND CARRYING

PASSENGERS PRESENT LOCATION FROM 18 TO 21 AUGUST LIMA OHIO

FORWARDING AIR MAIL ITINERARY THROUGH OCTOBER

NAHL L. LANGE VICE PRESIDENT DOUGLAS LEHIGH SKY

ADVERTISING CORP LAKEHURST NEW JERSEY

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17 Aug 48

W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
Chf, Tech Intel Div
Intel Department
Ex 6-5310

Douglas Leigh Sky Adv Corp
C/O Naval Air Station
Lakehurst, New Jersey

MCIAXO-8-6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON OPERATIONOF YOUR LIGHTER-THAN-AIR CRAFT IN VICINITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, DURING PERIOD 30 JULY TO 3 AUG 48.

PLEASE DIRECT REPLY GOVN COLLECT HQ AMC, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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COLLECT

AKRON OHIO AUG 18 1934

ATTRCHAC-5 CHA NR ANC

DRIGHT FIELD

DETEL DC GOODYEAR LIGHTER THAN AIR AIRCRAFT COLUMBUS OHIO

VICINITY JL JULY 4R IN FACT NEAREST SHIP CHICAGO ILLINOIS

STOP SUGGEST YOU DIRECT INQUIRY ATTENTION DOUGLAS LEIGH DIV

ADVERTISING CORP CARE US NAVAL AIR STATION LAKEHURST NJER

WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN OHIO RECENTLY

R L FICHES GOODYEAR AIRCRAFT.

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AUG 18 8:52A

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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.