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Incident #203

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ATIC NO. ----

AF NO. ----

REPORT NO. ------

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 1418

SHAPE Egg w/tail

SIZE 50' Diameter

COURSE SE

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHOTOS ----

SKETCHES ----

DATE OF INFO 17 Nov 48

LOCATION 56°10'N - 117°30'W Peace River Canada

SOURCE A/c Crew

DATE IN TO ATIC ----

COLOR Flaming Orange

SPEED very fast

ALTITUDE 18,000' EST

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Momentary

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial

MANEUVERS Appeared to be in shallow dive

Temporary ATIC Form 329
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Incident #203 -- Alberta Province, Canada -- 17 November 1948

The object reported in this incident was certainly a fireball. The description fits very closely.

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

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

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

2 Incls:
1 - Incident Summaries
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

17 Nov 48

No. 203: Again last scheduled release was over five hours prior to sighting. Only possibility, and a definitely unlikely one, is a lighted balloon falling in flames from an extremely high altitude.

INC[redacted] SUMMARY SHEET
(To be f[redacted] retained in files)

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1. Date of Observation 17 Nov 1948 Incident: 203

2. Time of Observation 1418 Z

3. Where was Object(s) Sighted 56° 10' North Latitude by 117° 30' West Longitude
Peace River, Alberta Province - some 250 miles NW of Edmonton

4. Observer's Position From 7,000 ft enroute to Kittigazuit, N. W. T. from Edmonton,
(i.e. ground, air, control tower, etc.)

5. Name and Address of Observer 1st Lt James Toomey, Edmonton, Alberta, Can.
S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, AF 20715676, Radio Operator
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

6. Occupation and/or Hobbies (?) Pilot & Radio Operator with crew

7. Attention Attracted to Object (s) By N/S

8. Number of Object(s) Sighted 1

9. Size of Object(s) Approximately 50' in height

10. Color of Object(s) flaming orange color

11. Shape (Sketch if Possible) egg shaped with tail

12. Nature of Luminosity flame

13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer N/S
Altitude: Estimated at approximately 18,000 feet

14. Speed of Object(s) Unknown

15. Time in Sight Momentary

16. Tactics appeared to be in a shallow dive

17. Sound Made by Object(s) none

18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) Southwest

19. Apparent Construction (Of What Material or Substance) "flame"

20. Effect of Objects on Clouds and/or Exhaust Trail N/S but illuminated the sky momentarily behind it - had a tail

21. Weather Conditions Existing at the Time Overcast with tops at approx 4500' MSL. High deck of thin broken stratus clouds at approx 12,000 ft.

22. Peculiarities Noted N/S

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23. Summary of Incident (over)

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(Attach a Separate Sheet if Additional Space is Needed)

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DETACHMENT, 1701ST AIR TRANSPORT WING
CONTINENTAL DIVISION, MATS
EDMONTON ALBERTA CANADA

GPB/md

19 Nov 48

SUBJECT: Observation of an Object in the Atmosphere

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-5

1. The following report of an object observed by 1st Lt. James Toomey is submitted in compliance with Secret Letter dtd 20 Oct 48 from MATS Headquarters, subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs".

a. Location and time of sighting - 117° 30' W Longitude
56° 10' N Latitude
1413Z 17 November 1948

b. Weather at the time - Weather at the time was overcast with tops at approximately 4500' MSL with a high deck of thin broken stratus clouds at approximately 12,000 ft.

c. Names and occupations and addresses of witnesses - S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, AF 20713678, Radio Operator on the crew and stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

d. Photographs of objects, if available. No photographs available.

e.

f. Object sighted:
(1) Number - One
(2) Shape - Egg shaped with a tail
(3) Size - Approximately 50' in height tapering to a point at the tail.
(4) Color - Bright flaming orange
(5) Speed - Unknown
(6) Heading - South West

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UNCLASSIFIED Incident: 203

A bright flaming orange object similar in shape to an egg with a tail was observed near Peace River, Alberta Province, some 250 miles NW of Edmonton, by 1st Lt James Toomey & S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, Radio Operator, while on first leg of flight from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Kittigazuit, N. W. T. The object was momentarily sighted above a deck of broken stratus clouds. The crew were flying at 7,000 ft MSL on top of an overcast when the object was sighted. Altitude was judged as approximately 18,000 feet and the object appeared in a shallow dive. There was no sound. Object had a tail which tapered to a point. It was on a southwest heading at an unknown speed. As it passed it momentarily illuminated the sky behind it.

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(7) Maneuverability - Appeared to be in a shallow dive.
(8) Altitude - Approximately 18,000 feet.
(9) Sound - None
(10) Exhaust trail or not - Yes

g. Remarks: Object was sighted on the first leg of a flight from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Kittigazuit, N. W. T. Canada while flying at 7,000 ft. MSL on top of an overcast. The object was momentarily sighted above a deck of broken status clouds. It seemed to be a bright flaming orange object and illuminated the sky momentarily behind it.

Dist:

Hdqs.MATS Attn: Dir.of Intelligence
Cmdr.MATS Attn: Chief, Intelligence Division

GEORGE P. BRENNER,
Capt. USAF
Commanding

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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