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Incident #225

(also 23 Nov

late 1947)

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ATTC NO. _____

DATE OF REPORT 23 or 24 Nov 1948

ATTC NO. _____

LOC. 10 mi. E Vaughn, N.M.

REPORT NO. _____

REPORTER Army Col

DATE OF OBSERV. _____

DATE IN TO ATTC _____

TIME OF OBSERV. 2200 HST

COLOR Bright White

SHAPE Ball

MOTION Descended slowly

SIZE Basketball (1' diameter)

ALTITUDE 400-500'

COURSE Vertical

LENGTH OF THE OBSERV. _____

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

REMARKS _____

MANEUVERS Slow Vertical Descent

PHOTOS _____

SKETCHES _____

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Flare

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hori mladými plamenkami
len to tak videlo so smere, vetru
ako pri svirani el. obličkom
dal klovil pušku hlavnou strelou
k smehu a keď mu našel horeť
aj rúcu, brel pušku do vrecka.
Ja mu pušku stiel tiež hlavnou
strelou a nejestli strela, aby nikomu
nelo utlačenie. V tom mi na puške
hlavni chabla a horela mi puška,
kovanie a rúca pušky a tiež aj kováč
se gumbiky na puške, to len takými
malými mladými plamenkami.

Ako sme tak stáli v čiarovom
prekročení, robili sme ako také
prírodné opatrenie, pri čom som
súdil, že to musí ísť s vetrom
d. j. taká malá olva vietru, lebo
ako sme manipulovali s puškami
tak moment chabla a keď sme ich
dali na plecia so remeň, kasa pušky
horeť hlavne i to hlavou len dopoly
hlavne a ďalšie na puške, nie
a musíme znovu pušky horieť celé
pušky d. j. plesne čudi na vrecku.

(2nd Summary 4.8)

Polťák František
DOPRASTAV Vrútky
ČSSR dopravné oddelenie

August 11, 1968

Dear Sir:

We are asking permission to sent you this information, and I am glad of your opinion of this matter.

It was about the end of 1947, approximately December 23, when I served ^{at the border guard} in a section of Dukla in Eastern Slovakia in the CSSR, where at the end of the border guard watch, which I performed with a representative of Gnep, that at approximately 0130 hours when we were skiing toward the border to the FS barracks, about 800 m from the border the barrels of our rifles began to burn us with all the force at their command, and the rest of the metal parts along with them also began to burn.

First the rifle barrels burned from a few seconds to a minute, then the breeches on the guns and their metal fittings began to burn.

Since we were concerned with an unusual phenomenon, we put the rifles down (from the back of the weapon), and when the FS Gnep representative noticed that his rifle burned with the wind in a small blue flame only fluctuating with the wind direction like an electric arc weld, he fired the gun with the barrel down into the snow, and when the breech began to burn him he threw the rifle into the snow. I also stuck my rifle into the snow with the barrel down so that if it fired it would not hurt anybody. At this point my gun's barrel was extinguished, but the stock, the fittings and the breech of the gun also burned me, even the metallic lips on the casing burned with the same kind of small blue flames.

As we stood in such partial surprise we took such measures at which I ascertained that this must come from the wind, i.e., such as a charged wave, for as we manipulated the rifles the moment they were extinguished, and when we put them on our shoulders with the slings, the barrels began to burn again, i.e., the iron parts on them. Then

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I said we ought to try to see if the entire barrel would burn, and I put my gun over my head, holding it by the stock, and then everything iron on it began to burn normally with a small blue flame about 1 cm or 1/2 cm blowing off in the direction of the wind and it was driven up a little along the iron in the wind direction.

At this point my companion said we should go to the FS barracks so nothing would happen to us. I do say that at that time there was a strong northwest wind, and after 4 minutes it stopped, or we went down a slope, and the wind passed us, turning upward to an adjacent slope.

We have not written anything about this entire matter so that no one would think we were seeing ghosts or something similar.

^{would be}
~~I am~~ glad for one thing about this true 1000% experience, that it will not be considered as a joke or sensationalism.

With greetings only for peace!
Poltak Frantisek

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Incident: 225

Colonel [redacted] first observed an unusual aerial phenomena during the latter part of 1947. This occurred in the vicinity of Vaughn, N. M. The phenomena appeared approximately 400-500 ft above the ground when first observed and was descending slowly and steadily in a vertical manner toward the earth. It appeared slightly larger than a basketball, bright white in color like a miniature sun. At a point approximately 200 feet above the surface of the earth, the object appeared to explode although no noise was apparent. By this time the Colonel had stopped his automobile and had gotten out to watch the object. The explosion or disintegration appeared to be taking place some 40 to 60 yards distant and still no noise was noticed. At this time the fragments assumed a fiery red color and descended toward earth like numerous sparks being extinguished before touching the ground. At the time Col [redacted] was on Highway 60, near a railroad and separated from the vicinity where the fragments were landing by a fence. He did not cross the fence or investigate further.

On 3 or 4 Nov 48 at approximately 2130 hours he observed a ball of light, reddish white in color, 1 foot in diameter, falling vertically. The ball burst 100-200 feet from the ground in a spray of reddish color which extinguished before reaching the ground - this occurred about 400 yards north of the road on which he was driving - 10 miles east of Vaughn, N. M. - Highway 60.

On 23 Nov 1948 at approximately 2130 hours, Col [redacted] was driving west on Highway 60 - approximately 10 miles west of Vaughn, N. M. He again observed a ball of light descending vertically. It burst 100-200 feet from the ground - Conditions and appearance were the same as on 3 and 4th Nov.

Col [redacted]

On the last 2 sightings/saw no aircraft and heard no sound which is understandable since he was traveling in a closed automobile. Weather conditions were clear.

EVALUATION B-2.

See Incident # 223 for details

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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452.1 AKADB

20 December 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Reference is made to letter, Intelligence Division, CSOHD 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject as above and to Control No. A-1917.
2. Attached Summary of Information, same subject as above, this Headquarters, dated 20 December 1948, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
As stated

Eustis L. Poland
EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
20 December 1948

PREPARING OFFICE

Office of the AC of S, G-2, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort San Houston, Texas

SUBJECT

Unconventional Aircraft

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
 USUALLY RELIABLE B
 FAIRLY RELIABLE C
 NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D
 UNRELIABLE E
 RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES 1
 PROBABLY TRUE 2
 POSSIBLY TRUE 3
 DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
 IMPROBABLE 5
 TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following information has been received from the Fourth Army Intelligence Liaison Officer, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, dated 6 December 1948:

"Colonel [REDACTED], Inf., [REDACTED], New Mexico Military District reports as follows:

"On 3 or 4 November 1948 at approximately 2130 hours, I observed a ball of light, reddish white in color, 1 foot in diameter, falling vertically. The ball burst 100-200 feet from the ground in a spray of reddish color which extinguished before reaching the ground. This occurred about 400 yards north of the road on which I was driving. The location was approximately 10 miles east of Vaughn, New Mexico, on Highway 60. (B-2)

"On 23 November 1948 at approximately 2130 hours, I was driving west on Highway 60, about 10 miles west of Vaughn, New Mexico. I observed a ball of light, descending vertically, which burst 100-200 feet from the ground. The conditions and appearance were the same as occurred on 3 - 4 November." (B-2)

"Colonel [REDACTED] stated that he did not report the incidents as he thought they might have been connected with some Air Force exercises. He further stated that he heard no sound or saw no aircraft during either incident, which is understandable as he was travelling in a closed automobile. Weather conditions were clear." (B-2)

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Je suis votre dévoué, et j'ai l'honneur
 de vous adresser ci-joint les
 documents que vous m'avez
 demandés. J'ai également
 l'honneur de vous adresser
 ci-joint les documents que
 vous m'avez demandés. J'ai
 également l'honneur de vous
 adresser ci-joint les documents
 que vous m'avez demandés.

(Dňa 11. 8. 1988.)

Čestný pane,

Prvotným si Vám poslat tento
poznatok a ďakujem za na Vaše
povolenie tejto záležitosti.

Dobro do Ruzicu d. 1947 ani 23. decem
bratstvo som slúžil u Finnovej
strážne v úseku tuky pri kedrila-
bracia, na zjednot. Slovenska
v ČSSR, kde pri zjednot. brannej
strážnej služby, ktorú som konal
v rezervácii Guepna, že ani
v čase hod. poplach, keď sme šli
na tyčiar a branne do karavne
FS pod brannou ani som sačaly
nám a ničto nie horeť blazne
na puškách a všetko čo je v kovu.

Kajpr horely blazne pušky, potom
a pár stieru a minuty aj karavny
na puškách a ich kovanie.

Kedže sa jedná o nerychlý
jav, dali sme pušky z elabla (altau)
dole a rezervant FB Guepa, keď sa dala
že aj jeho puška po zrota blazne

Adresa:

~~[REDACTED]~~
~~[REDACTED]~~
ČSSR. dopravné podniky.

Správní jednotka ra. m. v. r.

~~[REDACTED]~~