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PROJECT 10073 RECORD DATA Incident #169.

ATIC NO. —

AF NO. —

REPORT NO. —

DATE OF REPORT —

TIME OF SIGHTING 0530

SHAPE Sphere

SIZE Large

COURSE —

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND —

PHOTOS — SKETCHES —

DATE OF INFO 29 Aug 1948

LOCATION Maplewood, Ohio

SOURCE Farmer

DATE IN TO ATIC —

COLOR Silver

SPEED — Estimated / Measured

ALTITUDE — Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED —

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Arose from behind woods - seemed to unravel a silver substance that floated earthward.

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

SPIDERWEBS

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~~Historical Info~~
~~Tech Info~~

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There does not appear to be any astronomical explanation for this incident.

There is some chance that the object could have been a weather balloon in the process of disintegration.

O MOOT EVALUATES AS OTHER (SPIDER WEBS)

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B/Ltr from AMC
dtd 5 Jan 1949
Subj: Project
"SIGN"

AWS DSS 1st Ind 24 Jan 1949

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

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

Investigations by this headquarters reveal that a synoptic weather balloon could have been at the location where sightings were reported in the following incidents. In compiling this list consideration was given to the wind direction and speed at the surface and aloft at the scheduled time of balloon release, and the location of the nearest weather station making balloon observations.

2	52	91	126
3	72	93	148
4	73	94	155
25	78	105	166
28	81	113	169
36	87	115	172

FOR THE CHIEF AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incls:
n/c

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

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

MCIAXO-3/RWS/rm
Jan 5 1949

MCIAXO

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 Materiel Command, attention MCIAKO-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:

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Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab
Major Kodis, MCREEP
Colonel Neal, MCLAWS

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 169

1. Date 29 Aug 48
2. Time 0530
3. Location Maplewood, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mr. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer former
6. Address of observer [redacted], Maplewood, Ohio. Phone: [redacted]
7. Place of observation Maplewood, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics Arose from behind woods - seemed to unravel a silver substance that floated earthward
15. Sound N/S
16. Size large
17. Color silver
18. Shape sphere
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails - silver substance (?)
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated in mid-air
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness observed a large silver-colored sphere which seemed to arive from behind his woods and continued to float across his farm. While in flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While under observation it disintegrated in mid-air.

NOTE: Witness seemed very conscientious and sincere while relating this incident. Subject arose while witness was talking to a man from this Command (MCIAP) when an airplane chanced to fly overhead.

2 September 1948

N O T E

Mr. Edward Kadel of MCIAXP, Wright Field advises the following:

Mr. Kadel contacted a man up at Indian Lake, Ohio, 29 August 1948, who stated that on that date at 5:30 A.M. he observed a large silver colored sphere which seemed to arise from begind his woods and continued to fly across his farm. During flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While still viewed by this farmer, the sphere disintegrated in mid-air. This man's name is [redacted] of Maplewood, Ohio, [redacted]. Mr. Kadel further advised that the farmer concerned was a man approximately 50 some odd years of age and appeared to be very conscientious and sincere while relating this incident.

The subject seemed to have arisen while the two men were talking and an airplane happened to fly overhead whereas the farmer then related the foregoing experience. Mr. Kadel could be contacted in the event that any assistance is deemed advisable should a meeting with this farmer be advisable.

H. C. ZIMMERLIN MCIAXP