

#155 #9
UFOB Sighting

This msg was phoned in.

From: COC, MAJ Harper

Time: 2150, 18 JAN 55

Location: Kalispell, Montana

Time of Sighting: 190100Z and 190115Z JAN 55.

Four different parties relayed message. They heard a rumbling sound going in a Westernly direction. They saw two large red flashes and heard a loud explosion, very high.

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] Phone: Helena, Mont [REDACTED]

Position: 2 miles South and 1 mile West of FD5101 - 190115Z

Mr [REDACTED] and two neighbors in Ronan, Mont. reporte explosion.

Position: FC5336 - 190100Z

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CAC, Flight Service, and SAC were notified.

WADF from Fairchild AFB

Several from Polson, Mont.

Kalispell - Mr [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

phone 140

1. Some University in that area
determine wh. any astronomical p
2. Call some flight sv. center nearby
I determine wh. any reports
3. Local airport
4. others

M-37 or 2400

St Debose said he would try
to get this information by telephone
first and if he couldn't he would
either utilize the M-37 or an L-20
aircraft to get up in that
area.

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AREA REPORTED ON Kalispell, MONTANA	FROM (Agency) Flt 1-P, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 20 Jan 55	DATE OF INFORMATION 19 Jan 55	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JERE P. DUBOSE 2nd Lt. USAF	SOURCE See Contents	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

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II. SUMMARY: At 0115Z 19 Jan 55 (1815 MST 18 Jan 55) a bright flash of light accompanied by a loud explosion was heard by residents in and around Kalispell, Montana (EKTID 3917). The information contained in this report was obtained by talking with persons who either observed the disturbance or talked to persons who did.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 2nd Lt. JERE P. DUBOSE, AC 30 16 346

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I. SOURCE:

Occupation: Highschool Student

Location: Kalispell, Montana

was in his back yard chopping wood at approximately 1815 MST 18 Jan 1955. Suddenly a bright light lit up the surrounding area to the extent that he could definitely see a house on the other side of a small lake on which he resides (Distance approximately three quarters of a mile). Approximately five minutes after the flash of light a loud explosion was heard. Egan said that he saw more light when the explosion sounded.

I. SOURCE:

Occupation: Unknown

Location: Kalispell, Montana

Miss [redacted] was on duty as part of Operation Skywatch. At approximately 1815 MST 18 Jan 1955, she observed a bright flash of light from overhead. Miss [redacted] saw an object, oblong in shape (perhaps teardrop) moving at a high speed towards the S.W. An explosion followed some five minutes after the initial flash of light.

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Statement of Dr. Edward P. Neumann

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A telephone call to Dr. [REDACTED] vice president and head of the astronomy section of Carroll College in Helena, Montana Produced negative results. Dr. [REDACTED] had not observed the disturbance and until Lt. DuBose's call had not even heard of the occurrence of the light and explosion.

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ED P. DUBOSE
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Statement of Mr. J.H. Firebaugh

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Mr. J.H. Firebaugh, CAA liaison officer 29th AD (Def), was asked to check on commercial traffic in the Kalispell area at the time of the disturbance. This was done. There were no flights in the Kalispell area at the time.

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Statement of Mr. John Hall

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A telephone call was placed to Mr. John Hall, United States weather station at Kalispell, Montana. (EKFU 3917). Mr. Hall did not observe the disturbance but got several eyewitness reports from persons who did. The following paragraphs contain information obtained from these sources.

I. SOURCES: Carl Logie

Occupation: Rancher

Location: Kalispell, Montana

A little after six o'clock MST, on 18 Jan 1955 Mr. [redacted] was walking through his back yard when suddenly he saw a bright flash from overhead. The surrounding ground was lit up with a violet color. Mr. [redacted] saw a teardrop shaped object with a very small trail behind it. The movement was to the S.W. at a very high rate of speed. Some two to five minutes passed before he heard any sound and then the sound was a loud booming explosion. However the sound did not come from directly overhead but from a southerly direction.

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The following excerpts are taken from the COC (Combat Operation Center) 29th AD (Def), Great Falls AFB, Montana.

- 0125Z- [REDACTED] saw a large red flash explosion [REDACTED] was in EKFD 5101. Explosion was 2 miles south and 1 mile west of his position. Telephone is [REDACTED]. Time of explosion was 0115Z.
- 0130Z- Received more information on explosion from Mr. [REDACTED] in EKFC 5336 at 0100Z. His telephone number is [REDACTED].
- 0340Z- Additional information on explosion from [REDACTED]. Heard sound before the flash. There were two flashes and two explosions. The flashes were very high and moved westwardly. Major Linesy, Wing Controller, called Capt. Coley in reference to entry 0125Z. He received call from 15th AF. We will pass all new information on this to him.
- 0420Z- Sheriff R.P. Walsh said a group of people at Kalispell, Montana heard an explosion, saw a flash, heard a rumble. Estimated altitude of the explosion to be 40,000 feet and 20 miles from Kalispell. The time was between 1800 1815 MST.
- 0525Z- Frosty (A C&W site) called us with this information from Railway (Spokane) which railway received by monitoring a transmission from a Carnival flight to Igloo (Walla Walla, Wash.). The pilot of Carnival flight leader saw a bright orange and blue flash in approximately the same position of other reports at approximately the same time.
- 0640Z- Backlog- 0140Z. Checked base operations, Lowery Flight Service and notified Major Bailor at CADF in regard to explosion. Notified CAA and sheriff's office also. Sausage (AC&W) site reports Helena received a report on meteor approximately 100 miles south. Reported point of explosion approximately 20 minutes after explosion.
- 1220Z- Checked with Lowery flight service in regard to explosion at 0115Z. They report no a/c are down. CADF was notified of this.

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Since there was no report of a distinct object and there was no evidence to be found in the area, it is the opinion of the investigating officer that this disturbance was created by a small meteor penetrating the earth's atmosphere and exploding from contact with heavier air.

(Signature)
JEROME P. DUBOSE
2nd Lt. USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

The high speed, light and explosion indicate the probability of a meteorite. No aircraft were known to be within the general vicinity. None reported missing.

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