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Incident #60, a, b -- Cordroy, Newfoundland -- 10 July 1947

The descriptions given by the three observers of this object answer quite closely to that of a typical bright, "slow-moving" bolide. It is extremely likely that the object sighted here was nothing more than a fireball.

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(Name) (Rank) (Date)

FINAL REPORT OF SIGHTING

1. Organization: 1388th AAF Base Unit
APO 864, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

2. Sighting : Flying Disc or other airborne object.

3. Place : Codroy, Newfoundland, 59°03' W Long.; 47°50' N Lat.

4. Time : 0030Z hours, 11 July 1947.

5. Altitude : Approximately 6,000 feet.

6. Weather : Clear; at dusk.

7. Heading : From northwest heading eastward.

8. Speed : Very high velocity.

9. Shape & Size: Disc shaped; was reported as being the size of a barrel-head, dinner-plate and size of a plane that is flying high. The trail gave the whole object the appearance of a cone.

10. Color : Flame colored with a trail of a lighter flame color.

11. Reported by : Mr. [redacted], Mr [redacted] and [redacted] of Codroy, Newfoundland.

12. General : Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] were standing outside [redacted]'s store when they both sighted the object. Both men stated that the disc was very bright with an after-glow which made the object look like a cone. It was a very clear night. In spite of the high velocity of the flying object, they said they could not possibly have mistaken it for a plane or a falling star. Besides the two men, the object was sighted by [redacted]; he reported what he had seen to his mother. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was in no way alarmed about it, he was alone and on his way home when he sighted it, and watched it while it was in sight. [redacted] was quite convinced from the color and behaviour of the object that it was not a plane, but definately some flying object.

The informant, [redacted], is believed to be reliable. He is a man of approximately forty; has had considerable experience as [redacted] of Buchans Mine, Newfoundland, where he was [redacted]. During the war, [redacted] was a member of a civilian volunteer Air Detection Corps. With that background, Mr. [redacted] stated that he felt sure that the object he had seen was something which he had never seen before.

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Final Report of Sighting

General cont'd:

[redacted] is a twelve year old boy. He was alone when he saw the flying object, he was very definite that he had never seen anything like it before. His mother, Mrs. [redacted], is the [redacted], and after hearing [redacted] description, felt that it answered to the description of a "Flying Disc". Mr. [redacted] reported his sighting shortly afterwards to Mrs. [redacted] because he was sure it should be made known to her in order that the incident might be reported by telegram immediately.

There was one other sighting reported from a River Warden at South Branch. The man could not be contacted at time of interviews with other parties. However, a second-hand description of his sighting was obtained, and it agreed with the sightings at Codroy.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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STATEMENT OF MR. [redacted], CORDROY, NEWFOUNDLAND. TAKEN BY MERCEDES BURKE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, HARMON FIELD, NEWFOUNDLAND. 17 July 1947.

At approximately 10 o'clock in the evening of 10 July 1947 I was standing by my store door; I happened to look up and saw what appeared to be a "FLYING SAUCER". It definately was not a shooting star; I'd seen several stars shoot before, but never like this! Nor was it an airoplane, it was too "lit up" and traveling at too great a speed. It wasn't an airoplane on fire because it would have fallen in the water. It was a nice clear night, no clouds, it was just getting dark. I would say it was traveling at the rate of a shooting star but much slower. I'd say roughly at 6,000 feet. It was visible for about fifteen (15) seconds. It came from the North West heading Eastward. The circle looked to be about the size of a barrel head, and the trail behind looked to be about fifteen (15) feet long. The trail behind the disc made the whole object look like a cone. Another thing that makes me feel sure it wasn't a shooting star is; a shooting star usually leaves a temporary streak, this object I saw left no streak only the one that appeared to travel behind the circle which looked like an after-glow. The circle was a bright red, nearest I could describe it would be the color of a flame, the after-glow(cone-shaped) was a fainter shade. What I saw last Thursday night resembled a shooting star in no way whatsoever. There was only one.

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STATEMENT OF MR. [redacted], CORDROY, NEWFOUNDLAND. TAKEN BY MERCEDES BURKE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, HARMON FIELD, NEWFOUNDLAND. 17 July 1947.

At approximately 10 o'clock in the evening of 10 July 1947, I was standing outside [redacted] store talking with him. We both saw this thing dash across the sky. I couldn't be accurate about the directions. If it was a shooting star, I'd never seen one as large before, and it was much brighter than anything I've ever seen in the sky. It looked to be a round object. I couldn't say it was anything else but round; it had a tail on it which showed yellowish, but not as bright as the circle which appeared and nearest I could describe it would be sort of red and yellow. The streak behind, I would say, was little over a yard long; the circle looked to be about the size of a large dinner plate. It went so fast, it was hardly in sight before it disappeared. I could not give any idea of the height; all I can say is it was much closer than a shooting star and travelling at a great speed. Whatever it was it was flying through the air; it wasn't just a streak across the sky. To me it wasn't in any way like a shooting star, and I am sure it wasn't an airoplane. I called it a "FLYING SAUCER" because it seemed exactly like what we had been hearing so much about on the radio.

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Witness: [redacted]

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STATEMENT OF [redacted], CORDROY, NEWFOUNDLAND. TAKEN BY MERCEDES BURKE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, HARMON FIELD NEWFOUNDLAND. 17 July 1947.

Last Thursday night I was out by our house, I happened to look up and saw what I thought was an airoplane. It was flying at the height of a plane that is flying high. Then I thought it looked strange for an airoplane, because it was all lit up so bright, planes do have a light or two, but this thing was very bright - sort of a bright reddish yellow. I saw it only for a minute because it was travelling at a teriffic speed. It shot out of sight so quiskly I thought it strange if it was an airoplane. THEN, I remembered what I'd been hearing about "FLYING SAUCERS" I ran in and told my mother.

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Witness: [redacted]

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4 [redacted] rushed in and told me about this thing he'd just seen. at first he thought it was an airoplane but then he remembered having heard about "FLYING SAUCERS" and he thought that's what it must have been. I questioned him; he said it couldn't have been a plane because a plane wouldn't shoot down like that did, besides it was too "lit up"

Mr. [redacted] reported the same thing to me in order that I might report same to St. John's in the morning.

Mrs [redacted]

Mrs [redacted]

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 60

1. Date 10 July 47

2. Time ~~2300~~ 2200

3. Location Cordroy, Newfoundland - 47° 52' N 59° 21' W

4. Name of observer [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer N/S

6. Address of observer Cordroy, Newfoundland

7. Place of observation Cordroy, Newfoundland

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 very fast

13. Direction of flight couldn't ascertain

14. Tactics N/S

15. Sound N/S

16. Size dinner plate

17. Color between red and yellow

18. Shape circle

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails Had tail on it of yellowish hue which was not as bright as circle and seemed a little over a yard long.

22. Weather conditions N/S

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance "hardly in sight before it disappeared"

26. Remarks: (over)

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Witness stated that if the object were a shooting star it was larger than any he had ever seen and much brighter than anything he had ever observed in the sky. It appeared round with a yellowish tail, which was not as bright as the circle. The circle itself appeared to be sort of red and yellow and about the size of a large dinner plate. It went so fast that it was hardly in sight before it disappeared. It was traveling much closer than a shooting star. Witness sure it did not in any way resemble a shooting star nor a plane.

See [redacted] account (Incident 60) and [redacted] account (Incident 60b)

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date 10 July 47 Incident # 60b
2. Time 1000
3. Location Cordroy, Newfoundland - 47° 52' N 59° 21' W
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S - child of 12
6. Address of observer Cordroy, Newfoundland
7. Place of observation ~~N/S~~ Cordroy, Newfoundland
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight "only a minute"
11. Altitude ~~N/S~~ - flying at height of plane which is flying high
12. Speed terrific
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics ~~N/S~~ - "shot down very fast" - See [redacted] account as told by her son Albert
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color bright reddish yellow
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S - witnesses affirm it was "clear" and at dusk
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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[redacted] is a twelve-year old boy. He was alone when he saw the object. He thought it was flying at the height of a plane at high altitude but that it looked strange for an airplane because it was lit up so brightly-it was not carrying lights ("planes do have a light or two") It was of a bright reddish yellow color. Witness saw it only momentarily because of the tremendous speed. "I saw it only for a minute because it was traveling at a terrific speed."

His mother, [redacted], is the [redacted] and after hearing her son's description felt that it answered the description of the "flying disc". She added that [redacted] didn't believe the thing was a plane since "it wouldn't shoot down like that did" and "besides it was too 'lit up'".

See [redacted] account (Incident 60) and [redacted] account (Incident 60a)

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LEVEL RESPONSE OF SIGHTING [illegible]

Authority [illegible]

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The informant, Mr. [redacted] is believed to be reliable. He is a man of approximately forty, has had considerable experience as [redacted] Fortunately, when he was [redacted] During the war, Mr. [redacted] was a member of a civilian volunteer air detection corps. With this background, Mr. [redacted] stated he was quite sure that the object he had seen was some [illegible] higher than he had never seen before.

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[redacted] H. Smith
Captain, Air Force,
Intelligence Officer.

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STATEMENT OF MR. [redacted] CONCERNING [illegible]
[illegible] OF THE [illegible] OFFICE [illegible]
LAND, 17 July 1947.

At approximately 10 o'clock in the evening on 16 July 1947 I was standing by my store door. I happened to look up and saw what appeared to be a "FLYING SAUCER". It definitely was not a shooting star. I'd seen several stars shoot before but never like this. Nor was it an airplane. It was too big. It was definitely not the size of a star. It wasn't an airplane or it would have fallen in the water. It was a nice clear night, no clouds, it was just getting dark. I would say it was travelling the rate of a shooting star but much closer. I'd say roughly 5,000 feet. It was visible for about fifteen (15) seconds. It came from the North West heading Eastward. The circle looked to be about the size of a barrel head, and the trail behind looked to be about fifteen (15) feet long. The trail behind the disc made the whole object look like a cone. Another thing that makes me feel sure it wasn't a shooting star is, a shooting star usually leaves a temporary streak, this object I saw left no streak only the one that appeared to travel behind the circle which looked like an after-flame. The circle was a bright red. Nearest I could describe it would be the color of a flame. The after-flame (cone-shaped) was a reddish shade. What I saw last Thursday night resembled a shooting star in no way whatsoever. There was only one.

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Witness: [redacted]

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STATEMENT OF MR. [redacted] CONCERNING A REPORTED UFO [illegible]
[illegible] BUREAU OF THE INVESTIGATION OF [illegible]
[illegible] 17 July 1947.

At approximately 10 o'clock in the evening on 16 July 1947, I was standing outside Mr. [redacted] store talking with Mr. [illegible] when we saw this thing dash across the sky. I couldn't be exactly about the direction. If it was a shooting star, I'd never seen one as large before, and it was much brighter than anything I've ever seen in the sky. It looked to be a round object. I couldn't say it was anything else but round; it had a tail on it which showed yellowish, but not as bright as the circle which appeared. At nearest I could describe it would be sort of red and yellow. The streak behind, I would say, was little over a foot long; the circle looked to be about the size of a large dinner plate. It went so fast, it was hardly in sight before it disappeared. I could not give any idea of the height. All I can say is it was much closer than a shooting star and travelling at a good speed. Whatever it was, it was flying through the air. It was just a streak across the sky. To me, it wasn't in any way like a shooting star, and I am sure it wasn't an airplane. I called it a "FLYING SAUCER" because it seemed exactly like what we had been hearing so much about on the radio.

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Witness: [redacted]

Witness: [redacted]

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STATEMENT OF [redacted], CORDOVA, NEW MEXICO, TAKEN AT
ROSWELL, BUREAU OF THE INVESTIGATION OFFICE, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO
ON THE 17 July 1947.

Last Thursday night I was out by our house. I happened to look up and saw what I thought was an airplane. It was flying at the height of a plane that is flying high. And I thought it looked strange for an airplane because it was all lit up. At height, planes do have a light on top, but this thing was very bright - sort of a bright reddish yellow. I saw it only for a minute because it was travelling at a terrific speed. It went out of sight so quickly I thought it strange it was an airplane. Then I remembered that I'd been hearing about "FLYING SAUCERS" I ran in and told my mother.

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Witness: [redacted]

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Witness:

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Mr. [redacted]

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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