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Incident #66

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 2100 EST

SHAPE Long, Straight, Narrow flame

SIZE Similar to Tracer

COURSE 1800 N to S

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

DATE OF INFO 10 Aug 1947

LOCATION Silver Springs, Ohio

SOURCE AF Lt. Col

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Bright orange glow or flame

SPEED --- Estimated / Measured

ALTITUDE low Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3 - 4 sec

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Horizontal Flight

Prob Meteor

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

To Case Info only

St. Louis, Missouri
Dec. 8/1966

Dear Sirs.

Have been reading of the U.F.O.'s and case reports in the Sience Mechanics Magazine.

This report will probably be meaningless due to the delay, but could be a part to a mysterious puzzle or as a matter of record.

Approx: August 11th 1947 1630 E.S.T.
Place: ST.Louis, Missouri
Duration: From first sighting in southern hemisphere (180°) to out of sight northern hemisphere (360°) ~~5 minutes~~.
Observers: Two softball teams, myself included and about 25 spectators.
Type Observers:Nine aircraft ground instructors varied backgrounds. Nine Pilot, Aircraft and engine students. 25 spectators variable backgrounds.
Number Objects: Odd number either 7 or 9. Dont recall at this time.
Sky Cond.: Cobalt blue sky, no clouds. In the aviation circles known as CAVU.
Dimen., Shape and Color: Disc , size of a grape, black one side and white or reflected light on the other side.
Speed: Very fast, guess at 1000 mph or as can be figured from Time and Distance given under Duration.
Altitude: 25 to 30,000' at about 75° from point of observation. At this altitude about the size of a grape.
Sound: None
Tactics: Objects moved from South to North as straight as anyone could walk, drive, fly or sail. They seemed or rather were in a vertical Vee formation. One on a point the other stepped above and below intrail.

These objects were observed to, shall I say flip, and in perfect unison from black to light approx. every 2 seconds.

At first thought to be bombers but; at this altitude where were the contrails? Also they made no droning noise.

The second thought were that they were ducks but at this altitude? Besides they were headed the wrong way for this time of the year. Then too the formation was too perfect.

The nearest explanation to the possible source of power was the perpetual motion seen in a jewelers window. Absorb and Reflect of the sun rays.

Dont know whether this has ever been reported or not but thought you may be interested anyhow. I have been in the Aviation business 20 yrs as Comm. Pilot, A & E Mechanic with Inspection Authorization, Am presently employed by the U.S. Navy as Inspector at Mc Donnell Aircraft Corp.

Sincerely

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Incident #63 -- Silver Springs, Ohio -- 7 August 1947

From all evidence, it appears that the object seen here was a bright meteor. Slow-moving meteors occur before midnight, and, while their paths are almost never "absolutely horizontal," it is quite possible that the observer could have gained this impression, since the object was in sight for only three or four seconds. Furthermore, an observer, surprised by an unusual occurrence, often tends to overestimate the actual duration of time; thus, "three or four seconds" might mean not much more than a second.

There is nothing at all in the evidence that cannot be explained under the assumption that the object was a meteor.

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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