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Incident #64

ATIC NO. - - -

DATE OF INFO 19 Aug 1947

AF NO. - - -

LOCATION Twin Falls, Idaho

REPORT NO. - - -

SOURCE Policemen

DATE OF REPORT - - -

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING 2130 MST

COLOR Glow - similar to light bulb

SHAPE - - -

SPEED very high Estimated / Measured

SIZE - - -

ALTITUDE - - - Estimated / Measured

COURSE 45 degrees 225 degrees

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Few min at a time

NO. IN GROUP ~~[illegible]~~ 35 to 8

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND - - -

MANEUVERS observed triangular formation

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

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Bat Birds

With 194 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Fitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendices "B" and "C").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul [illegible] 212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for the reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area or altitude, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, and probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX H

Project Grudge

Summary of ATIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of ATIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibit a few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Mt. Ranier incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally discredit the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 58, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

Incident No. 64 — 19 August 1947, 2130 hours, Twin Falls, Idaho. Several people were reported as sighting numerous groups of objects in the night sky. These objects were described as a glow in the air with a color similar to regular electric lights. The objects were said to have traveled at "terrific" speed. Some flew in triangular formation. Three objects peeled off of one group of ten, and proceeded on another course. The sky was overcast. Two observers stated that the objects could not have been birds since the lights were not a reflection of city lights.

AFC Opinion: Many familiar objects visible because of the fact that they reflect light, appear to be incandescent; for example, the moon and certain planets. The evidence is, therefore, contradictory since in one instance the objects are described as merely a glow, and later on as not being reflectory. The submitted evidence is readily explained as in incident 62; ground lights reflected from clouds, or birds in flight.

Incident #64 -- Twin Falls, Idaho -- 19 August 1947

There is nothing astronomical in this incident.

The reported overcast sky could have made it possible for signal or search lights to be reflected from the cloud background.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date September 19 Aug 47 Section 4-A

2. Time 930 P. M.

3. Location Twin Falls, Idaho

4. Name of observer Mr. [redacted] his wife, and a neighbor [redacted] Detective [redacted] of the Twin Falls Police Dept. and members of the Twin Falls Police Dept.

5. Occupation of observer [redacted]

6. Address of observer [redacted]

7. Place of observation As above

8. Number of objects undetermined - see below

9. Distance of object from observer. Could not be estimated

10. Time in sight from few minutes at a time

11. Altitude could not be determined

12. Speed terrific

13. Direction of flight NE and came back toward the SW

14. Formation observed triangular formation

15. Sound N/S

16. Size Could not be estimated

17. Color seen only as a glow going thru the air similar to that of regular electric lights -

18. Shape Could not be estimated

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails None could be observed -

22. Weather conditions overcast sky at night

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance N/S

26. Remarks - (over)

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Mrs. [redacted] saw three objects travelling at a terrific rate of speed in a southerly direction. It was out of sight before Mrs. [redacted] thought of about Mr. [redacted] could see anything. Mr. [redacted] stated that on May 16 similar objects passed in a southerly direction at a rate of speed of 8 times. As they were disappearing one of the objects or the last one passed off and preceded the 3 more in a southerly direction. Four similar objects appeared to close ranks and proceeded on a line east and west. Later that same evening a group of 3 objects proceeded in the same direction in a straight formation. Later on that night another group of 3 passed in similar formation. Later on the 17th of May another objects were observed going in the same direction. Later that night another group of 3 passed in formation. Later that night another group of 4 passed in formation. Later that night another group of 5 or 6 (one of them) passed in a straight formation in the same direction. Approximately 20 or 25 minutes after this group of objects were observed similar objects were noted coming back over the city in a southerly direction. Generally they were in groups of 3, 5 and 7 and followed each other at approximately 5-minute intervals.

Mrs. [redacted] then called Detective [redacted] of the Twin Falls Police Dept. about four o'clock and neighbor who was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] also members of the Twin Falls Police Dept. They observed a group of about 12 objects flying in formation over the city in a southwesterly direction.

Detectives [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] stated that the objects were not meteors or comets as they flew on a level line and did not appear to drop. [redacted] they could not have been birds because the objects appeared lighted from the inside. Said the lights were not a reflection of the city lights.

No other persons reported seeing the phenomena but Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] stated that it was purely accidental that they had seen the objects. No one noticed any flames or anything except the glow of lights.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:
#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.