[redacted] Incident #19

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ATIC NO. -----

DATE OF INFO 20 Oct 47

AF NO. ----

LOCATION Dayton, Ohio

REPORT NO. -----

SOURCE Male civilian

DATE OF REPORT -----

DATE IN TO ATIC -----

TIME OF SIGHTING 1320 est

COLOR reflected light silver

SHAPE "cigar"

SPEED very fast

SIZE probably large

ALTITUDE very high

COURSE ENE

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

NO. IN GROUP 2

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

SOUND -----

MANEUVERS Horizontal flight about city block apart

SIZE ---

SKETCHES -----

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Information given here is insufficient to exclude positively the possibility that the objects observed were a close pair of fireballs, but this seems extremely unlikely. Since the length of time in sight is not stated nor the speed estimated, it is impossible to draw any definite conclusions. Assuming these to be appropriate, if one were to stretch the description to its very limits and make allowances for the remarks of an untrained observer, he could say that the "cigar-like shape" might have been an illusion caused by rapid motion and that the bright sunlight might have made both the objects and the trails nearly invisible.

This investigator does not prefer that interpretation, and it should be resorted to only if all other possible explanations fail. In short, while it is not out of the realm of possibility that the objects seen were an unusual double fireball, it is most unlikely.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date: 2 Oct '47
2. Time: 1520
3. Location: Davis Road, Dayton, Ohio
4. Name of observer: Mrs. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer: Housewife W/S
6. Address of observer: [redacted] Dayton
7. Place of observation: Ground - [redacted] Dayton
8. Number of objects: 2
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S
10. Time in sight: N/S
11. Altitude: 1 to 5 miles high - could not be determined
12. Speed: Very fast
13. Direction of flight: West to East but slightly North from Dayton
14. Maneuvers: One object followed the other about a ship's length apart
15. Sound: None
16. Size: N/S
17. Color: Reflected light
18. Shape: Like cigar
19. Odor detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction: N/S
21. Exhaust trails: Like a slight trace of steam
22. Weather conditions: Clear
23. Effect on clouds: N/S - no clouds
24. Sketches or photographs: None
25. Number of observations: 1/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
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