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[redacted] PROJECT DATA RECORD CARD Incident #49

ATIC NO. - - -

AF NO. - - -

REPORT NO. - - -

DATE OF REPORT - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING - - -

SHAPE Pencil Shaped

SIZE - - -

COURSE 270° (W)

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND - - -

DATE OF UFO 9 Jan 1948

LOCATION Danville, Ky.

SOURCE Civilians

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR - - -

SPEED high

ALTITUDE high

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - - -

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Straight course

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

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Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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ASTRO (FIREBALL)

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Incident #49 -- Danville, Kentucky -- 9 January 1948

Although the distance, time in sight, speed, sound, size, color, and construction of the object reported here are not stated, the fact that it showed a long trail and exploded makes it entirely probable that it was a fireball.

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According to a WHIO News Broadcast at 2300-2315, 9 Jan 48, relayed from Danville, Kentucky, a Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] were driving in their car in or about Danville, Kentucky, when they saw a pencil-like object flying very high which left a long trail of smoke or exhaust. The trail shortly afterwards turned into a beautiful fireworks display of sparks, etc. The object appeared to be traveling a straight course.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 9 Jan 48 Incident # 49

2. Time N/S

3. Location around Danville, Ky.

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4. Name of observer Mr & Mrs. [redacted]

5. Occupation of observor N/S

6. Address of observor N/S - picked up in WHIO news broadcast relayed from Danville, Ky.

7. Place of observation Danville, Ky.

8. Number of objects 1

9. Distance of object from observor N/S

10. Time in sight N/S

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed N/S

13. Direction of flight West

14. Tactics none

15. Sound N/S

16. Size N/S

17. Color N/S

18. Shape pencil-shape

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails long trail of smoke or exhaust

22. Weather conditions N/S

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance trail exploded into a beautiful display of sparks, etc

26. Remarks: (over)

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10 Jan 48

Flying Disc Incident at Danville, Kentucky

According to a WHIO news broadcast at 11:00-11:15, p.m. 9 Jan 48, relayed from Danville, Ky., a Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were driving in their car 9 January in or about Danville, Ky. when they saw a pencil-like object flying very high and which left a long trail of smoke or exhaust. The trail shortly afterwards turned into a beautiful fireworks display of sparks, etc. The object was traveling west in a straight course.

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, 60, 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.