(Incident # 12)

ATIC NO. ---

DATE OF INFO 31 Jan 1948

AF NO. ---

SOURCE Wilmington, N. C.

REPORT NO. ---

SOURCE Female Civilian

DATE OF REPORT ---

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF INCIDENT 1520 31/1202

COLOR ---

SHAPE Oblong

SPEED Fast

Measured
Estimated

SIZE As large as Arm & 3 ft. long

ALTITUDE Awfully High

Measured

COURSE 90°

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND ---

MANEUVERS ---

FLASH ---

SHADING ---

Joseph Dexter

Temporary ATIC Form 389
(2 Jan 52)

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Incident #129 -- Wilmington, North Carolina -- 31 May 1948

Evidence in this incident is contradictory, especially concerning tactics, but from the meager description and the fact that the object emitted smoke and travelled at a high speed, the possibility of its having been a meteor is not ruled out. Apparent oblong shape might have arisen from persistence of vision of a rapidly travelling bright object.

Is there a government testing field for guided missiles near by?

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 129

1. Date 31 May 1948
2. Time 1320
3. Location Wilmington, North Carolina, 34° 14' N, 77° 57' W
4. Name of observer Mrs. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer [redacted]
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Awfully high
12. Speed Fast
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics None
15. Sound N/S
16. Size As large as an arm, and about 3 feet long
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Oblong
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Emitted smoke
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Mysterious sky object was sighted by Mrs. [redacted] her sister Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] It came at first at a fast

speed from the direction of Bluethenthal Field at 1:20 p.m., over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west.

The local office of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Bluethenthal Field's station manager [redacted], that object could have been a P-80 plane in flight. The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky there at the time.

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AJACI-9

3 June 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : COMGENAMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed is report supporting TWX, this headquarters, dated 3 June 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Report (newspaper clipping)

WALTER A. BUCK
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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The Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, N. C.
1 June 1948

MYSTERIOUS FLYING BODY IS SEEN AT WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, May 31 - Wilmington residents today reported another mystery sky object, but it was not another flying saucer. An object which emitted smoke, was about as "big as your arm and about three feet long" which traveled at an "awfully high altitude, and at first at a fast speed, came from the direction of Bluethenthal field at 1:20 p. m. over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west," Mrs. H. D. Alspach, who lives at 709 South Sixth Street, said

Mrs. Alspach said that her sister who lives near, called her to look at the strange object. Mrs. Charles Colvin is the sister and is said to have seen the object first. Mrs. H. D. Hufham, another neighbor said she saw it too.

The local officesof the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Bluethental field's station manager James Holomon, that it "could have been a P-80 plane in flight." The CAA said there wasno such plane in the sky here at the time.

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TO COMGENSANG WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

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/R [redacted] TN MCI PD PASS TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

GSUSA CONTROL NO A-1917 PD A NEWSPAPER CLIPING DATE LINE/WILMINGTON

N C MAY THREE ONE FROM THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER CHARLOTTE N C DATED ONE

JUNE CONTAINED INFORMATION QUOTE OF A MYSTERY SKY OBJECT NOT ANOTHER

FLYING SAUCER PD AN OBJECT WHICH EMITTED SMOKE CMA WAS ABOUT AS

BIG AS YOUR ARM AND ABOUT THREE FEET LONG CMA WHICH TRAVELED AT AN

AWFULLY HIGH ALTITUDE AND AT FIRST AT A FAST SPEED CMA CAME FROM THE

DIRECTION OF BLUETHENTHAL FIELD AT 1320 HOURS OVER THE CAPE FEAR RIVER

CMA THEN VEERED AT A LOW SPEED BACK TOWARDS WRIGHTSVILLE CMA A LITTLE

TO THE WEST UNQUOTE SAID MRS [redacted] WHO LIVES AT [redacted]

[redacted] WILMINGTON PD OTHER WITNESSESCLN MRS [redacted] CMA

MRS [redacted] CMA NO ADDRESSES PD LOCAL OFFICES OF THE CIVIL

AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION DISCREDITED A SUPPOSITION BY BLUETHENTHAL

FIELDS STATION MANAGER [redacted] THAT IT QUOTE COULD HAVE BEEN

A P-38 PLANE IN FLIGHT UNQUOTE PD THE CAA SAID THERE WAS NO SUCH

PLANE IN THE SKY HERE AT THE TIME PD REPORT SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE

BY MAJ [redacted] CIC AGENT STATIONED AT CHARLOTTE N C PD NO OTHER

DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE PD NEWSPAPER CLIPPING BEING FORWARDED BY MAIL

PD /[redacted]

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CFN 112 709 P-83

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.

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AF HQ-33 (20 May 44)

HEADQUARTE JNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Flying Object Reported

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

DATE JUN 18 1953

COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: Processing Branch, Dissemination Control
Division, Directorate of Intelligence

Maj Dunken/jd/78992
AFOIN-1B1

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

Allen G. Dunken

ALLEN G. DUNKEN
Major, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

1 Incl
[redacted]
Moberly, Missouri, dtd 5 Jun 53

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1951—O-972582 18—54288-1

Moberly, Mo
June 5 53

The U.S. air force
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen;

Speaking of flying saucers. I ~~happened~~ to ~~be for sight~~
and by accident I happened to look up in the far blue sky
over head just off at an angle and the plane below.
what I saw the ship was making such speed I tried
to show it to Mrs [redacted] across a narrow st
between us and it was of course nearly out of site when
she saw [redacted] the rear end look like a big oak tree ball
to her x she said that isn't a thing but big balls of
oak curls that blaze at this time of year of course
I didn't argue with her, but as sure as I'm living
this was in late summer of 1948 it was travling
over Moberly from north west to south east.
Can you figure this one out?

Yours truly

[redacted]

A COLOR TO BLEND WITH SKY x CLOUDS OR COMMON COLOR

APPROX. DIAMETER 75 or more feet Length ?
NO WINGS - NO SOUND. NO SMOKE ABOUT 5 to 7 hundred ft. up
MAKING ABOUT 1000 MILES PER hr.

P.S. I'd intended to write you people that the letter
former have sent of these Stories sound Phony!
but mister seeing as Plain as I did this was no joke

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