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([illegible] (Incident #230

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING Bet. 0200 and 0300

SHAPE 'Fireball'

SIZE ---

COURSE ---

NO. IN GROUP 1

WEATHER ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

DATE OF INFO 4 Aug 1948

LOCATION 2 1/2 Mi. N of North Powder, Ore.

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Bright green

SPEED --- Estimated / Measured / Published / Measured

ALTITUDE 5500'

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Performed 5 1/2 mi. trajectory and arched earthward in a natural down grade.

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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Incident #230 -- near North Powder, Oregon -- 4 August 1943

If it were not for the intense green color of this object, it would answer the description of a fireball. In view, however, of many similar occurrences in the New Mexico area, this interpretation is open to question. It should be noted that this incident occurred very much farther north than did the majority of the "green flashes," but that the observer was facing south. Nevertheless, considering the geographical difference, and the difference in season and in time of night of the observation, this object could very well have been a fireball. Insufficient evidence is offered to decide whether it belongs among the New Mexico objects or among the fireballs.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

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TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

/s/ W. A. West
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P. O. Box 2778
Boise, Idaho
October 22, 1968

Dr. [redacted]
c/o University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

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Very truly yours,

/signed/ [redacted]

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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