

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 June 1947 Not Stated	2. LOCATION Idaho
3. SOURCE Civilian (██████████)	10. CONCLUSION Astro (STAR/PLANET)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was the shape of a "comet" and stationary. Appeared to hang in sky.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE 270 Deg	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Incident #28 -- Idaho -- 24 June 1947

Any probable astronomical explanation for this incident is dependent upon the hour of observation, which is not stated in the information given with the summary.

An unconfirmed statement (by Mr. [redacted], quoted in material submitted relative to incident #101) that the observation was made at 3:30 P. M. allows for no possible astronomical explanation other than that a persistent meteor train may have been observed. Such a phenomenon might have given the general impression suggested by the limited description of the incident.

If, however, the observation occurred during the early evening hours, shortly after sunset, which occurred that day at about 8:00 P. M. local time, then it is extremely likely that Lt. Gov. [redacted] saw either the planet Saturn or Mercury. Mercury set almost exactly an hour after the sun and was of stellar magnitude +1. Saturn, of magnitude +0.6 and hence about once again as bright as Mercury, set two hours after the sun. A bright planet shining through thin cirrus clouds could give the impression of a "comet-like object."



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 28

- 1. Date 24 June 1947
- 2. Time Not stated
- 3. Location Idaho
- 4. Name of observer Lt Governor [REDACTED]
- 5. Occupation of observer Lt. Governor
- 6. Address of observer Not stated
- 7. Place of observation Idaho western sky
- 8. Number of objects 1
- 9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
- 10. Time in sight Not stated
- 11. Altitude Not stated
- 12. Speed ~~unknown~~ Remained immobile
- 13. Direction of flight Didn't move just seemed to go below the horizon with the rotation of the earth
- 14. Tactics ~~unknown~~ hovering
- 15. Sound Not stated
- 16. Size not stated
- 17. Color not stated
- 18. Shape comet-like
- 19. Color detected Not stated
- 20. Apparent construction not stated
- 21. Exhaust trails Not stated
- 22. Weather conditions Not stated
- 23. Effect on clouds comet-like hanging in the western sky
- 24. Sketches or photographs Not stated
- 25. Manner of disappearance Seemed to go below the horizon with the rotation of the earth.
- 26. Remarks: None (Over)

Signed

If [redacted] said that he saw a "comet-like object hanging in the western sky June 21." He stated that the object "didn't move but just seemed to go below the horizon with the rotation of the earth."

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24 Jan 1949

HEADQUARTERS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base, Wash-  
ington 25, D. C.

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

Investigations by this headquarters reveal that a synoptic  
weather balloon could have been at the location where sightings  
were reported in the following incidents. In compiling this  
list consideration was given to the wind direction and speed at  
the surface and aloft at the scheduled time of balloon release, and  
the location of the nearest weather station making balloon obser-  
vations.

2	52	91	126
3	72	93	148
4	73	94	155
25	78	105	166
28	81	113	169
36	87	115	172

FOR THE CHIEF AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incls:  
n/c

/s/ W. A. West  
W. A. WEST  
Lt. Col., USAF  
Adjutant General

AIR MATERIEL COMMAND  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,  
Andrews Air Force Base,  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: DSS

1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as balloons released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.

2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or sponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks are usually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIAXO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Weather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2	24	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
4	28	72	96	126	157
11	30	73	104	141	159
14	31	81	105	148	163
16	32	87	107, 8, 9	151	167
22	33	89	112 (Sec 122)	154	169
23	48				

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Hq AWC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.  
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4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAKO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:  
Summaries 1-172 incl  
"EEI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col; USAF  
for H. M. McCOY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Dept

Copies furnished:

AFOIR, Hq. USAF  
Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab  
Major Kodis, MCREEP  
Colonel Neal, MELANS

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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, 160, 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, 253.

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.