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Incident #64

UNCLASSIFIED

DATE OF INFO

19 Aug 1947

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 2130 MST

SHAPE ---

SIZE ---

COURSE 45 degrees 225 degrees

NO. IN GROUP ~~25~~ ~~30~~ ~~35~~ 35 to 8

SOUND ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

LOCATION Twin Falls, Idaho

SOURCE Policemen

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Glow - similar to light bulb

SPEED very high Estimated

ALTITUDE --- Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Few min at a time

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS observed triangular formation

Temporary ATIC Form 329  
(2 Jan 52)

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Prob Birds

With 104 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "B" and "C").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul  
212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited a few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Lt. Ranier incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.


APPENDIX II

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally disparage the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 22, 35, 37, 40, 51, 56, 62, 63, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,  
111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 163, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

Incident No. 6: — 19 August 1947, 2150 hours, Twin Falls, Idaho. Several people were reported as sighting numerous groups of objects in the night sky. These objects were described as a glow in the air with a color similar to regular electric lights. The objects were said to have traveled at "terrific" speed. Some flew in triangular formation. Three objects peeled off of one group of ten, and proceeded on another course. The sky was overcast. Two observers stated that the objects could not have been birds since the lights were not a reflection of city lights.

APC Opinion: Many familiar objects visible because of the fact that they reflect light, appear to be incandescent; for example, the moon and certain planets. The evidence is, therefore, contradictory since in one instance the objects are described as merely a glow, and later on as not being reflectory. The submitted evidence is readily explained as in incident 62; ground lights reflected from clouds, or birds in flight.

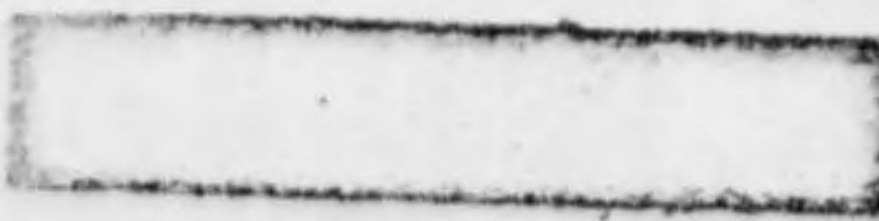



Incident #64 -- Twin Falls, Idaho -- 19 August 1947

There is nothing astronomical in this incident.

The reported overcast sky could have made it possible for signal or search lights to be reflected from the cloud background.

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1. Date September 19 Aug 47
2. Time 9:30 P.M.
3. Location Twin Falls, Idaho
4. Name of observer None [redacted] his wife, and a neighbor  
and members of the Twin Falls Police Dept.
5. Occupation of observer [redacted]
6. Address of observer [redacted]
7. Place of observation As above
8. Number of objects undetermined - see below
9. Distance of object from observer Could not be estimated
10. Time in sight from few minutes at a time
11. Altitude could not be determined
12. Speed terrific
13. Direction of flight NE and came back toward the SW
14. Tactics observed triangular formation
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Could not be estimated
17. Color seen only as a glow going thru the air  
similar to that of regular electric lights
18. Shape Could not be estimated
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None could be observed
22. Weather conditions overcast sky at night
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks (over)

Mr. [redacted] saw the first object traveling at a terrific rate of speed in a southeasterly direction. It was out of sight before Mr. [redacted] and their neighbor Mrs. [redacted] could see anything. While discussing this sighting all I saw 10 similar objects proceed rapidly in the same direction in the form of a triangle. As they were disappearing 3 of the objects on the left flank peeled off and proceeded in a more northerly direction. The remaining objects appeared to close ranks and proceeded on a NE course. Five minutes later they saw another group of 3 objects proceeding in the same direction in triangular formation. Within 5 minutes another triangular formation of five or six objects were observed going in the same direction. Then a few minutes later the three witnesses saw larger group of objects (some 35 to 50 or them) flying in a triangular formation in the same direction. Approximately 20 or 25 minutes after this group of objects were observed similar objects were noted coming back over the city in a Southwesterly direction. Generally they were in groups of 3, 5 and 7 and followed each other at approximately 5-minute intervals.

Mrs. [redacted] then called Detective [redacted] of the Twin Falls Police Dept., a next door neighbor who was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] also members of the Twin Falls Police Dept. They observed a group of about 12 objects flying in formation over the city in a southwesterly direction.

Detective [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] stated that the objects were not meteors or comets as they flew on a level line and did not appear to drop. They stated they could not have been birds as the objects appeared lighted from the inside. Said the lights were not a reflection of the city lights.

No other persons reported seeing the phenomena but Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] stated that it was purely accidental that they had seen the object. No one noticed any flames or anything except the glow of lights.

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, 155, 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.