

[REDACTED] Incident #119

AFIC NO. 777

DATE OF WO 20 Feb 1948

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LOCATION Asuncion, Paraguay

WING NO. 777

SOURCE Foreign Civilian [C REPORTS]

DATE OF REPORT 20 Feb 1948

DATE IN TO AFIC 20 Feb 1948

TIME OF REPORT 0700

COLOR Green, Yellow, Orange

SHAPE Oval

SPREAD None

SIZE 777

ALTITUDE None

ROUTE W to E

LENGTH OF TIME 10 minutes

NO. IN SIGHT 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANUFACTURER

SKETCHES

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Bart Miller

FLYING SAUCERS REPORTED OVER
ASUNCION

1. In recent days there have been various rumors concerning the appearance of flying saucers in and around Paraguay. A local newspaper, "La Tribuna," which enjoys the reputation of being serious, has interviewed several people who claim to have seen these saucers. A synopsis of their statements follow.

a. Mrs. Agustina VARGAS de Paula, resident in the southern part of the city, on 20 February 1948 at 0700 hours, saw an object of oval form traveling through space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately three feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow, and orange colors, and it had a highly colored wake. (The article mentioned that these observations coincide with reports from Buenos Aires.)

b. An employee of the Bank of Paraguay, whose name was withheld in the report, declared that in Aregua, ten miles east of Asuncion, on approximately the same date at 0700 hours, an object which he judged to be a meteor, crossed the sky from west to east. Many other people also saw this object. Its form was oval and it had various colors, and all agreed that it was a meteor. Later inhabitants of Cicervo Cua claimed to have seen a "star" fall in one of the hills some distance to the east of Aregua.

c. A rancher who lives in the Chaco reported that on 20 February at approximately 0700 hours, he was at a ranch house in the neighborhood of Villa Hayes (ten miles north-northeast of Asuncion), with his laborers, when they saw a disc cross the sky giving off an intense green color. He reports that the object travelled from west to east at a speed less than that of an airplane, and at an altitude of approximately one thousand feet. Along its edges it gave off an aureola with the color green predominant.

d. Various individuals visiting Asuncion from the interior claim that many country people saw this rare object, believing it to be a celestial phenomenon.

2. "La Tribuna" concludes that one or more flying saucers may have flown across Paraguay, but does not assert that as a proven fact. See the inclosed clipping.

COMMENT:

It is interesting to note the coincidence of the date and time given by the various individuals who claim to have seen this phenomenon. The undersigned suggests that a small meteor may have been seen, but is not technically qualified to say that this is so. This report is interesting when compared with R-139-47. In the case of the flying saucer reported in the latter report, no other witness ever came forth to describe the occurrence.

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PARAGUAY

Flying Saucers over Asuncion * * * A conservative Paraguayan newspaper of Asuncion recently published the results of interviews with several people who reported having seen flying saucers in that area. Some of the persons interviewed believed the object was a meteor while others thought it was a machine. Descriptions of various witnesses coincided to a marked degree. The general opinion was that it was an oval-shaped object, bigger in front than in the rear, and tapering down to a thin tail about $\frac{1}{2}$ ft long. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow, and strange colors and a highly mixed colored wake, or exhaust.

Comment: The reporting officer suggests that a meteor may have been seen, but is not technically qualified to say that this is so.
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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, 133, 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, 153, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,
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#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 62, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,
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, 245.

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Incident #133 -- Norway, Denmark, Sweden -- 20-26 February 1948

Information given here is too limited for any conclusions to be drawn. The stated heights, the occurrence at the same time each night, and their specific direction makes explanation of the objects as meteors unlikely. The green tails are also not characteristic of typical meteors, but would fit into a description of rockets or flares.

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CONTINUATION OF REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

1. Date 20-26 Feb 48
2. Time Daylight hours 230 hours
3. Location 1/2 (Goring-Brentwood Airfield)
4. Name of observer 1/S
5. Appearance of observer 1/S
6. Address of observer 1/S
7. Date of observation 17/5
8. Number of observer 1/S
9. Distance of object from observer 1/S
10. Time in sight 1/S
11. Altitude From 10000 to 15000 ft
12. Speed One to two miles per second
13. Direction of flight Come from direction of London
14. Visibility 1/S
15. Sound 1/S
16. Size 1/S
17. Color (approximate) 1/S
18. Shape 1/S
19. Odor detected 1/S
20. Apparent construction 1/S (see notes)
21. Exhaust noise 1/S
22. Weather conditions 1/S
23. Effect on clouds 1/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance 1/S
6. Remarks - The trend of these objects has been
approximately eastward.

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Aviation in Denmark

27 Feb 48

Date of Info: 20-26 Feb 48

1 Incl Lt Col Franklin E. Tomlinson

Inclosed is a summary of aviation reports contained in Danish newspapers and SAS News for the period 20 Feb to 26 Feb inclusive. Topics discussed are:

1. BEA plane enroute from LONDON to LISBON struck by "fire ball"
2. Flying missiles from direction of PEENEMUNDE reported over Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
3. On 25 Feb 48, Danish Financial Board granted 22,155,000 Danish Kroner for improvement of Danish airports.
4. Routine technical inspections and overhauling of AS DC-4 aircraft has been permanently based at Copenhagen.

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1. A British European Airways Plane, flying from London to Lisbon, was hit in the air by "fire ball" which hit the nose of the aircraft, shook it violently, and made a hole in the elevator (further details not available.)

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2. Flying missiles, emitting a green flame but leaving no trace in the sky, have been reported recently over Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, coming from the direction of PEENEMUNDE, generally at 2130 hours, at altitudes ranging from tree-top level to 20,000 feet, at an estimated speed of one to two miles per second.

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Incident #119, 119a-b -- Asuncion, Paraguay -- 20 February 1948

While some of the reports of this incident are contradictory, the major portion support the hypothesis that the object observed was a slow-moving meteor or fireball. The speed and color concur in this. The fact that the object was seen over so wide an area implies that the observer who stated that it was only 1000 feet away was in error in his estimate.

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Check list - Unidentified Flying Objects

1. Date 20 Feb 48
2. Time 0700 hours
3. Location Asuncion, Paraguay
4. Name of observer Mr. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer resident of Asuncion (southern part of city)
7. Place of observation Asuncion
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails highly colored white
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Missed open clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S

(over)

At approximately 0700 hours 20 Feb 48 witness saw object of oval shape traveling thru space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately 3 feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow and orange colors and it had a highly colored wake.

Statements were obtained from a local newspaper "La Tribuna" which has interviewed several people claiming to have seen the saucers.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 119a

1. Date 20 Feb 48
2. Time 0700
3. Location Arequa - 10 miles east of Asuncion
4. Name of observer "withheld"
5. Occupation of observer employee of Bank of Paraguay
6. Address of observer Bank of Paraguay
7. Place of observation ~~Arequa, Paraguay~~ in Arequa
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 20 Feb 48 Incident # 1196
2. Time 0700
3. Location Villa Hayes (10 miles SSE of Asuncion)
4. Name of observer Mr Rancher and laborers
5. Occupation of observer Rancher
6. Address of observer in the "Chaco"
7. Place of observation Ranch house in neighborhood of Villa Hayes
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight E/S
11. Altitude 1,000 ft
12. Speed less than that of a plane
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics E/S
15. Sound E/S
16. Size E/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction E/S
21. Exhaust trails E/S - gave off an intense green color
22. Weather conditions E/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance E/S
26. Remarks: (yes) *

Perceived a disc giving off an intense green color. Witness reports that the object traveled from west to east at a speed less than that of a plane and at an altitude of approx 1000 ft. Along its edges it gave off an aura with the color green predominant.

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