

Incident # 129

ATTC NO. ---

DATE OF INFO 31 May 1948

AP NO. ---

LOCATION Wilmington, N. C.

REPORT NO. ---

SOURCE Female Civilian

DATE OF REPORT ---

DATE IN TO ATTC ---

TIME OF OCCURRENCE 1:20 3.1.18202

COLOR ---

SHAPE Oolong

SPEED Fast

SIZE As large as Arm & 3 ft. Long

ALTITUDE Awfully High

COURSE 20°

LENGTH OF THE OBJECT ---

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

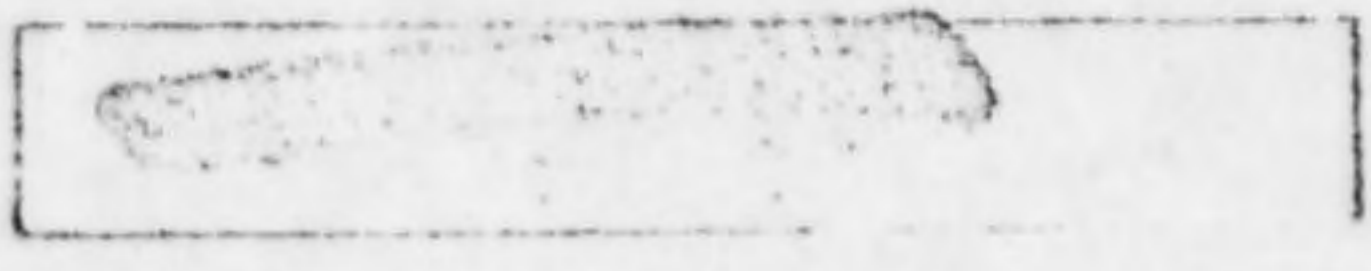
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Joseph Oster

Temporary ATTC Form 379
(7 Jan 52)



Moberly, Mo
June 5-53

The U.S. Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen;

Speaking of flying saucers. I happened to ~~be~~ ^{be for a slight} look up in the ~~for~~ blue sky over head just off at an angle and the plane below is 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 ~~the~~ the rear end look like a big cob web ball to her & she said that isn't a thing but big balls of cob webs that blow at this time of year of course I didn't argue with her, but as near as I'm living this was in late summer of 1948 it was traveling over Moberly from north west to south east.

Can you figure this one out?

Yours truly
[redacted]

100012 Ft. Dr.

A color to blue with sky or ^{cloud} coarser color

APPROX. 75 or 100 ft. up
No sound. No sound about 5 to 7 ft. up
MAKING OUT 100 MILES PER HOUR

P.S. I've intended to write you people about this but you know how much of these stories sound - Phony! but misters seeing as plain as I did this was no joke

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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 Bluthenthal 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 Bluthenthal Field's station manager [REDACTED], that object could have been a P-50 plane in flight. The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky there at the time.

5. 1948

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3 June 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : COMCENAMC
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 Blueenthal 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. Alsbach, who lives at 709 South Sixth Street, said

Mrs. Alsbach 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 offices of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Blueenthal field's station manager James Holomon, that it "could have been a P-80 plane in flight." The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky here at the time.

REF: A 215

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TO COMENANC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

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/R [REDACTED] TN MCI PD P-83 TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
 GSUSA CONTROL NO A-1917 PD A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING 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 "OF OTHER
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 TO THE WEST UNQUOTE SAID MRS [REDACTED] WHO LIVES AT [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] WILMINGTON PD OTHER WITNESSES CLM 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-83 PLANE IN FLIGHT UNQUOTE PD THE [REDACTED] SAID THERE WAS NO P-83
 PLANE IN THE SKY HERE AT THE TIME PD REPORT SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE
 BY [REDACTED] CIC AGENT STATIONED AT CHARLOTTE N C PD NO OTHER
 INFO [REDACTED] ILABLE PD NEWSPAPER CLIPPING BEING FORMED BY [REDACTED]
 PD [REDACTED]

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CFN 122 799 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, 35, 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.

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, 178, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED 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

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

COMMENT NO. 1
Maj Dunken/jd/78992
AFOIN-1B1

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

1 Incl

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Moberly, Missouri, dtd 5 Jun 53

Allen G. Dunken
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 Major, USAF
 Directorate of Intelligence

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