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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD Incident #139

ATIC NO. _____

DATE OF INFO 9 July 1948

AF NO. _____

LOCATION North End, Osborn, Ohio

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE USAF Pilot

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF SIGHTING 2147

COLOR Pale yellowish white (Luminous)

SHAPE _____

Between Estimated

SIZE _____

SPEED 500-600 MPH Measured

COURSE W (E to W)

Estimated

NO. IN GROUP 1

ALTITUDE 3,000-4,000 ft. Estimated

BOUND _____

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3 times
1-2 Sec. duration

PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial
Intermittent appearances at
MANEUVERS regulated intervals

Temporary ATIC Form 322
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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, 163, 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.

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Incident #139 -- Osborn, Ohio -- 9 July 1948

There is no obvious astronomical explanation for this incident.

The present investigator was struck first by the fact that the description of the incident states, "... with about a quarter moon rising in the east-southeast." The quarter moon can never be seen in that position at 2147 hours (local time), for the quarter moon sets at approximately midnight. The moon at that date was not yet at the first quarter, and it set at Osborn at about 2300. The correct statement would be, "... with about a quarter moon setting in the west-northwest." This, oddly enough, is the quadrant of the sky in which the object was reported to be seen. In what direction, then, was the observer really looking?

Although the sky was reported as clear, could it possibly be that rapidly scudding clouds periodically obscured the setting moon -- a moon which, incidentally, does have a pale yellowish-white light?

Other possibilities that suggest themselves are detached auroral streamers or floodlights or searchlights playing on the sky.

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