

[REDACTED] Incident #145

ATC NO. [REDACTED]

DATE OF INFO 9 July 1948

LOCATION Fielding Lake, Wash.

AIR NO. [REDACTED]

SOURCE USAF Officers

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

DATE OF REPORT [REDACTED]

TIME OF FLIGHTING 1205 AST

SIGHTS Either Spheroid or Disc

MOTIONS Dots

ROUTE WNW to ESE

NO. OF OBJECTS 20 Approx.

OUND Buzz similar to jets

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Jockeyed back and forth in group formation giving impression of shotgun blast pattern but maintained straight course

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Supplementary ATC Form 329  
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*INSECTS.*

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

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199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

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227, 238, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245.

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The lack of any exhaust trail and luminosity eliminates  
an astronomical explanation for the objects reported here.

It seems more probable that they were distant aircraft  
flying in formation, or migrating birds.

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72ND RCN SQUADRON (VLR) PHOTOGRAPHIC  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 731, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

LFRCB

SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Discs"

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

ATTN : TSDIN

1. At approximately 1205 AST 9 July 1948, 1st Lt's [redacted] and [redacted], both of the 72nd Ren Squadron (VLR) Photo, sighted a group of unidentified objects while fishing at Fielding Lake (63° 11' - 145° 40' W).

2. The weather at the time of the sighting was described as bright and sunny with unlimited visibility and no more than 5/10 strato-cumulus cloud coverage.

3. The objects resembled a group of dots, grayish black in color and numbering about 20. They were plainly visible, and were either spheroid or disc shaped. They appeared to be jockeying back and forth in the group formation, which gave the overall impression of a shotgun blast pattern.

4. The objects were estimated to be at 5,000 feet or more above the terrain, and were thought to be moving at a speed in excess of 500 MPH. (This figure was reached in view of the fact that the objects were out of sight in five seconds or less. The group seemed to be immediately below the clouds. Direction of flight was from NNE to ESE, and the objects were definitely flying a straight course.

5. Just before the objects were sighted, a loud roaring sound was heard, and was attributed to a strong wind blowing through the surrounding woods. However, as the objects approached and passed, the sound sharpened into a buzz much like that made by a group of Jet Aircraft. No exhaust trails were visible.

6. Photographs of the objects were not available. The following

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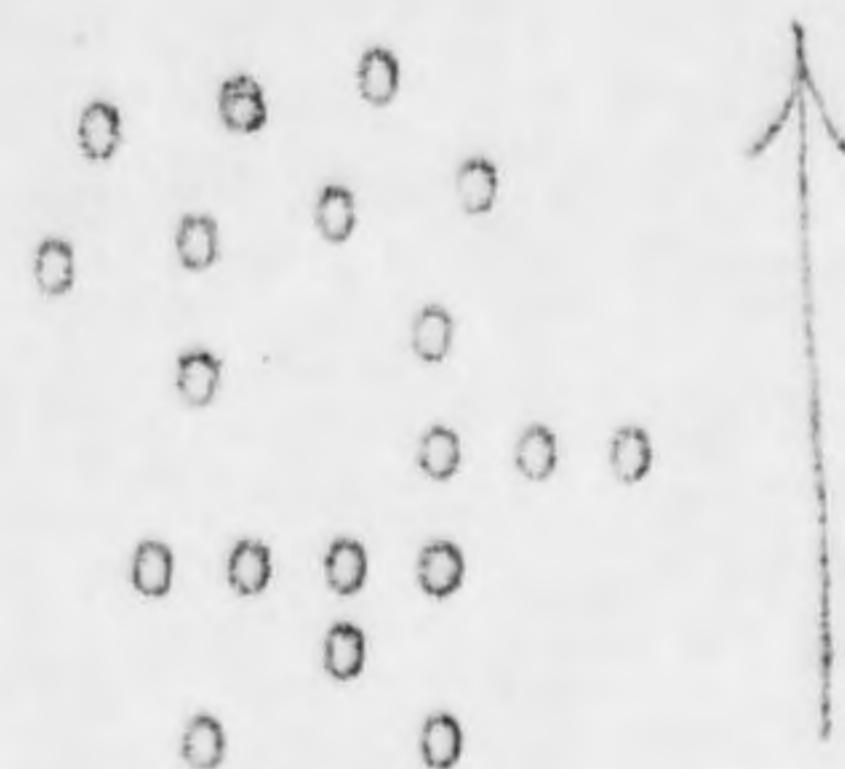
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Ltr, Hq., 72nd Recon Sq (VLR) Photo, Sub: "Report of Information on Flying Discs", dated 12 July 1948 (Cont'd):

is a sketch of the overall conformation of the group. "0" indicate individual objects, arrow indicates direction of flight:



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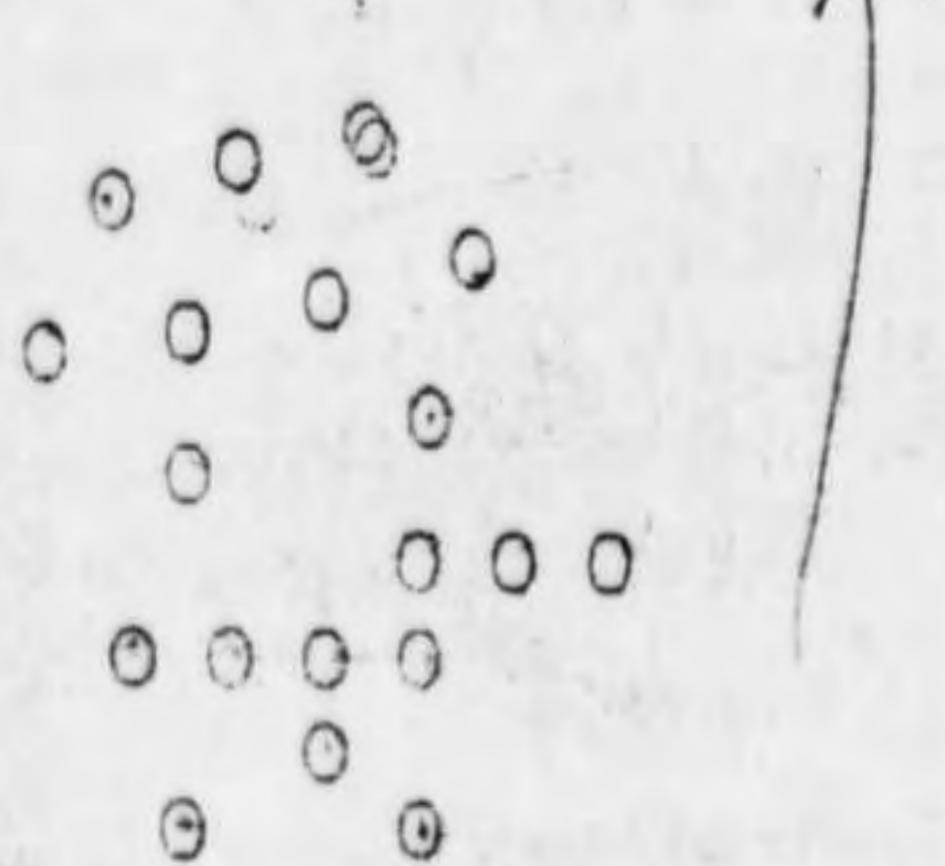
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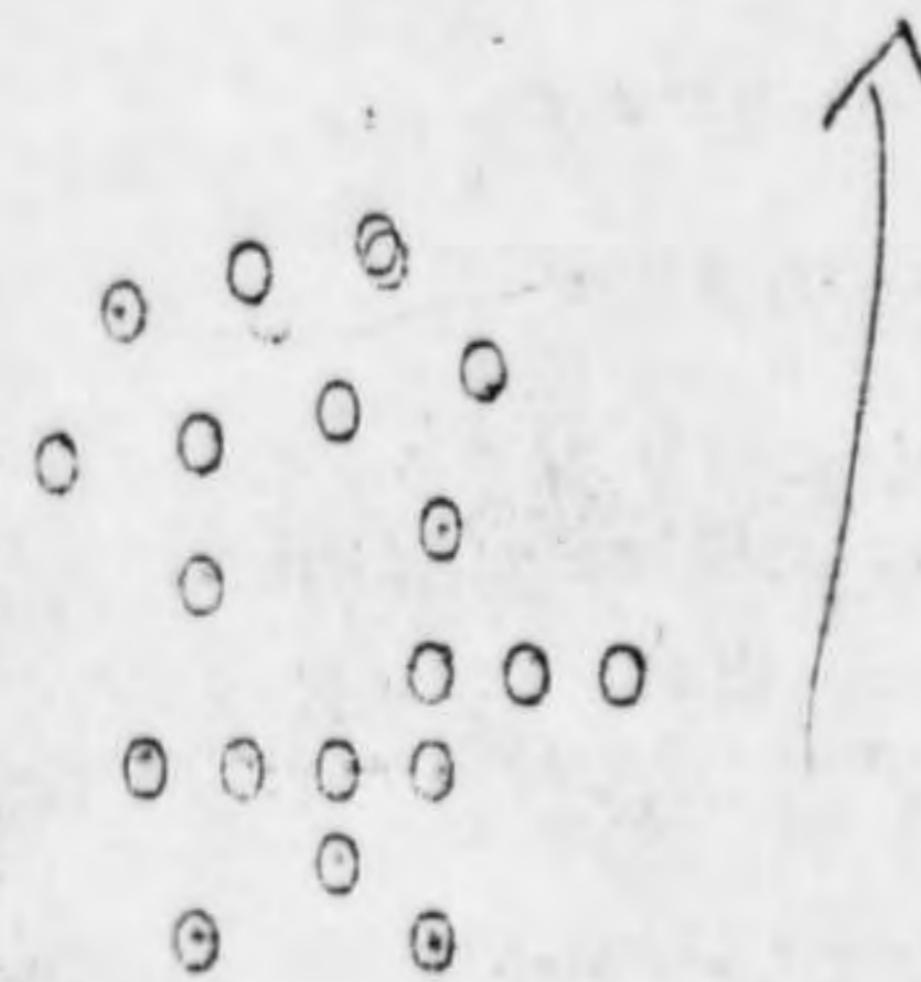


*by phone*

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 9 July 1948 Incident # 145
2. Time 1205 AST
3. Location Fielding Lake
4. Name of observers 1st Lt. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observers (VLR) Photo
6. Address of observers 72nd RCN Sq (VLR) Photographic; c/o APO 731  
c/o Postmaster Seattle Washington
7. Place of observation Fielding Lake, Alaska ( $63^{\circ}11'$  -  $145^{\circ}40'$  W)
8. Number of objects Approximately 20
9. Distance of object from observer 5,000 + above
10. Time in sight 5 seconds or less
11. Altitude 5,000 + immediately below the clouds
12. Speed over 500 MPH
13. Direction of flight NNW to ESE
14. Tactics Jockeyed back and forth in the group formation giving the impression of shotgun blast pattern but maintaining straight course
15. Sound Loud roaring sound which sharpened into a buzz
16. Size Dot-sized
17. Color grayish black
18. Shape Spheroid or disc-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None visible
22. Weather conditions Bright and sunny with 5/10ths strato-cumulus cloud coverage
23. Effect on clouds None - flew immediately below them
24. Sketches or photographs sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
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Incident #146 -- San Acacia Dam, New Mexico -- 17 July 1948

Lack of exhaust trails eliminates any possible astronomical explanation for this incident.

It seems more probable that the objects observed were:

- a) balloons at a much lesser distance than that estimated,
- b) aircraft in formation, or c) birds.

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