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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

Incident #171

ATIC NO. _____

STATE OF INFO _____

3 Aug 1948

AF NO. _____

LOATION _____

Moscow, USSR

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE _____

Newspaper Reporter

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF OBSERVING Sunset

COLOR Bright-shiny

SHAPE Long - Narrow

SPEED Fast

SIZE _____

ALTITUDE Very high

COURSE SW - NE

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

CLOUD _____

MANEUVERS _____

LOG _____ SKETCHES _____

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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, 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, 236, 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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There is no astronomical explanation for this incident.

Perhaps the Russians were experimenting with their own
or a captured German dirigible.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 3 Aug 48
2. Time Sunset
3. Location Moscow, USSR
4. Name of observer N/S - American Newspaper Reporter
5. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation About 25 kilometers (19 to 20 miles) NW of Moscow
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed high but not excessive
13. Direction of flight Southwest-Northeast direction
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound No sound
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S - shone brightly
18. Shape long narrow
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Apparently metallic since it shone very brightly
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S - sunny
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S UNCLASSIFIED
26. Remarks: (over)

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About Sunset on 3 Aug 48, about 25 kilometers (20 miles) northwest of Moscow an experienced American newspaper reporter saw an unidentified object at very high altitude. It was long and narrow and proceeded at a high but not excessive speed in a generally south-west-northeast direction. It shone very brightly probably from reflected sunlight. No wings could be seen and no sound was heard. It looked like a rigid airship and was so identified by a Russian acquaintance who saw it at the same time. However, the reporter, in spite of the appearance of the object was of the opinion that it was not a rigid airship due principally to its high speed. He had no theory to offer

NA COMMENT: This object might have been anything. Its speed seems insufficient for a guided missile, but it could have been either a jet or conventional airplane as unusual light conditions and fore-shortening frequently give aircraft a freakish appearance. The possibility that it was a dirigible should not be excluded. Reference "A" should not be excluded.

REFERENCE "A": The upper winds in Russia are not published but it was noted that on the following morning there were high surface winds with storm predictions.

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Unidentified Object at High Altitude

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1. Reference is made to R2R dated 29 October 1948, subject, "Re Adapazari Incident."

2. Inclosed for your information is NA Moscow Report NA-123-48, NAD-27846, which was quoted in telecon CSAF, Item 1, dated 2 September 1948.

3. A request has been initiated to secure required information and it will be forwarded immediately upon receipt.

2 Incls:

- 1. Rpt NAD-27846
- 2. Form #75 in trip.

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See NAD 27846

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TO BE A ROCKET, AND THE DEBRIS WILL BE
INSPECTED BY EXPERTS. OBSERVERS SAY THAT
THE ROCKET, WHICH IS CLAIMED TO HAVE COME
FROM THE NORTHWEST, WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE
OF 200 METERS OVER ADAPAZARI BEFORE IT FELL.

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"ACCORDING TO RUMORS, IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT THE ROCKET IS CONNECTED WITH THE FLY-
ING DISC EXPERIMENTS BEING CONDUCTED BY
THE RUSSIANS AT THE STATION ON MOUNT
ALACOL CLOSE TO OUR EASTERN FRONTIERS."

SOURCE: NA, ANKARA, TURKEY, 10 MAY
1945, SERIAL 36-43, EVAL. F-0.

DISPATCH: AIR ATTACHE, ANKARA, TURKEY,
HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS
INCIDENT FULLY AND ENCOURAGE TURKISH
GENERAL STAFF TO DO LIKEWISE. WHETHER
INCIDENT CAN BE CONFIRMED OR NOT AIR ATTACHE
HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO DETERMINE SOURCES

FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YENI SABAH DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
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2. MOSCOW, USSR. " AT ABOUT SUNSET
ON 3 AUGUST 1943, ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS
NORTHWEST OF MOSCOW, AN EXPERIENCED
AMERICAN NEWSPAPER REPORTER SAW AN
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT AT A VERY HIGH
ALTITUDE. IT WAS LONG AND NARROW AND
PROCEEDED AT A HIGH BUT NOT EXCESSIVE
SPEED IN A GENERALLY SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST
DIRECTION. IT SEEMED VERY BRIGHT,

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PROBABLY FROM REFLECTED SUNLIGHT. NO WINGS COULD BE SEEN AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD/ IT LOOKED LIKE A RIGID AIRSHIP, AND WAS SO IDENTIFIED BY A RUSSIAN ACQUAINTANCE WHO SAW IT AT THE SAME TIME. THE REPORTER, HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT A RIGID AIRSHIP, DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ITS HIGH SPEED. HE HAD NO THEORY TO OFFER, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS A MYSTERY, LIKE THE AMERICAN 'FLYING SAUCERS'.

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NA COMMENT: "THIS OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING. ITS SPEED SEEMS INSUFFICIENT FOR A GUIDED MISSILE, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A JET OR CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE, AS UNUSUAL LIGHT CONDITIONS AND FORESHORTENING FREQUENTLY GIVE AIRCRAFT A FREAKISH APPEARANCE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A DIRIGIBLE, AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, (4-PAWAT

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REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, OBTAINING ITS APPARENT SPEED FROM HIGH WINDS. THE UPPER WINDS IN RUSSIA ARE NOT PUBLISHED, BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING THERE WERE HIGH SURFACE WINDS WITH GREAT EFFICIENCY.

SOURCE: KA MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL
123-48, 4 AUGUST 1948, EVAL. D-2.

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3. MOSCOW, USSR. "WHILE IN
MOSCOW THE FRIEND HAD MET WITH MEMBERS
OF THE MOSCOW IZVESTIYA EDITORIAL STAFF,
AT WHICH TIME HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE
CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE IS MAKING A
SPECIAL, SECRET STUDY OF THE AMERICAN
"FLYING SAUCER" STORY AND THE "ROCKETS
OVER SWEDEN" INCIDENT. SOURCE HAD NOT
HEARD OF THE "FLYING SAUCERS" IN
AMERICA AND SO WAS COMPLETELY IN THE
DARK AS TO WHAT THE "SECRET STUDY"
MIGHT IMPLY.

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SOURCE: NA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL
38-S-48, 10 JUNE 1948, EVAL. F-3.

REQUEST AMC CONTINUE ANY FOLLOW-UPS
DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF PROJECT "SIGN". INFORMATION RECEIVED
BY HEADQUARTERS, USAF, REGARDING FOLLOW-UPS
ON TURKISH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMC.
END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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SUBJ: REG A-2 CONF

CLASS: BY ITEM

FRES: LT COL MCGINNIS
LT HUNNICUTT

ROGER IT IS SPECIAL A200

SORRY IT IS SPECIAL A-2 CONFERENCE

CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED REGARDING FLYING OBJECTS
AND ARE FORWARDED FOR PROJECT "SIGN"
RECORDS:

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1. ITEM FROM TURKISH NEWSPAPER YENI
SABAH, ISTANBUL, 5 MAY 1948. "THERE
HAVE BEEN REPORTS LATELY TO THE EFFECT
THAT SHINING OBJECTS LIKE METEORS, HAVE
BEEN SIGHTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE
COUNTRY. SOME PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT THESE
MIGHT BE ROCKETS. INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM AUTHORIZED CIRCLES REVEALS
THAT SUCH A THING PASSED OVER ADIFAZARI
AND WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR.
PARTS OF IT FELL INTO A VILLAGE NEARBY,
AND KILLED A SHEEP DOG. THE THING WAS FOUND

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