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DO #5, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa.

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REFERENCE

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19 May 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, Morgantown, W. Va.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXC-3

1. Inclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is report of investigation of Special Agent TONEY ZEVARIS, DO #3, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated 17 May 1949.

2. This is the final report in this investigation and the files of this office are being closed in instant matter.

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R/I dtd 17 May 49
(in dup)

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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4. On 3 May 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] CAA Aircraft Communicator, Morgantown, W. Va., Municipal Airport, furnished the following weather sequences:

15 March 1949, 2103 hours; ceiling, scattered clouds at 25,000 feet, lower scattered clouds at 3,000 feet, visibility, 12 mi; surface winds, west at 10 mph.

15 March 1949, 2129 hours; ceiling estimated 3,000 feet overcast; visibility, 12 mi; temperature 22° dew point 13; surface winds, WNW at 3 mph; altimeter 30.23; breaks in overcast.

28 March 1949, 2108 hours; clear, visibility, 12 mi; surface winds, SSW at 3 mph, altimeter 30.15.

28 March 1949, 2129 hours; clear; visibility, 12 mi; temperature, 50° dew point 42; surface winds; SSW at 2 mph, altimeter, 30.15

No winds aloft report was available. Mr. LIEPKE stated that he had no record of flights at the time of either incident.

5. Records of the Morgantown, W. Va. Police Department were checked with negative results.

INCLOSURE

DISTRICT OFFICE #5, WEIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

Sketch made by [REDACTED] of objects seen by AIA on 23 and 25 March 1949.

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Name and address of observer: [REDACTED], Morgantown, W. Va.

Occupation and hobbies:

Real Estate Business

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that on 28 Mar 1949 at approx. 2100 to 2115 hours, he was again in his back yard making his usual weather observations when he sighted another object in the same vicinity and angle from the horizon as the one previously sighted on 15 Mar 1949. This object was shaped like a flattened funnel, with a reddish gold tint and appeared to be about 5 ft across at altitude. Wright estimated the object would cover an area of two city blocks on the ground. It following approximately the same route, was observed approximately the same length of time, and gave off the same sound as the object previously sighted. There was no odor. It left a persistent dark red trail similar to that previously sighted. There were no projections. The object maintained straight and level flight and disappeared into the distance. There was no effect on the clouds noticed. The weather was clear, average conditions prevailed. Wright could not compare sizes with any object at arms' length, but insisted on his own estimates as to size and altitude.

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1. Date of Observation 28 March 1949 Date of Interview 3 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2100 - 2115
3. Place of Observation N.W. Morgantown, W. Va.
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Appeared 5 ft at alti. (on ground would cover 2 city blocks)
8. Color of object Reddish golden tint
9. Shape Flattened funnel
10. Altitude 45° Elevation
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer 20 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) NE to SW
14. Time in sight 2-3 secs.
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor like icy rocket
17. Trail Dark red tapering trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Straight level flight
21. Manner of disappearance disappeared in distance
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear,

See original for complete weather report.

Astro (meteor)