

Incident # 134

26/2013

ATTC NO. _____

LOCATION OF CASE 21st St

AF NO. _____

ADDRESS 10 MI. East of Troy, Mich.

UNIT NO. _____

REPORT MADE BY Officer

PART OF PLANT _____

DATE IN ATTC _____

TYPE OF CASE _____

MODEL Flight Silvery-Golden Hue

DESCRIPTION with well rounded contours

HEIGHT over 500 ft

ALTIMETER 7,500-3,100 ft

LENGTH OF TRAIL about 10-15 seconds

_____ 3 at first - 2 later

TYPE OF CRAFT/AIRCRAFT Aerial


MANEUVER Executed abrupt turns, flew in line of stern stepped up

PREPARED BY (1)

Form 309
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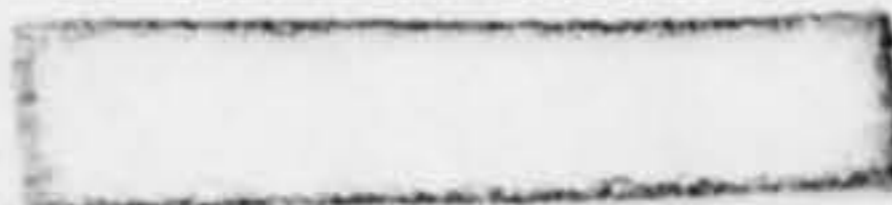
Incident #134, 134a -- Monroe, Michigan -- 28 May 1948

There is no direct astronomical explanation for this incident.

This investigator wishes to call attention to the fact that the objects observed were seen at essentially the same level as the lower cloud stratum and that there was a high overcast. Could it be that these officers saw successive shafts of sunlight, through breaks in the high overcast, illuminating small portions of the lower cloud stratum? Apparent speed of the objects could then have been a combination of the relative velocity of the C-47 and the projected motion of the break in the overcast.

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Incident No. 154 -- 23 May 1948, 1500 hours, Monroe, Michigan.
One passenger in a C-47 at 8000 ft observed three disc-like objects
and later two more (another observer saw only the two). The objects
appeared to descend from above, level off at altitude of C-47 and
travel in the opposite direction at front speed. They left no trail,
were disc shaped and were "silvery-gold" or "shiny brass" in color.
One observer said they were 300-400 feet across with well rounded
contours, the other said they were four feet in size. The first ob-
server later said all had a lazy or fuzzy outline. There was an over-
cast at 13,000 feet and a thin, broken stratus layer at 8000 feet, the
level of the aircraft.

AEC Opinion: Dr. Lynek suggests these individuals could have seen
successive shafts of sunlight through breaks in the high overcast il-
luminating portions of the lower cloud stratum. Apparent speed could
be a combination of projected motion of the break in the overcast and
the velocity of the C-47. This explanation partially fits the contra-
dictory evidence.

28 May 48

With 124 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "E" and "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul Pitts)
212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Group 3

Summary of AMO Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AMO Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "F") exhibited few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the 1st. Saucer incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally describe the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

- 1, 15, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 53, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 81,
- 111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 163, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

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, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.