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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 22

- (2)
1. Date 21 June 1947
 2. Time Shortly before noon
 3. Location Spokane, Washington
 4. Name of observer Guy R. Overman
 5. Occupation of observer Not stated
 6. Address of observer 621 W. Hoffman Ave., Spokane, Washington
 7. Place of observation Spokane, Washington on ground
 8. Number of objects one at first. later others more indistinct
 9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
 10. Time in sight Not stated
 11. Altitude 7,000 or 8,000 feet
 12. Speed slower than 2 motorod plane.
 13. Direction of flight South, a little to the west of south.
 14. Tactics Flashed repeatedly as it moved along
 15. Sound Not stated
 16. Size Quite large
 17. Color Shiny - silvery
 18. Shape flashes or discs
 19. Odor detected Not stated
 20. Apparent construction flashes or discs
 21. Exhaust trails Not stated
 22. Weather conditions Not stated
 23. Effect on clouds Not stated
 24. Sketches or photographs None
 25. Manner of disappearance became less distinct but flashed repeatedly.
 26. Remarks: (over)

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On Saturday June 21st, shortly before noon, I was in our yard at home when I happened to glance up at a passing plane. I would say this was a two motored one from one of the army bases, flying south at about 10,000 or 12,000 feet. On the mere glance at the plane a bright shiny flash attracted my attention, coming from approximately two or three thousand feet lower than the plane, but slightly ahead of my line of vision of the plane. My first thought was that the plane had thrown out hand bills, but this could not be as they (the flashes or disks) were ahead of the plane. One thing different tho, it seems to me they were not traveling as fast as the plane. We realize to, now, that whatever they were, they must have been quite large, being as plain as the nearest one was, yet so high. And again, they were traveling south against prevailing winds. At least some of the smaller flashes, if not all were as high or higher than the plane, but the nearest one seemed lower, both when it flashed and otherwise, as it did intermittently.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

MCIA XO-3/DWS/ra
Jan 5 1949

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base,
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: DSS

1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as balloons released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.

2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or sponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks are usually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIA XO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Weather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2	24	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
4	28	72	96	126	157
11	30	73	104	141	159
14	31	81	105	146	163
16	32	87	107, 8, 9	151	167
22	33	89	112 (See 122)	154	169
23	45				

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Hq AMC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.
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4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIA XO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Summaries 1-172 incl
"EEI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
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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, 84,
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:

#15, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 160, 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, 88, 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, 25, 37, 40, 51, 62, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,
76, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,
188, 172, 178, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 228,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

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JUNE 1947 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Summer 47-48	Madeline Merchant File (INFO)		A/C
June	Hamburg, New York (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
June	Seattle, Washington (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Other (MISSILES)
2	Rehoboth, Delaware (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
10	Hungary (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Other (CONTRAILS)
12	Weiser, Idaho	Erickson	Birds
14	Bakersfield, California	Rankin	Balloon
20	Montgomery, Alabama	Multiple Military	Balloon
21	Spokane, Washington	Overman	A/C
22	Greenfield, Massachusetts	Civilian	Other (MIRAGE)
24	Mt Ranier, Washington	Arnold	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
24	Boise, Idaho	Whitehead	UNIDENTIFIED
24	Portland, Oregon	Johnson	Insufficient Data
26	Rockfield, Wisconsin	Beuscher	Insufficient Data
28	Illinois	Not Stated	Balloon Cluster
28	Lake Meade, Nevada	Armstrong	Other (UNRELIABLE RE)
28	Des Moines, Iowa	Bays	Balloon
29	Las Cruces, New Mexico	Kauke/Zahn/Rockwood	Astro (SUN DOG)
30	Boise, Idaho	Donofrio	Astro (METEOR)
30	Williams AFB, Arizona (Grand Canyon)	McGinty	Other (HOAX)
Late June	Maury Island, Washington	Dahl	(INFO ONLY)
June/July	Oakland, California	Ballard	Info Only
Summer 47	Condon, Oregon	Herman	

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