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DATE OF INFO 29 June 47

ATTC NO. _____

AF NO. _____

REPORT NO. _____

DATE OF REPORT _____

TIME OF STARTING 1645 cst

SHAPE inverted saucer

SIZE 175'-250' dia.

COURSE SSE-NWE

NO. IN GROUP 5 in first-13 in second

GROUP like electric motor

PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

LOCATION Clarion, Iowa

SOURCE Civilian

DATE IN TO ATTC _____

COLOR dirty white

SPEED 300 mph

ALTITUDE 1200

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED several minutes

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS in single file

Estimated x

Non-arms

Estimated x

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Incident No. 21 -- 29 June 1947, 1945, Des Moines, Iowa.
The observer, a bus driver, reported observing thirteen objects at 1800 ft altitude, traveling in a straight line in file at 300 MPH. The objects were elliptical in form "inverted saucer", 12 ft thick, 175-250 ft in diameter, dirty white, and made a sound like an electric motor or dynamo. There was no further information supplied except that the observer stated they looked like dots in the sky.

AME Opinion: These objects were seen just outside Des Moines, and were flying toward Des Moines. If they were not ordinary objects mistaken for something else by the observer, but were really unusual aircraft, it seems almost certain that someone else would have also reported them. There is insufficient information for a proper analysis.

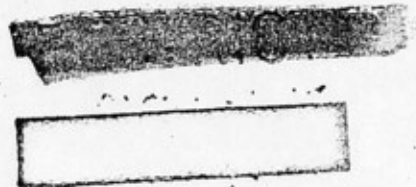
Incident #21 -- Des Moines, Iowa -- 29 June 1947

There is no obvious astronomical explanation for this incident.

If the estimate of size can be given any credence at all, the objects could not have been farther than five miles away; this is an absolute upper limit, and objects probably were very much closer.

Incident #43 -- Clarion, Iowa -- 29 June 1947

This incident refers to the same sighting by the same observer as that summarized in incident #21. See that report for conclusions.



1. Date 9 June 1975
2. Time 1645
3. Location Las Vegas, NV
4. Name of observer [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer Agent of Amazing Stories Magazine
6. Address of observer Box 12, Crookston, MO
7. Place of observation Not stated
8. Number of objects at least 5, then 13
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight Not stated
11. Altitude 1200 ft.
12. Speed 500 mph
13. Direction of flight NW
14. Tail fin single fin
15. Sound Like an electronic motor or turbine
16. Size about 12 ft. thick 2 1/2 to 3 ft. in diameter
17. Color Milky white
18. Shape Between circle and oval - inverted saucer
19. Color described Not stated
20. Apparent sound described Not stated
21. Exhaust trail Not stated
22. Exhaust characteristics Not stated
23. Effect on clouds Not stated
24. Number of observations 1
25. Name of observer Not stated
26. Remarks - None

1. Date 29 June 1947
2. Time 1345 - 1405 P. M.
3. Location 7 miles out of Clinton Iowa in direction of Mason City, Iowa
4. Name of observer [REDACTED]
5. Description of observation Had been out before
6. Address of observer Box 12, Trecken, Mo.
7. Place of observation 7 miles out of Clinton - 42° 43' N - 93° 14' W
8. Number of objects 5 in first group, 13 in second
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight several minutes
11. Altitude 1200 ft
12. Speed 300 MPH
13. Direction of flight South by Southeast and North Northeast
14. Motion Observed single file
15. Sound sound like that of an electric motor or dynamo
16. Size From 175 to 250 ft in diameter by 12 feet in thickness
17. Color "dirty" white
18. Shape Between a circle and an oval - inverted saucer
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs N/S
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks (over)

About 7 miles out in distance, from above, we saw an object about 2000 ft. across the sky in front of the clouds was moving. It was followed by four more. The object appeared about 1200 feet. It moved from left to right and then back to left and then back to right. It was moving about the same distance as a group of about 500 ft. There is no object in a single file. Usually, the objects were between 2000 and 3000 ft. in distance. In appearance they looked like an aircraft carrier flying over the sea. The object was about 12 feet. The distance could have been anywhere from 5 to 20 feet. They were very white in color. The second group disappeared into the sky in a matter of a few minutes. They made a noise as they passed overhead similar to an aircraft engine or turbine.

With 194 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 reported as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents are explained satisfactorily, as pointed out by Ronald Carpenter, M.D., of the Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "G" and "H").

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

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the 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, and probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") 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. Earlier 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 discredit 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, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 53, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 163, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

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, 163, 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.