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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 47

1. Date 6 July 47
2. Time N/S
3. Location Fairfield-Suisun Air Base, Calif.
4. Name of observer Capt James H. Burniston
5. Occupation of observer Capt, USAF
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Fairfield Suisun AF Base 122° 03' N 38° 19' W
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 60 seconds
11. Altitude 10,000 ft
12. Speed in excess of any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight Southeasterly.
14. Tactics rolled from side to side three times - one side reflected sun strongly from its surface - other gave no reflection
15. Sound could not be determined - due to aircraft in vicinity
16. Size About that of a C-54
17. Color indefinite
18. Shape indefinite
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Sunlight
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Object traveled in a southeast direction at an estimated height of 10,000 ft or more and at a speed in excess of any aircraft he had ever seen. It was under observation for approx 60 seconds during which time it traveled over 3/4 of the visible sky. No definite color or shape could be determined. The object appeared to roll from side to side three times, and one side reflected the sun strongly from its surface while the other gave no reflection. He thought the size about that of a C-54. He states that ~~immediately~~ ^{during} the time the object completed the roll it became very difficult to see and almost disappeared. No sound could be attributed to the aircraft.

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FLYING OBJECT REPORTS: Two more flying object incidents have been reported, coming from opposite sides of the United States - one from Greenfield, Massachusetts and one from Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, California. The A-2 of the Atlantic Division, ATC, relayed the report of Edward L. de Rose concerning his observation of an unidentified flying object while working outdoors at 11:30 A.M., 22 June 1947, in Greenfield, Massachusetts. De Rose said there appeared across his line of vision a "brilliant, small, round-shaped, silvery white object" moving in a northwesterly direction as fast or possibly faster than a speeding plane at an estimated altitude of 1,000 feet or more. The object stayed in view for eight or ten seconds until obscured by a cloud bank. It reflected the sunlight very strongly as though it were of polished aluminum or silver. Other than to say that it appeared to be round and irregular de Rose was unable to determine its shape. He adds that it did not resemble any weather balloons he had ever seen and that "I can assure you it was very real". The California report was made by Air Corps Captain James H. Burniston, who says that on 6 July 1947 while at Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base he observed an object travelling in a southeasterly direction at an estimated height of 10,000 feet or more and at a speed in excess of that of any aircraft he had ever seen. The object was in his view for approximately sixty seconds during which time it travelled over three-quarters of the visible sky. Burniston could distinguish no definite color or shape. It appeared to roll from side to side three times during his observation and one side reflected the sun strongly from its surface while the other gave no reflection. He estimates the size to be about that of a C-54 and states that between the time the top of the object was visible and the time it rolled over so that the bottom became very difficult to see and almost disappeared. Because of the noise of an aircraft engine in the vicinity he was unable to attribute any sound to the object. Both of these reports appear to be made by competent observers having no motive other than to give accurate information - de Rose requesting no publicity result. It is noted that while the object de Rose observed is described as small and flying at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet, while Burniston's object was larger and seen at some 10,000 feet, there are strong similarities in both descriptions. Outstanding of the points which tend to correspond are the facts that both objects are reported as moving somewhat faster than a fast aircraft and both objects reflected the sun strongly.

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JULY 1947 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
July	Tempe, Arizona (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
July	Oak Ridge, Tennessee (FOLDER) *	Presley (PHOTOS)	Other (Development Flaw)
3	S. Brookville, Maine	Cole	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Mt Jefferson, Washington	Boghe	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon Area	Multiple	Other (Chaff)
4	Portland, Oregon	Evans	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon	Hayward	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon	Dwyer	Insufficient Data
4	Seattle, Washington	Ryman	Balloon
4	Emmett, Idaho (FOLDER) *	Smith	UNIDENTIFIED
4	West Trenton, New Jersey	Marshall	Astro (Meteor)
6	Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California	Burniston	UNIDENTIFIED
6	Hollywood, California	Corey	Insufficient Data
6,7,8	Warren, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
6	Clay Center, Kansas	Browning	Astro (SOLAR REFLECTION)
6	Birmingham, Alabama	Livingston	Other (Fireworks)
		(PHOTO)(NOT IN FILE)	Insufficient Data
7	Shreveport, Louisiana	Harston (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Hoax)
7	East Troy, Wisconsin (CASE MISSING)	Mil and Civ	Insufficient Data
7	Lakeland, Florida	Griffin (MODEL)	Other (Psychological)
7	Muroc AFB, California	Wise	Balloon
7	Hickham AFB, Hawaii	Saito	Balloon
7	Phoenix, Arizona (FOLDER) *	Rhodes (PHOTO)	Other (Hoax)
7	Oakdale, California (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
7	Arlington, Virginia	Cobb	Astro (Meteor)
7	Omaha, Nebraska	Reibold (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Ashes)
8	Muroc AFB, California	McHenry, Ruvo, Scott	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Muroc AFB, California	Strapp	Balloon
8	Rogers Dry Lake, California	Shoop, Gilkey, Balck	Balloon
9	Boise-Meridian, Idaho	Johnson visual	Balloon
		(PHOTO)(NOT IN FILE)	Other (No Image)
9	Midland, Michigan	Lane (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Fireworks)
9	Grand Falls, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Wearsey	Astro (Auroral Streamer)
20	Novo Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Maitland, Larkin, Douglass	
23	Harmon Field, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Hammaker, Abbott	
15	Between Novo Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Gulledge	
10	Morristown, New Jersey	Jansen (FOLDER) *	
10	Harmon AFB, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Leidy (PHOTOS)	Astro (Meteor)
10	Codroy, Newfoundland	Evans	Astro (Meteor)
11	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Perry, Guyer	Insufficient Data
11	Black River Falls, Wisconsin	Hanson (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Hoax)
12	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Graham	Balloon
15	Seattle, Washington	Kremmer (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Hoax)
20	Cumberland, Maryland (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
21	Cengtu, China (CASE MISSING)	Civilian (PHYSICAL)	Balloon (Radiosonde)
21	Jackson, Ohio	Wapes (PHYSICAL S)	Balloon (Radiosonde)
29	Helena, Montana	Madden	Astro (Meteor)
29	Hamilton Field, California	Bayherd, Stewart	UNIDENTIFIED

* IN SEPARATE FOLDER
NO PHYSICAL SPECIMENS INCLUDED

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