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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 4.

1. Date 8-13-1947
2. Time 11:50
3. Location Area # 3, Rogers Dry Lake, California.
4. Name of observer Captain John Paul Strapp
5. Occupation of observer Flight Test
6. Address of observer Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.
7. Place of observation Observation Truck, Area #3, Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer 20,000 feet
10. Time in sight 90 seconds
11. Altitude lower than 20,000
12. Speed slower than the maximum velocity 50-60 aircraft
13. Direction of flight Slightly north of due west against prevailing wind
14. Tactics rotation or oscillation of slow type (suggested by 2 fins or nobs on the upper surface which crossed each other at intervals)
15. Sound not stated
16. Size About 50'
17. Color silvery
18. Shape resembled a parachute canopy at first then assumed ovular shape
19. Color detected not stated
20. Apparent construction It presented a distinct ovular outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have been thick fins or nobs. These crossed each other at intervals, suggesting either rotation or oscillation of slow type.
21. Exhaust trails none
22. Weather conditions not stated
23. Effect on clouds not stated
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Dropped to a level such that comes into line of vision of the mountain tops.
26. Remarks: (over)

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On the 6 July 1947 at 11:50 the undersigned was sitting in an observation truck located in Area #3, Rogers Dry Lake, was gazing upward toward a formation of two (2) P-52's and an A-26 aircraft flying at 20,000 feet, preparing the carry out of a seat ejection experiment, when I observed a rounded object, white aluminum in color, which at first resembled a parachute canopy. The first impression was that a premature ejection of the seat and dummy had occurred. This body was ejected at a determined height lower than 20,000 feet, and was falling at three (3) times the rate observed for the parachute which ejected thirty minutes later. As it fell it drifted slightly north of due west against the prevailing wind, toward Mount Wilson. The speed, horizontal motion could not be determined, but appeared slower than the maximum velocity P-50 aircraft.

As this object descended through a low enough level to permit observation of its lateral silhouette, it presented a distinct oval outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have been thin fins or noes. These crossed each other at intervals, suggesting either rotation or oscillation of slow type.

No smoke flames, propeller arcs, engine noise, or other observable or visible means of propulsion were noted. The color was silvery, resembling aluminum painted fabric, and did not appear as dense as a parachute canopy.

When the object dropped to a level such that comes into line of vision of the mountain tops, it was lost to the vision of the observer.

It is estimated that the object was in line of vision about 90 seconds. Of the five (5) people sitting in the observation truck, four (4) observed this object and made remarks about it. These people include:

Mr. Lens - Civilian, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.
(Other names not given)

The following is my own personal opinions about this object:

1. I think it was a manmade object, as evidenced distantly by the outline and functional appearance.
2. Its size was not far from 25 feet with a parachute canopy.
3. The path followed by this object appeared as though it might have been dropped from a great height.

Seeing this was not a hallucination or other fancies of a sense.

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