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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 42

1. Date 11 July 47
2. Time N/S
3. Location Elmendorf Fld., Anchorage, Alaska
4. Name of observer Col Bruce H. Perry &
Maj Wm E. Geyer
5. Occupation of observer 59th Airways & ACS Group
6. Address of observer Elmendorf fld (59th Airways & ACS Group)
7. Place of observation 61° 10' N-145° 0' W
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed great
13. Direction of flight South
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Three ft in diameter
17. Color aluminum
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction aluminum
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: Object resembling an aluminum colored balloon about three feet in diameter was seen at an undetermined altitude flying at great speed in a north to south direction.

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DATE-TIME GROUP

120047Z

July 47

GROUP COUNT

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ACTION

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EXEMPT

OPERATING SIGNALS

SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

FIVE

59th AGOS Group
Eldorado Alaska

ACTION TO:

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ATTN ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF
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OBJECT RESEMBLING AN ALUMINUM COLORED BALLOON ABOUT THREE
FEET IN DIAMETER WAS REPORTED SEEN AT AN UNDETERMINED
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FIELD AT ONE ONE TWO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO BY COLONEL PERRY
AND MAJOR GUYER THIS HEADQUARTERS PD

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per paragraphs 511 and 60a (4). AR 380-5, 15 August 1946.

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, ATC, 16 Jul 47

"FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS SUMMARY": The following is a digest of the only current reports that have been received through the Intelligence system of this Command concerning unidentified flying objects. On 10 June 1947, rumors were drifting into Budapest from rural areas in Hungary to the effect that "silver balls were flashing across the sky in daytime." No accurate description or confirmation of this report was obtained. A Newfoundland constable named Eric Kearsey, has reported to personnel of the 1380th AAF Base Unit, ATC, Newfoundland Base Command, Fort Pepperell that on 9 July at 2330 hours local time (0200Z), he observed for a few seconds four "egg-shaped phosphorus colored discs" followed ten minutes later by a fifth similar object moving through the air in the vicinity of Grand Falls, Newfoundland. According to the constable, all objects were flying east, moving very fast, and parallel to the ground, at an altitude of "30,000 feet". The first four were in trail formation. The constable described the shape of these objects as being like a "barrel head or egg" with "black spots on the tail end" but "leaving no smoke trail". The Newfoundland Base Command reports also mention a second unidentified observer of these objects, who described them as being "three-leafed" in shape. A check of weather records reveals that CAVU weather prevailed in the Grand Falls region at the time these objects were reported as being seen. Mr. John M. Mehrman, Supervisor of Mechanics for Trans World Airlines and Mr. J. E. Woodruff, Senior Maintenance Supervisor, for Pan American Airways, both stationed at Harmon Field, Newfoundland, report that on 10 July at 1730 hours local time (2000Z), they observed over that installation a circular wagon wheel-shaped disc of silver color which, at its estimated altitude of "10,000 feet", appeared to be of equal size to the wing span of a C-54. Weather records indicate that the weather at Harmon during the time this incident occurred was clear with scattered cumulus clouds at an altitude of from eight to ten thousand feet. These two men report that the disc was first sighted when it appeared about six miles SSW of Harmon; the two observers report that the disc seemed to "cut the clouds as it passed" over on a NNE course leaving a "bluish black trail approximately fifteen miles long" which is described as similar in appearance to the beam seen for an instant after a high powered landing light or search light has been switched off. Personnel of the 1388th AAF Base Unit, ATC, Harmon Field, Stephenville, who relayed Mehrman's and Woodruff's report to this office state that kodachrome pictures were taken of the disc which are now being developed, probably by Eastman at Rochester, New York, and that Woodruff will forward the prints "as soon as received". On 11 July 1947, Col Bruce H. Perry and Major William E. Geyser of the 59th Airways and Air Communications Service Group, Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, observed an object resembling an aluminum colored balloon "about 3 feet in diameter" travelling at an unidentified altitude "at a great speed" in a N/S direction in the vicinity of the field. On 12 July at 0830 hours local time (0430Z), Major Edward Graham of this same unit and some unidentified officers of the Alaskan Department observed a grayish balloon "approximately 10 feet in diameter" in the vicinity of Elmendorf Field flying in a NW direction following the contour of the mountains five miles away. The object was reported as flying at an altitude of "1500 feet" at an estimated rate of "100 miles per hour", paralleling the course of a C-47 landing into a mile per hour wind. This office can draw no conclusions on the part of the above summary item based on reports emanating from rural areas in Hungary other

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Incident #41 -- Anchorage, Alaska -- 11 July 1947

No astronomical explanation can be given for this incident.

The object apparently was a balloon, although the meager data given does not allow a definite conclusion.

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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	Bogge	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon Area	Multiple	Other (Chart)
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 (Meteo)
6	Fairfield-Suisan AFB, California	Barniston	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)
7	Shreveport, Louisiana	(PHOTO) (NOT IN FILE)	Insufficient Data
7	East Troy, Wisconsin (CASE MISSING)	Harston (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Boat)
7	Lakeland, Florida	Mil and Civ	Insufficient Data
7	Muroc AFB, California	Griffin (MODEL)	Other (Psychological)
7	Hickham AFB, Hawaii	Wise	Balloon
7	Phoenix, Arizona (FOLDER) *	Saito	Balloon
7	Oakdale, California (CASE MISSING)	Rhodes (PHOTO)	Other (Boat)
7	Arlington, Virginia	Civilian	Insufficient Data
7	Omaha, Nebraska	Cobb	Astro (Meteo)
8	Muroc AFB, California	Reibold (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Ashes)
8	Muroc AFB, California	McHenry, Ruvalo, Scott	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Rogers Dry Lake, California	Strapp	Balloon
9	Boise-Meridian, Idaho	Shoop, Gilkey, Balch	Balloon
9	Midland, Michigan	Johnson visual	Balloon
9	Grand Falls, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	(PHOTO) (NOT IN FILE)	Other (No Image)
9	Novo Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Lanc (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Fireworks)
20	Harmon Field, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Wearsey	Astro (Auroral Stream)
23	Between Novo Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Maitland, Larkin, Douglass	
15		Hannaker, Abbott	
10	Morristown, New Jersey	Culledge	
10	Harmon AFB, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Jansen (FOLDER)	
10	Cadroy, Newfoundland	Leidy (PHOTOS)	Astro (Meteo)
11	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Evans	Astro (Meteo)
11	Black River Falls, Wisconsin	Perry, Guyer	Insufficient Data
12	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Hanson (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Boat)
15	Seattle, Washington	Orphan	Balloon
20	Cumberland, Maryland (CASE MISSING)	Kremer (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Boat)
21	Cengtu, China (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
21	Jackson, Ohio	Civilian (PHYSICAL)	Balloon (Radiosonde)
29	Helena, Montana	Mapes (PHYSICAL S)	Balloon (Radiosonde)
29	Hamilton Field, California	Madden	Astro (Meteo)
		Boyer, Stewart	UNIDENTIFIED

① IN SEPARATE FOLDER
NO PHYSICAL SPECIMENS INCLUDED

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