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Incident #37

REPORT NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 14 Oct 47
AF NO. _____ LOCATION Phoenix, Ariz.
SERIAL NO. _____ SOURCE EX-UJA PILOT
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO AFIC _____
TIME OF DAY 1200 COLOR Reddish against blue sky
black against white clouds
SHAPE resembled flying wing SPEED 350 mph
SIZE 3' diameter ✓ ALTITUDE 8,000' 10,000'
DIRECTION NW to SE LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 45 sec to 1 min
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground
SOUND none PARAOVERS _____

PILOT'S SKETCHES _____

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With 174 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 accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Royal Corporation in the Wits of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "C").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory

(18 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 stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in reports. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area or type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports. It is probably that not all sightings were genuine or reliable, but many were of reliability.

Project Groups

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The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "B") have certain characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the witnesses, did not take place because the witnesses had not read of the 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 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 generalize the character of observers, but each case had undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical number of the incident in the project files.

Incident No. 37 -- 14 October 1947, 1200 hours, eleven miles North,
N. E. of Cave Creek, Arizona.

Two mine operators observed one object at 5000 to 10,000 ft altitude, traveling 350 MPH S.E. in a straight line for a period of 45-60 seconds. The object was red against the sky, and black against a cloud. It appeared to be three feet in diameter from point of observation. The OSI report of investigation states that one observer thought it was a buzzard, but decided later that it was not; the other observer said it resembled a flying wing, but was not a flying wing. No reasons are given for these apparently superfluous and conflicting remarks. As in many other instances, these observers cite their flying experience as qualification for their ability to observe and report details.

AHE Opinion: From the limited data furnished in this report, it is difficult to arrive at any conclusion. If the object was actually 10,000 ft distant, and yet appeared three feet wide to the observer, it would of necessity be huge. This sole point of contention tends to discredit the report.

Incident #37 -- Phoenix, Arizona -- 14 October 1947.

There is clearly nothing astronomical about this incident,
and the information given here does not suggest any other explanation.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 37

1. Date 14 October 1947
2. Time 1200
3. Location Phoenix, Arizona
4. Name of observer J. L. Clark
5. Occupation of observer Mine owner (Pilot)
6. Address of observer Route 12, Box 531, Phoenix
7. Place of observation at a mine located approx. 11 miles north or Northeast of Cave Creek, Arizona
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 25 degrees angle
10. Time in sight 45 seconds to 1 minute
11. Altitude 8/10,000 feet
12. Speed 350 miles an hour
13. Direction of flight northwest toward the southeast
14. Tactics Not stated
15. Sound No noise
16. Size about 3 feet in diameter
17. Color Reddish cast when the object had blue background. Black when it had a white cloud for a background.
18. Shape resembled a flying wing
19. Odor detected Not stated
20. Apparent construction Not stated
21. Exhaust trails Not stated
22. Weather conditions Not stated with the exception of some clouds
23. Effect on clouds Not stated
24. Sketches or photographs one
25. Manner of disappearance Not stated
26. Remarks: (over)

Mr. Clark's attention was first drawn to the object by his partner, Mr. Anderson. It appeared to be a black object which was traveling at an estimated ~~high~~ height of 8/10,000 ft above the ground and was moving in a straight line from northwest to southeast. It was traveling some 350 MPH. It did not change elevation nor direction. From their range of vision where they were standing upwards to the object would be at about a 25° angle. It remained within their vision from 45 seconds to a minute. No sound was audible. Mr. Clark thought the nearest thing it resembled was a "flying wing." However, both men stated positively that there was no tail visible. From where they were the object appeared about 3 feet in diameter ~~but~~ but could offer no estimate as to its size were it on the ground. As to color both stated that the object appeared red against a blue background and black against a white cloud. Ground wind was about 15 miles in velocity and was blowing in a northeasterly direction which would tend to carry any sound away from them.

Both men are pilots. Mr. Clark was a pilot in the U. S. A. F. for a period of 5 years, flying fighter type of ~~jet~~ planes during most of this period. Mr. Anderson was a gunner in the AAF for 2 years and is also a pilot. Both appeared level headed and not excitable, and were very sincere in making the report.

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, 53, 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, 198, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 239, 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, 56, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,
126, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 208, 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,
76, 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.