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Incident #121

ATTC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO. 9 Jan 1948
 AIR NO. _____ LOCATION Cartersville, Ga
 SOURCE NO. _____ SOURCE Pilot (EAL)
 DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATTC _____
 TIME OF OBSERVATION 2230 COLOR Light, Sky-blue
 SHAPES Circular with Flat Top DISTANCE 400 yds
 ALTITUDE 3,000'
 BEARING 175° E LENGTH OF THE OBJECT _____
 NO. OF OBS. 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial
 COMMENTS _____ HANDLING Crossed path of source, then turned earthward.
 SKETCHES _____

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Incident #121 -- Cartersville, Georgia -- 9 January 1948

While the possibility of this object's being a meteor is not ruled out, it seems unlikely. Meteors are not known to be "light sky blue," nor to travel so slowly as indicated. However, report also states that color was an "intense blue," and, if speed were underestimated (or if object had a large radial velocity component -- coming largely "head-on"), it might possibly be interpreted as a fireball.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 9 January 1948 Incident # 121
2. Time 2330
3. Location Cartersville, Georgia, $34^{\circ} 10' N$, $84^{\circ} 49' W$
4. Name of observer Hugh DuBose
5. Occupation of observer Pilot (PAL)
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 3000 feet
12. Speed 120 mph
13. Direction of flight $175^{\circ} W$
14. Tactics None
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Light, sky-blue
18. Shape Circular, except for the top quarter which was flat, pot-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance 10° below the horizon
26. Remarks: When object crossed the path of the witness all that could be observed was an intense blue flame, in a shape circular except for

the top quarter which was flat, pot-shaped. The witness states that the object definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a wingless missile. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame sputtered and turned immediately earthward. The flame then died altogether but nothing was seen hitting the ground. Witness states that the flame was not of the long trailing type, but rather gave the impression that you were looking down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame and further stated that his connections with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked the same as the "Buzz Bombs" chased by those RAF pilots at night. Arthur Porter, purser on this flight 9 January 46, also saw the object, the flame only, but can give no further evidence for its identification.

Mr. DuBose stated on April 29 that seventy-five cattle had died of an unknown disease on the farm of Mr. Gordy at Newnan, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between the unidentified object he reported and this unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Atlanta Office of the Animal Industry Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year and other cases repeated elsewhere in the country for some time back. There apparently remains no basis for connection between the object Mr. DuBose reports and the death of seventy-five cattle at Newnan, Georgia.

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24 May 1948

SUBJECT: Incident Report

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: "GODIN"

Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Field, N. Y.
Attention: AS/S, Intelligence

1. On January 10, 1948 one Hugh DuBose, Eastern Air Lines pilot, reported to the Atlanta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that shortly before midnight 9 January 1948, he had observed an unidentifiable object crossing the path of his aircraft in the area of Carersville and Acworth, Georgia.

2. Mr. DuBose was on a heading of about 130° Mag. enroute from St. Louis, Missouri, to Atlanta at altitude of about 3000 feet, flying an EAL DC-3, when this object crossed his path on an approximate heading of 175° Mag. at the same altitude. All he could observe was an intense blue flame (light, sky-blue) in a shape circular except for the top quarter which was flat (i.e. not shaped). Mr. DuBose states the object was on a course about 100° below horizontal, but definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a single spinelle.

3. Mr. DuBose estimates the speed of the object as being in the neighborhood of 400 MPH. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame sputtered and turned immediately downward. The flame then died altogether and Mr. DuBose could not see anything hitting the ground.

4. Mr. DuBose states that the flame was not of the long trailing type but rather gave the impression that you were looking at it down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame, and further stated that his connections with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked the same as the "Buzz Bombs" chased by those RAF pilots at night.

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5. Mr. Arthur Porter, purser on Mr. DuBose's flight 9 January 1948, also saw the object (the flame only, that is), but can give no further evidence for its identification.

6. Army Flight Service reported no jet aircraft in the vicinity that night.

7. Neither Headquarters, Third Army nor the FBI has had further evidence of an unidentified object in the air or crashing on that date.

8. Mr. DuBose advised this office on April 29 that seventy-five (75) cattle had died from unknown disease on the farm of a Mr. Gordy at Newnan, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between the unidentified object he reported and this unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Atlanta Office of the Animal Industry Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year, and other cases repeated elsewhere in the country for some time back. Although they admit no cure has yet been found and the disease remains incompletely diagnosed, there apparently remains no basis for connection between the object Mr. DuBose reports and the death of the seventy or more cattle at Newnan, Georgia.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

STEVE LATHAM
Major, USAF
Executive Officer

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12 January 1948

Summary of Information:

A reliable government agency advised that an unidentified burning object was sighted North of Cartersville, Georgia, at midnight, January 9, 1948. Hugh Dubose, pilot, Eastern Airlines, advised that on the night of January 9, at midnight, that he and C. R. Jackson, co-pilot, and Arthur Porter, purser on Eastern Airlines run between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia, observed, at the time indicated, an object flying past their plane going approximately 360 m.p.h. The incident occurred North of Cartersville, Georgia, at approximately 4,000 ft. The object which was brightly lighted, slanted down at a ten degree angle. No one had a good look at the object but Dubose felt it was a rocket of some type inasmuch as it was moving parallel with the plane and had bluish flame coming out of the rear.

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Ltr fr Wright-Patterson Flt Sv Ctr, Dayton, Ohio dtd 3 Feb 48, subj:
Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Ga.

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2nd Ind.

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Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell AF Base, Montgomery, Ala. Oper
Loon 33-6. 13 February 1948.

The Commanding Officer, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center,
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio. Oper Loon 33-9.

1. Reference paragraph 1, 1st Ind, a thorough check of records, flight plans and forms 23 for 8, 9, and 10 January 1948 at this Center fails to reveal any information on jet aircraft or reports of fires or explosions in the vicinity of Cartersville, Georgia. Personnel on duty in the Maxwell Flight Service Center on 8, 9, and 10 January were questioned but none recalled any information on incidents of jet aircraft or reports of fires or explosions in the Georgia area.

2. A check with Base Weather personnel also failed to reveal any information on this subject.

3. For further possible explanation, it is suggested that this matter be referred to Headquarters, Field Office of the Air Inspector, Langley Field, Virginia, ATTN: Flying Safety Division.

RICHARD L. LOMIS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding.

1 Incl: n/c

cc: CG, Flt Sv, Wash. D.C.

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3rd Ind.

DEM/RLN/deg

Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio 18 February 1948

TO: Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Ohio (MCIA)

1. Information requested in basic communication can not be furnished by this Center. Therefore it was forwarded to Headquarters Flight Service Washington, D.C. and thence to Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell, Field, Alabama for any information available.

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3rd Ind (cont'd)

3 Feb 48

Subject: Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Ga.

2. Second indorsement to this communication is all available information that can be furnished by Flight Service.

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DE ARMOND E. MATTHEWS
Major, USAF
Commanding

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B/Ltr f/Wright-Patterson FS Center, Dayton, Ohio, subj: "Jet Aircraft
North of Cartersville, Ga"; dtd 3 February 1948

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1st Ind

Headquarters Flight Service, Washington 25, D. C. 9 Feb 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell Air Force
Base, Montgomery, Alabama, Operating Location 33-6

1. Request you check for information regarding jet aircraft or reports of fires or explosions in the vicinity of Cartersville, Georgia, during the hours of darkness on 8, 9, or 10 Jan 1948.
2. If any information is discovered which warrants further clarification, attempt to obtain additional information from reliable sources.
3. Forward information as expeditiously as possible to Commanding Officer, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center with an information copy to this Headquarters. A negative report will be submitted.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL POWELL:

1 Incl: n/c

ALVIN ISRAEL
1st Lt., USAF
Asst Adjutant

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WRIGHT FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

3 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Jet Aircraft North of Carterville, Georgia

TO: Commanding Officer
Flight Service
Washington 25, D. C.

Request that your headquarters furnish this Center any available information relative to the inclosed R&R and attached paper in order that this correspondence may be complied with as soon as possible.

1 Incl
R/R dtd 29 Jan 48
with 1 Incl.

CLARK L. MILLER
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Georgia

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29 Jan 48

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1. This office is interested in determining the nature of the object described in the inclosed "Summary of Information" dated 8 Jan 1948. At present, the possibility of the object being a jet aircraft is being investigated. Since the object was traveling downward at a ten degree angle, it may be possible that there are reports available of a crash, fire or explosion in the vicinity indicated.

2. It is requested that information be obtained and furnished this office relative to the presence of jet aircraft in the vicinity at the time indicated. Also any information available regarding a crash, fire or explosion should be forwarded.

1 Incl
cy "Summary of Info"
d/ 12 Jan 48

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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Dr HYNEX'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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:

#15, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 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,
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