

[REDACTED] Incident #111

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ATC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 1 April 1948

AF NO. _____ LOCATION 1240 31st, 12° 52' N *B3*

REPORT NO. _____ SOURCE USAF Pilot

NAME OF SUBJECT _____ DATE IN ATC _____

TYPE OF SUBJECT 0955 COLOR silver

DESCRIPTION Half moon resembling flying type a/c
turtle back and indistinct
dorsal fin

SIZE wing span 30', length 20'
angle 27°

NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION aerial

WEIGHT _____ HANDLING revealed great acceleration

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(See FEAP Comment)

1948

Incident No. 111 — 1 April 1947, 0955 Hours, Central Phillipines.
An F-47 pilot leading three other aircraft at 1500 ft saw an object approximately three miles away at 1000 ft. Object appeared to be a flying wing thirty by twenty feet, silver in color. The pilot turned to intercept the object and the object turned on nearly the same course and disappeared from sight in five seconds. Object appeared to have a dorsal fin but distance was too great to note any other features. The report does not reveal whether any of the other pilots saw the object.

AWC Opinion: No definite explanation. However, every pilot has experienced the sensation of seeing an aircraft obliquely at nearly the limit of vision and then losing sight at the same range when the aircraft presented, in stern view, a smaller surface.

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With 124 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 Rand Corporation and the Office of Air Interdict Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix I).

Air Interdict Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul H. ...)
312 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying objects result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, or size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports. Probably could not have been considered without or report of such nature.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AEC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AEC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") all have common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reports, could not have been made had the witnesses not read of the first 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 reported 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 discredit the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 50, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

(111) 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 163, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 234,

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Incident #11 -- Philippine Islands -- 1 April 1948

There appears to be nothing astronomical in this incident. at a distance of 3 miles an object 20 feet long would subtend an angle of slightly more than 4 minutes of arc, and hence would be very near to the limit of the resolution of the eye. The object must have been very much larger, if the distance is correct, for the observer to discern its shape and its turtle back.

Since the object was seen by only one person, and since the description is contradictory, it seems to this investigator that not much weight can be given to the incident.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 111

1. Date 1 April 1946
2. Time 0955
3. Location 124° 3' East, 12° 52' North
4. Name of observer 1st Lt. Robert W. Meyers
5. Occupation of observer P-47 pilot
6. Address of observer 67th Fighter Sq, 15th Fighter Group
7. Place of observation Philippine Islands - sighted object from plane
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 3 miles
10. Time in sight Approximately 60 seconds
11. Altitude 1,000 ft
12. Speed 200 MPH - disappeared in 5 seconds, indicating great acceleration
13. Direction of flight 270°
14. Tactics Revealed great acceleration
15. Sound none
16. Size wing-span 30 feet, length-20 feet
17. Color silver
18. Shape A half seen closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin.
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None observed
22. Weather conditions scattered cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 6000 ft
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Object leveled out on a 270° heading, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight.
26. Remarks: (over)

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On 1st April, at 0955, 1st Lt Meyers was leading a flight of 4 F-47 aircraft of the 6th Fighter Sq, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180° altitude 1500 feet, position 124° 3' East and 12° 52' North, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1,000 ft, heading 360°. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half-moon. Last appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible. The span of the object was estimated to be 30 feet, length 20 feet. The object was silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt Meyers immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify the phenomenon. While Meyers was making a 240° turn the object made a 90° left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270°, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately 5 seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 6000 ft.

NOTE: Because of the distance from which the sighting was made no distinguishing features; i. e., power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

The interview with Lt Meyers indicated that he is a reliable non-committal individual who appeared quite positive in his statements. He was the only witness to this incident as he could not contact his wing men since his radio was out. Apparently the maneuvers performed by his 3 wing-men prevented their observation of the object.

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 13th AF, APO 719, Subj: "Rpt of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object," dtd 8 Apr 48.

AG 452.1 A-2

1st Ind

15 APR 1948

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters United States Air Force, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'" dated 26 February 1948.

2. Evaluation of sighting described in basic communication by this headquarters is that in view of the circumstances surrounding the incident, the object was probably a bird.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. N. Stewart
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Capt. AGD.
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 719

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APR 1948

AG 452.1

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft
and/or Flying Object.

TO : Commanding General,
Far East Air Forces,
APO 925,
U. S. Army.
ATTN: AG/S, A-2

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1. In compliance with "Intelligence Requirements - Unidentified Aircraft" and letters, your headquarters, AG 452.1 A-2, 3 November 1947 and AG 452.1 A-2, 20 March 1948, the following incident is reported.

2. At 1630 hours on 1 April 1948, the S-2 officer of the 18th Fighter Group contacted the A-2 Division, this headquarters, and reported that 1st Lt. Robert W. Mayers had sighted an unidentified flying object. His story is as follows.

3. On 1 April, at 0955, 1st Lt. Mayers was leading a flight of four (4) P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180 degrees, altitude 1500 feet, position 124 degrees 3 minutes east and 12 degrees 52 minutes north, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1000 feet, heading of 360 degrees. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half moon, what appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible, the span of the object estimated to be thirty feet, length twenty feet and silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt. Mayers immediately started a loop with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify this unknown. While Mayers was making a 180 degree turn, the unidentified object made a 90 degree left turn, then a 180 degree turn on a heading of 270 degrees, immediately disappeared and disappeared from sight in approximately five seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the

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B-2, AQ 452.1, Subject: "Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object."

time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet.

a. Because of the distance from which the sighting was made, no distinguishing features i.e. power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

b. The interview with Lt. Meyers indicated that he is a reliable, non-excitable individual and appeared quite positive in his statements. It must be taken into consideration however that he was the only witness to this incident, as he was unable to call the object to the attention of his three wing-men because of their maneuvering in the turn, plus the fact that his radio was out.

3. Above incident reported your headquarters, 2 April 48, in radio, cite EL243H.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



Robert F. De Long
ROBERT F. DE LONG
1st Lt. USAF
Acting Asst Adjutant General

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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acceleration. Reporting Officer is considered sincere and non-excitabile type and firmly believes he sighted object. A report will be forwarded upon completion of an investigation of this incident.

CM-IN-1565-E BSM 091500Z

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Typed by MCAAGM21 9 Apr 48 1359 (1859Z)ams

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April 1948

FROM: CINCPAC TYKYO JAPAN 080731Z.

per para 51 and 60a (4), AR 300-5

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC FOR CSGID, COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB
DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCI RPT MCI

INFO: COMGENFEAF

IN REPLY CITE: CX 59769

Report control is A-1917. Pilot, 13 Air Force, at 0955, 1 April 48, Flying P-47 aircraft heading 180 degrees altitude 1500 feet indicated at 124 degrees 3 minutes East, 12 degrees 52 minutes North, weather scattered CFMULUS Rpt CUMULUS 3/10 base three thousand, top 600, visibility unlimited sighted flying object approximately 3 miles East 1A heading 360, altitude estimated one thousand feet below him. Unidentified object estimated speed at time of sighting 200 miles per hour. Pilot turned left attempting to intercept unidentified flying object for more positive identification. At this time flying object made a turn of 90 degrees left, leveled out and accelerated disappearing in approximately 5 seconds, heading of 270 degrees. Pilot had phenomena under observation for about 60 seconds. Described as having a turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin. The shape of the object was that of a half moon closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, estimated wing span 30 feet, estimated length 20 feet, color silver, no rpt no exhaust trail was observed. Five seconds elapsed time for disappearing would indicate exceedingly high speed and great

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Dr HYNEK'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:

#19, 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,
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.

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APRIL - MAY - JUNE 1948 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
<u>April</u>			
April	Springfield, Illinois	Holtz	Astro (METEOR)
1	Philippine Islands	Military Air (Meyers)	Other (BIRD)
5	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Olsen, Johnson, Chance	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Ashley & Delaware, Ohio	Paines, Slack, Stephens	Astro (METEOR TRAIL)
9	Montgomery, Alabama	Stephenson, Bergen, Kirkpatrick	Balloon
11	Alton, Illinois	Hughes	Other (BIRD)
18	62.00N 33.00W (Atlantic)	Siegmund	Other (BIRDS)
18	Fairbanks, Alaska	Military (RADAR)	Balloon
19	Greenville AFB, S. C.	Johnson	Balloon
26	Amarillo, Texas	Hennin, Loomis	A/C (CONTRAIL)
30	Anacostia Naval Air Station, D.C.	Neil (PHOTO)	Balloon
30		Lowe	
<u>May</u>			
2	St Louis, Missouri (CASE MISSING)	Newspaper	Insufficient Data
5	Adapazari, Turkey	Newspaper	Other (ROCKETS)
6	Wake, Island	Barnes	Astro (METEOR)
7	Yugoslav-Greek Frontier (CASE MISSING)	Newspaper	Insufficient Data
7	Memphis, Tennessee	Bray, Kaiser	Astro (METEOR)
8	Middleport, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Not known	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
12	Westfield, Indiana (CASE MISSING)		Insufficient Data
17	Miles City, Montana (CASE MISSING)		Astro (MARS)
28	Monroe, Michigan (CASE MISSING)		Other (REFLECTION)
31	Wilmington, North Carolina	Alsapach, Colvin	Insufficient Data
<u>June</u>			
Summer	Moberly, Missouri (CARD MISSING)	Humphrey	Insufficient Data
Summer	Bedford, Virginia (CASE MISSING)		Insufficient Data
Summer	Newton, Connecticut (INFO ONLY)	Newspaper	Other (BOAX)
June	Galveston, Texas	Corder	Balloon
20	Belleville, Illinois (CASE MISSING)	Schuh, Hollar, McDonald	Astro (METEOR)
29	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	Prutzenrueter	Balloon
30	Hecla, South Dakota	Whitehouse, Setliff	Astro (METEOR)
30	Knoxville, Tennessee		

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