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Incident #1-2

ATIP NO. _____

DATE ☒ INFO 8 April 1948

AP NO. _____

LOCATION Ashley, Ohio

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE Civilians

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TYPE OF OBJECT _____

COLOR Silver

SHAPE oblong-long & narrow

SPEED slow moving

SIZE _____

ALTITUDE _____

DIRECTION SE

LENGTH OF THE OBJECTED _____

TYPE OF OBSERVATION _____

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANUVERING _____

SAH: MEXOR TRAIL

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Incident #112, a-f -- Ashley and Delaware, Ohio -- 8 April 1948
(Supersedes interim report of 2/15/49)

From the descriptions given by the various observers -- notably that the object seen appeared like a clearly-outlined cloud, was fleecy white, moved slowly and maintained shape, was a long vertical cylinder -- one can surmise that there is a strong possibility that the object was nothing more than a short, vertical, daytime meteor trail. These trails are known to persist for half an hour or more, and to drift with prevailing winds aloft. The fact that one observer stated that at first the cylinder resembled sky writing is excellent corroboration for the above explanation.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 118

1. Date **6 Apr 48**
2. Time **1400 - 1430**
3. Location **Ashley, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Miss Winifred Paines - Mrs. Martha Slack**
5. Occupation of observer **Miss Paines: Asst Bank Cashier; Mrs. Slack: housekeeper**
6. Address of observer **227 W High St., Ashley, O.**
7. Place of observation **Ashley, Ohio (ground)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **"Quite a distance"**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **Could not estimate**
12. Speed **slow-moving**
13. Direction of flight **Southwest**
14. Tactics **No maneuvers**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **undetermined**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **Oblong, long and narrow - like silver streak**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Clear, no clouds near object**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S - no clouds near object**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness thought she heard plane which appeared to be flying low and making an unusual amount of noise. Could not locate the plane but did see an object oblong in shape and long and narrow which had the appearance of a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and moving slowly and steadily in a southeasterly direction parallel to the ground and without changing direction. Altitude and size were not estimated.

Note: See Incident #112 in which the plane was perceived flying low.

1. Date: 2 April 1947
2. Time: 1100 - 1115
3. Location: Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer: Mrs. M. J. Ashley
5. Occupation of observer: housewife
6. Address of observer: 126 East Main Street, Ashley, Ohio
7. Place of observation: From the ground
8. Number of objects: One
9. Distance of object from observer: Not stated
10. Time in sight: Approximately five minutes
11. Altitude: Quite high
12. Speed: Slow - drifting
13. Direction of flight: Southwesterly
14. Tactics: None
15. Sound: None
16. Size: Smaller than the air plane that was in view at the time
17. Color: Opalescent - like mother of pearl
18. Shape: Long cylindrical body, like a stick of firewood
19. Odor detected: None
20. Apparent construction: None
21. Exhaust trails: None
22. Weather conditions: Clear, few clouds in sky but none around object
23. Effect on clouds: None
24. Sketches or photographs: None
25. Manner of disappearance: None
26. Remarks: A plane, which sounded as if it were flying low since there was an exceptionally loud roaring noise, first attracted the attention

of this witness. She observed a large airplane, heading south, and about the same time also observed a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. Witness first thought it was sky writing, as it looked like a streak; but later it became clearly outlined, appearing to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. With the sun shining on it, it appeared opalescent, like mother of pearl. The object was much higher, and quite a bit smaller than, the airplane, but drifted slowly along after the airplane disappeared. It may have been drifting with the wind.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112b

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Slow
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Very large - about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Cylindrical, with vapor around the top
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: At 1430 Mrs. J. B. Stephenson's attention was attracted from her window by an object of unusual shape in the sky. Upon going outside

to get a better view it appeared very white, with no shadows at all, was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around the top. When first seen, it appeared to be leaning at an angle, and then right itself and move along "perpendicular" to the ground. It appeared not to be moving at first, but upon a closer look it was seen moving slowly in a southwesterly direction, without sound or maneuverings, and remaining at the same altitude. The weather was clear, and no exhaust trails were seen. The object seemed very large, about the size of a full moon in height, but much smaller in width. Since there was nothing to compare it with, she could not judge of the size. No statement was made as to whether or not witness heard an engine.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 1120

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1130
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Rev. James H. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 93 N. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed slow
13. Direction of flight S. westerly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not stated
17. Color white
18. Shape Vertical, larger at bottom and smaller at the top
19. Other features None
20. Name of observer
21. Name of observer
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23. Name of observer



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Incident # 112

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. John Bergen
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound ~~None~~ Could not be determined
16. Size N/S
17. Color White
18. Shape Spherical "blob" with streaks above it
19. Color of light None
20. apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trail None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect of wind N/S
24. Sketch or photographs None
25. Name of photographer None
26. Remarks: A large crowd gathered prior to the sighting, but doesn't know whether or not they saw anything. The object.

... was clearly outlined, but did not look like a balloon. ~~Don~~ ~~Forstman~~
... was alerted but was unable to sight the object.

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1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Rev. John H. Bergen
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer Not determined
10. Time in sight Ten minutes
11. Altitude Several thousand feet
12. Speed Not too fast
13. Direction of flight Almost due west into the wind
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not less than 5 feet in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Spherical, with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared from view behind the trees
26. Remarks: This object appeared like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The size could not be determined,

since witness could not tell whether it was a small object near him or a large object far away. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. It was not stated that the sound of a plane was heard.

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1. Date April 1948
2. Time 11:30
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. H. S. Kirkpatrick
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 107 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed **Steady** - not too fast
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size It was not large enough for a person to be inside
17. Color **White** - about the color of a fleecy cloud
18. Shape **Spherical** - was what larger at top with a protruding end underneath
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, blue sky, sunny
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness heard, but did not see airplane, and saw instead a white object, spherical in shape, larger at the top with a protruding

and underneath. It was clearly outlined and maintained the same shape as it moved along, steadily, and at the same altitude. Robert Cochran, son of the witness, who is in the Merchant Marine, thought the object very unusual. He said it was in the shape of a rainpout.

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

13 April 1948

Report of Findings:

- (1) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. H. S. Kirkpatrick, housewife, 107 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky, and stated in substance:

On Thursday afternoon 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:30PM, I was in my backyard when I heard an airplane. I did not see any plane but I noticed a peculiar object in the sky. This object was somewhat spherical in shape but seemed larger at the top with a protruding end underneath. It looked white, about the color of a fleecy cloud, but it was clearly outlined, and maintained the same shape as it moved along. The weather was clear, the sky was blue, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object. The most peculiar thing to me was that the wind was blowing from the West and the object was moving in a southwesterly direction against the wind. The object moved steadily along, not too fast, and seemed to maintain the same altitude. It did not maneuver in any way, and I did not see any exhaust trail. I did not hear any sound from it. I cannot estimate the size or altitude of this object as I did not have anything to compare it with and it kept moving away from me. However, I do not believe it was large enough for a person to be inside. I called my son, Robert Cochran, who is in the Merchant Marine and was home for a visit, and he said he thought the object was very unusual. He said it was the shape of a rainspout but he did not know what it was. I went next door and called our neighbors, Reverend and Mrs. John Bergen, and they came out to see it. I do not have any idea what it was.

Agent's Note: Robert Cochran was not available for interview as he was out of town and not expected back for several days.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SKY.

13 April 1948

- (2) On 12 April 1948, Reverend John E. Bergen, Pastor of the Delaware Presbyterian Church, 111 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday, 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:30PM, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, our next door neighbor, came to the door and told us to come out and see the strange phenomenon in the sky. We went into the backyard and saw this strange object in the sky, a little south of west from our house. There was only one object and main part seemed to be spherical with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks. It was very white and looked like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The weather was clear, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object although there was a bank of clouds to the south of us at quite a distance. I would judge the object was up several thousand feet but I cannot be sure because I could not tell whether it was above or below cloud level. I also could not determine its size as I could not tell whether it was a small object near us or a large object far away, as I had nothing to compare it with. I would judge, however, that it could not have been less than 5 feet in width. The wind was blowing the trees and clouds from a westerly direction and the object was traveling away from us, not too fast, almost due west into the wind. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. I could not hear any sound from it and I could not see any exhaust trail of any kind. We watched it for at least ten minutes until it disappeared from our view behind the trees.

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- (3) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. John E. Bergen, housewife, 111 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the facts as given by her husband in the above interview (par 2), and added the following:
- The peculiar object in the sky looked to me like a spherical "blob" with streaks above it. By "blob" I mean like stiff batter or dough dropped from a spoon. It was white and clearly outlined but it did not look like a balloon. The sky around the object was completely clear of clouds. The object was traveling against the wind in a southwesterly direction. I called the Horkins Observatory three or four minutes after I first saw the object and I talked to Mrs. Cruikshank, Dr. Bobobrovnikov's secretary, and told her about it. We called back later but they had not been able to sight the object. During the time I went into the house to telephone, the object did not seem to change shape, nor did its altitude change. I heard planes flying over our house at some time prior to the time Mrs. Kirkpatrick called us but I did not see any planes. I do not know whether or not they had any connection with the object.

- (4) On 12 April 1948, Reverend James B. Stephenson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

At approximately 2:30 PM on Thursday 8 April 1948, I heard a plane passing over our house. It seemed rather low and made a lot of noise but I did not go outside to look at it. Shortly after this I was called outside by my wife to see an unusual shape in the sky. My first reaction was that it was a plane on fire as it seemed to be an object surrounded by a vaporous substance. After studying it for a few seconds it became clearly outlined

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and looked like a vertical cylinder, larger at the bottom and narrow at the top with streamers or streaks of vapor attached to it. It gave the appearance of a white cloud but it did not behave like a cloud as it retained its shape and maintained a steady movement on a straight course against the wind. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky around the object. It was moving rather slowly in a southwesterly direction and did not maneuver in any way. It did not make any noise that I could hear. I can not estimate its size or the altitude at which it was traveling as I did not have anything to compare it with. I do not have any idea what it was. I called the Delaware Airmail, which is southwest of Delaware on route 42, approximately ten minutes after I saw the object and told them to watch for it. I called them again about a half hour later but they had not seen it.

On 12 April 1948, Mrs. James L. Steinhart, housewife, 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the facts given by her husband in paragraph 1, and added the following:

On April 12th at approximately 2:50 PM I happened to look out of my kitchen window and was attracted by an object in the sky with an unusual shape. I did not hear any airplanes but I went outside to look at this object. It was very white and there were no shadows on it, and it was so unusual that I called to my husband to come out and see it. It was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around it at the top. When I first saw it it appeared to be leaning at an angle and then it seemed to right itself and moved along perpendicular to the ground. It did not appear to be moving at first but after watching it closely we could see that it was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It did not make any sound and it did not maneuver. It seemed to remain at the same altitude and it did not leave any exhaust

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trails. The weather was clear and there were no clouds around the object. It seemed very large to me, about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width. Of course, I cannot be sure of its size as I did not have anything to compare it with.

(5) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. Lelah Stephens, newspaper reporter, 226 West High Street, Ashley, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday afternoon 5 April 1948, I heard an airplane go over my house somewhere between 2:00 and 2:30 PM. It sounded like it was flying low and seemed to make an exceptionally loud roaring noise. I am interested in planes so I went outside to see it. It was a large plane and was headed south. About this time I saw a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. At first I thought it was sky writing as it looked like a streak but it stayed so long and was so clearly outlined that I knew I was mistaken. It seemed to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. The sun was shining on it and it looked opalescent like Mother of Pearl. The plane was flying low and the object seemed quite high - much higher than the plane - and it was quite a bit smaller than the plane. The plane disappeared but the object kept drifting slowly along. It maintained the same altitude and did not maneuver at all. I did not see any exhaust streaks of any kind and I could not hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were a few clouds in the sky but none around the object. I do not recall which direction the wind was blowing. The object may have been drifting with the wind. Shortly after I first saw the object, I telephoned my neighbors across the street and told them about it. I watched the object altogether for about five minutes then returned to the house. I wrote an article for the

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Delaware Gazette about this strange object after I read where people in Delaware, Ohio had seen it. I do not have any idea what it was.

(7) On 12 April 1948, Miss Winifred Paines, assistant bank cashier, and Mrs. Bertha Slack, housekeeper, both of 227 West High Street, Ashley, Ohio were interviewed and stated in substance:

On 6 April 1948, at approximately 2:00 to 2:30 PM, we heard a plane fly over the house. It sounded as if it was flying low and seemed to make an unusual amount of noise. A few minutes later Mrs. Stephens called on the telephone and told us there was a strange object in the sky. We went outside and the plane was gone but we saw the object in the sky. It was an oblong shape, long and narrow, and looked like a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It was parallel to the ground and was moving steadily on its way without changing direction. It did not maneuver and I could not see any exhaust streaks or hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky near the object. The wind was blowing from the west and the object was moving into the wind. We could not estimate the altitude nor the size of the object as it was quite a distance from us and there was nothing to compare it with. We do not know what it was.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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