

CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 134

1. Date of Incident 28 May 1948
2. Time of Incident 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
4. Name of observer 1st Lt Alexander Kukulonis
5. Occupation of observer 1st Lt USAF Corps of Engineers, Security Officer
6. Address of observer 838 Eng. Aviation Bn. Co. B. Cossoda AF Base, Michigan
7. Number of objects observed 5 objects; 3 at first; 2 later
8. Distance of object from observer 2 miles to left of their plane
9. Time in sight 10 to 15 seconds
10. Altitude 7500 to 8,000 ft
11. Speed well over 500 MPH
12. Direction of flight Southwest
13. Tactics executed abrupt turns, flew in line of stern stepped up.
14. Lights N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 300 to 400 ft - about the same size of lake freighters on Lake Erie
17. Color bright silvery golden hue
18. Shape disc shape with well rounded contours - all had hazy or fuzzy outline
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails no exhaust or trail of any kind
22. Weather conditions high overcast at 15,000 ft and a low thin stratus layer
23. Effect on clouds very broken at 8,000; lateral visibility: 10 - 15 miles
24. Sketches or photographs drawing
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Lt Maholenis first observed the objects from the navigator's window. At the time their plane was on a 35° heading, altitude approx 8,000 ft and they were six miles east of Monroe, Michigan. The objects came into view at 9:00 o'clock position and disappeared in the haze at a 7:00 o'clock position, making an abrupt turn to their right, ship's left. Visibility into the sun was some 8 miles. The size of the objects seemed about 300-400 ft (about the size of the lake freighters on Lake Erie). The objects were moving at great rate of speed well over 500 MPH. Their track thru the sky was smooth. They were disc shaped with well rounded contours. All of the objects maintained a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. They were a bright silvery gold color. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind.

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2. Time 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Location Enroute to Selfridge Fld., Mt. Clemens, Mich f/MacDill Fld
Position: 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
4. Name of observer M/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored)
5. Occupation of observer M/Sgt
6. Address of observer Selfridge Field
7. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer 25 to 30 miles to ~~xxx~~ left
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude approx 8,000 ft
12. Speed ~~XXXX XXXX~~ Over 400 miles per hour
13. Direction of flight South West from 35° at 8:00 o'clock position
14. Tactics Pursued straight course
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Appeared to be four feet in diameter
17. Color Shiny brass
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, high overcast at 18,000 ft; thin stratus layer broken at 8,000 ft, lateral visibility:
23. Effect on clouds 10 to 15 miles
N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks Discrepancy as to position of 2nd object in group 2 as sighted by Lt Korkelomis (Ino 134)
Witness perceived only top-side of object. Objects seen flying over wooded section

Subject: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

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Headquarters, 56th Fighter Wing, Selfridge AFB, Mt Clemens, Michigan, 28 Jun 1948.

TO: Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
(Attn: MCIA XO-3)

1. Reference respective sub-paragraphs, 1st Ind. above, the following information is submitted:

a. Yes, but the objects were out of the pilots vision.

b. No.

2. There is no further information available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT J. LAUX,
1st Lt, USAF
Security Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 56th FIGHTER WING
SILVERIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

8 June 1948

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: 1501N

Transmitted herewith, as per SAC Regulation 45-5, Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D. C., 19 February 1948, are two reports pertaining to observations of flying discs.

FOR THE CO-ADJUTANT OFFICER:

2 Incls:

1. Statements of witnesses (2)
2. Sketches of objects (2)

ROBERT J. LALL
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Hq 44C, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 16 June 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq 56th Fighter Wing, Selfridge Air Force Base,
Mt Clemens, Michigan.

1. Additional information is requested concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object 7 June 1948. It is requested that the pilot of the aircraft on which Lt Kokolonia and W/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr., were passengers be interrogated to secure the following information:

a. Did the two passengers attempt to call his attention to the objects?

b. Was the haze level or other atmospheric conditions at that time such that the sun shining on ground objects such as water tanks, etc., might cause them to appear to be high in the air?

2. Any further information on this matter will be appreciated. Any information regarding future sightings will likewise be appreciated.

3. It is requested that your reply be marked for the attention of WGLAAC-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
w/d

H. H. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS 56th FIGHTER WING
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

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6 June 1948

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

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HEADQUARTERS 56TH FIGHTER WING
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
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STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES

On 7 June 1948, at Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, 1st Lt. Alexander Kokolonis, AO-114202, USAFR, Corps of Engineers, 838 Eng. Aviation Bn, Co. B, was interviewed by the Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan Security Officer and stated in substance: On 28 May 1948 at approximately 1500 hours, while riding in an Air Force C-47, en route from MacDill Air Force Base, Florida to Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan on 35 degree heading, at approximately six miles east of Monroe, Michigan at 6,000 feet, I saw foreign objects in the sky.

Looking out at the navigator's window, I saw three disc-like objects approximately two miles to our left come down from above and level off at our altitude. These objects were going in the opposite direction from that of the plane I was in. I first saw these objects at a nine o'clock position and when they were out of sight into the haze, they were at a seven o'clock position to my aircraft, making an abrupt turn to their right, my left.

The weather at the time of the sighting was clear and visibility into the sun was about eight miles. I would judge the size of the objects to be about 300 to 400 feet, about the same size of the lake freighters I had seen on Lake Erie. The objects were going at a great rate of speed, well over 500 miles per hour. They were a bright silvery gold color. Their track through the sky was smooth. The three objects were disc shape, with well rounded contours. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind. The objects flew in line of stern, stepped up. The time the three discs were in sight was approximately ten to fifteen seconds.

Approximately ten seconds after the first three objects were out of sight I observed two more objects come down from above in like manner and level off approximately 500 feet below, and about 2 1/2 miles out to my left. I called them to the attention of M/Sgt. Davis, who was riding in the radio operators seat, and we observed the second two objects for about ten to fifteen seconds. These last two objects were similar in shape and color to the first three. They were also flying astern, stepped up, the second about 50 feet higher than the first. About three seconds before they were out of sight, at 7:30 O'clock position to our airplane, they also made a turn to the right, my left, but it was not as abrupt as the turn of the first three. All five objects had a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. I could not observe any definite characteristics of the objects other than roundness, and the bright silvery golden hue.

I had partaken of neither beer nor any other alcoholic beverage within twenty-four hours preceding the observation of the objects.

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OFFICER'S NOTE: Lt. Kokolonis is a white officer in charge of the Colored Engineering Company. He was very emphatic on his distances and approximated speeds. The times mentioned above are Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The average size of lake freighters on the lakes is 500 feet. The C-47 pilot stated that there was a high overcast at 18,000' and a low thin stratus layer, very broken at 8,000' with a lateral visibility of from 10 to 15 miles.

On 2 June 1948, at Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, E/Sgt. Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored) AF-34452376, Co. B, 838 Aviation Bn, was interviewed by the Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan Security Officer. Sergeant Davis stated in substance: At approximately 1500 hours 28 May 1948 while I was riding as passenger in an Air Force plane, model C-47, at an elevation of approximately 8,000 feet, six miles due east of Monroe, Michigan, on a heading 35° towards Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, I saw two objects in trail, the second approximately 50 feet lower than the first, in the air about 25 to 30 miles to our left and at a lower altitude. The two objects were at an eight O'clock position to our plane, headed in a south westerly direction from our plane.

I cannot definitely say how fast they were going but they seemed to be going well over 400 miles per hour. I observed them to be round and approximately four feet in diameter and having a shiny brass hue to the top side, the only side I saw them at. They left no trail, smoke, flame, etc. The objects were over a wooded section flying a straight course. They were viewed for approximately 30 seconds.

I had partaken of neither beer nor any other alcoholic beverage within twenty-four hours preceding the observation of the objects.

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Drawing of discs and position of same in relation
to the C-47.

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