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DATE

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PLACE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

ADDRESS

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TELEPHONE

3-116202

REMARKS

As large as tree 3 ft. long

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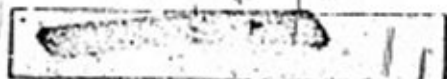
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Incident #129 -- Wilmington, North Carolina -- 31 May 1948

Evidence in this incident is contradictory, especially concerning tactics, but from the meager description and the fact that the object emitted smoke and travelled at a high speed, the possibility of its having been a meteor is not ruled out. Apparent oblong shape might have arisen from persistence of vision of a rapidly travelling bright object.

Is there a government testing field for guided missiles near by?

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 129

1. Date 31 May 1948
2. Time 1320
3. Location Wilmington, North Carolina, 34° 11' N, 77° 57' W
4. Name of observer Mrs. H. D. Alspach
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer 709 South 6th
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Fully lit
12. Speed Fast
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics none
15. Sound N/S
16. Size As large as an arm, and about 3 feet long
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oblong
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails emitted smoke
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Mysterious sky object was sighted by Mrs. Alspach, her sister Mrs. Colvin, and Mrs. H.D. Huffman. It came at first at a fast

speed from the direction of Blumenthal Field at 1:20 p.m., over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west.

The local office of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Blumenthal Field's station manager James Holomon, that object could have been a P-50 plane in flight. The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky there at the time.

3 June 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : COMGENAMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed is report supporting TWX, this headquarters, dated
3 June 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Report (newspaper clipping)WALTER A. BUCK
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

The Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, N. C.
1 June 1948

MYSTERIOUS FLYING BODY IS SEEN AT WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, May 31 - Wilmington residents today reported another mystery sky object, but it was not another flying saucer. An object which emitted smoke, was about as "big as your arm and about three feet long" which traveled at an "awfully high altitude, and at first at a fast speed, came from the direction of Blumenthal field at 1:20 p. m. over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west," Mrs. H. D. Alsmach, who lives at 709 South Sixth Street, said.

Mrs. Alsmach said that her sister who lives near, called her to look at the strange object. Mrs. Charles Colvin is the sister and is said to have seen the object first. Mrs. H. D. Huffman, another neighbor said she saw it too.

The local offices of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Blumenthal field's station manager James Holomon, that it "could have been a P-80 plane in flight." The CAI said there was no such plane in the sky here at the time.

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b. Fair or low probability:

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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	
11	Alton, Illinois	Hughes	Balloon
18	62.00N 33.00W (Atlantic)	Siegmund	Other (BIRD)
18	Peirabanks, Alaska	Military (RADAR)	Other (BIRDS)
19	Greenville AFB, S. C.	Johnson	Balloon
26	Anajillo, Texas	Bennin, Loomis	Balloon
30	Anacostia Naval Air Station, D.C.	Neil (PHOTO)	A/C (CONTRAIL)
		Lowe	Balloon
<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	Alspach, Colvin	Insufficient Data
<u>June</u>			
Summer	Moberly, Missouri (CASE MISSING)	Emphrey	Insufficient Data
Summer	Bedford, Virginia (CASE MISSING)		Insufficient Data
(user)	Newton, Connecticut (INFO ONLY)	Newspaper	
June	Galveston, Texas	Corder	Other (ZOAX)
20	Belleville, Illinois (CASE MISSING)		Balloon
29	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	Schuh, Kollar, McDonald	Astro (METEOR)
30	Hecla, South Dakota	Plutzenrueter	Balloon
30	Knoxville, Tennessee	Whitehouse, Setliff	Astro (METEOR)