

ATIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 29 Aug 1948
AP NO. _____ LOCATION Maplewood, Ohio
REPORT NO. _____ SOURCE Farmer
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF INCIDENT 0530 COLOR Silver
SHAPE Sphere SPEED _____
SIZE Large ALTITUDE _____
COLOR _____ LENGTH OF THE OBSERVED _____
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
FOLLOW-UP _____
PREF _____ SKETCHES _____
HANDREVERS Arose from behind woods -
seemed to unravel a silver
substance that floated earthward.

Spiderweb

Hebrew
Ineff. Info

UNCLASSIFIED

Incident #169 -- Maplewood, Ohio -- 29 August 1948

There does not appear to be any astronomical explanation for this incident.

There is some chance that the object could have been a weather balloon in the process of disintegration.

MOBY EVALUATED AS OTHER (SPIDER WEBS)

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24 Jan 1949

HEADQUARTERS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base, Wash-
ington 25, D. C.

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

Investigations by this headquarters reveal that a synoptic
weather balloon could have been at the location where sightings
were reported in the following incidents. In compiling this
list consideration was given to the wind direction and speed at
the surface and aloft at the scheduled time of balloon release, and
the location of the nearest weather station making balloon obser-
vations.

2	52	91	126
3	72	93	148
4	73	94	155
25	78	105	166
28	81	113	169
36	87	115	172

FOR THE CHIEF AIR WEATHER SERVICE

/s/ W. A. West
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Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

2 Incls:
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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

MCIA XO-3/1949/rm
Jan 5 1949

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base,
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: DSS

1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as balloons released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.

2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or sponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks are usually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIA XO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Weather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2	24	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
4	28	72	96	126	157
11	30	73	104	141	159
14	31	81	105	148	163
16	32	87	107, 8, 9	151	167
22	33	89	112 (See 122)	154	169
23	45				

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Hq AMC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.
Subj: Project "SIGN"

4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAXD-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
Summaries 1-172 incl
"ESI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
for H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Dept

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Colonel Neal, MCLAWS

CHECK-LIST. - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date **29 Aug 48**
2. Time **0530**
3. Location **Maplewood, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Faby Miswonger**
5. Occupation of observer **farmer**
6. Address of observer **RD #1, Maplewood, Ohio. Phone: Jackson Central 8-0742**
7. Place of observation **Maplewood, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
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 **N/S**
14. Tactics **Arose from behind woods - seemed to unravel a silver substance that floated earthward.**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **large**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **sphere**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **- silver substance (?)**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Disintegrated in mid-air**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness observed a large silver-colored sphere which seemed to arrive from behind his woods and continued to float across his farm. While in flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While under observation it disintegrated in mid-air.

NOTE: Witness seemed very conscientious and sincere while relating this incident. Subject arose while witness was talking to a man from this Command (MCIAAP) when an airplane chanced to fly overhead.

NOTES

Wright Field

Mr. Edward Kadel of MCIAXP advises the following:

Mr. Kadel contacted a man up at Indian Lake, 29 August 1948, who stated that on that date at 5:30 A.M. he observed a large silver colored sphere which seemed to arise from behind his woods and continued to fly across his farm. During flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While still viewed by this farmer, the sphere disintegrated in mid-air. This man's name is Faby Liswoner of Maplewood, Ohio, B-1, phone Jackson Central 6-0720. Mr. Kadel further advised that the farmer concerned was a man approximately 50 some odd years of age and appeared to be very confident and sincere while relating this incident.

The subject seemed to have arisen while the two men were talking and an airplane happened to fly overhead whereupon the farmer then related the foregoing experience. Mr. Kadel could be contacted in the event that any assistance is deemed advisable should a meeting with this farmer be advisable.

W. C. ZEVENTY MCIAXP

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

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147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

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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:

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c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

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3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

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