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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 January 1946** Incident # 30
2. Time **1925 EST**
3. Location **Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Charles E. McGee, Capt. USAF**
5. Occupation of observer **Asst. Operations Officer (Pilot)**
6. Address of observer **Airframe Operations, Lockbourne AAB, Columbus, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Runway 23 Overhead approach**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **first 4-5 miles Southwest of Base
second time 6-7 miles West and moved westaly in a hovering manner**
10. Time in sight **Not stated**
11. Altitude **3000 ft approximately**
12. Speed **slow**
13. Direction of flight **West**
14. Tactics **Flashed on and off, on westward flight appeared to be fading
and descending**
15. Sound **No noise**
16. Size **Large size of a flood light**
17. Color **white later yellowish to orange**
18. Shape **Oval as if looking at spot light**
19. Odor detected **Not stated**
20. Apparent construction **like a spot light**
21. Exhaust trails **reddish streaks like a jet effect out
from right (according to Mr. Bendroax on "squad" base)**
22. Weather conditions **Sky solid overcast**
23. Effect on clouds **Not stated**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **descending and burning out**
26. Remarks: **(Over)**

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Very bright white light southwest of the field. The light did not cast a beam and seemed the size of a flood light. From the ground the light appeared to move westward. It was further west and lower than I saw it in the air, also the light was similar to that of a lantern light in that it was glimmering. The light varied yellowish to orange and appeared to be descending and burning out. The latter observation may be that in its westward movement it appeared to be fading out and descending however the light was not nearly as bright on the second observation. At first it was very white and did not appear to be moving though when it flashed on and off it appeared as in a π flash descent. With the naked eye I could at no time make out any shape other than the light being oval shaped as though looking at a large spot light. It was not a heavenly body of any type in that the sky was solid overcast in the Lockbourne area and the object's movement outweighs such a thought. I heard no noise in connection with the object. I estimated at the first observation that it was 4-5 miles southwest of the base. At the second appearance it was 6-7 miles West and moved Westward in a hovering manner but moving away.

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14 January 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Circumstance.

inc. #30

TO: Commanding Officer, 332d Fighter Wing, Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus 17, Ohio.

1. At approximately 1925 EST on the 7 January 1948 I turned to runway 23 for an overhead approach at traffic altitude (1800 ft). Just prior to break-away I saw a very bright white light southwest of the field. I began my 300° approach. It struck me that the light was very unusual and it was not on the ground so I looked in its direction again from my base leg position. It appeared the same and as though it were about 3000 feet in the air. While on my base leg the light suddenly disappeared. The light did not cast a beam and seemed the size of a flood light. While on my approach it flashed on and off again immediately. I landed and taxied to the ramp thinking that it may have been a reflection from the ground or the like.

2. Before flying I had heard part of an interphone conversation from Letterston Center to Olmstead Center relative to a circular object seen over Tennessee. I returned to the Operations Building. While there the airways operator, Mr. Eisele, said the tower operator, Mr. Boudreaux, reported seeing something unusual southwest of the field. I stated that I had seen an unusual light and suggested calling him to check. We called the tower on the "squawk" box, and Mr. Boudreaux, said the light was what he had been watching about 15 minutes or so and that through the field glasses it appeared to have bluish streaks like a jet effect but from the right. He stated that it went out while I was in the pattern. During the conversation he said it could be seen again (1935-1940). We went to the door to observe.

3. From the ground the light appeared to move westward. It was further west and lower than I saw it in the air, also the light was similar to that of a letterhead that it was glimmering. The light varied yellowish to orange and appeared to be descending and turning out. It moved very slowly and finally disappeared. The latter observation may be that in its westward movement it appeared to be fading out and descending, however the light was not nearly as bright on the second observation.

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At first it was very white and did not appear to be moving though when it flashed on and off it appeared as in a fast decent. With the naked eye I could at no time make out any shape other than the light being oval shaped as though looking directly at a large spot light.

4. This object was too large and too sharp a light to be a reflection from the ground. It was not a heavenly body of any type in that the sky was solid overcast in the Lockbourne area and the object's movement outweighs such a thought. I heard no noise in connection with the object. I estimate at the first observation that it was 4-5 miles southwest of the base. At the second appearance it was 6-7 miles west and moved westerly in a hovering manner but moving away. The winds at this time were West-Southwest averaging 6 miles per hour.

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