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Incident 222

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23 Nov 48

Furston Feldbruck, Germany

USAF CRT, (F-80 Pilot)

2220

Reddish

Light

[illegible] mph

[illegible] (Radar)

Ground

Horizontal Flight climbing and

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Incident #222 -- Furstenfeldbruck, Germany -- 23 November 1943

The tactics described by this object, if correct, and the implied time in sight (long enough to call others to see it) argue strongly against an astronomical interpretation for the incident.

The object might have been a balloon with a light on it.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

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

2 Incls:
1 - Incident Summaries
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

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No. 222: Winds aloft charts not available on this one. Object sighted 2 1/2 hours after scheduled release time at which time it was plotted by a radar DF station to be at 27,000. A short time later the same station reported the object circling at 40,000; speed estimated at between 200-500 M.P.H. Most likely not a balloon.

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Incident: 23

At 2220 hours, local time, 23 Nov.48, Capt Hugh Slater saw an object in the air directly east of Furstenfeldbruck at an unknown altitude. It looked like a reddish star and was moving in a southerly direction across Munich turning slightly to the South-West and then South-East. Speed could have been between 300 and 500 MPH. Actual speed could not be estimated. Capt Slater called Base Operations from his barracks and they notified Racecard FP Station who reported nothing on the scope but stated they would look. Racecard Station then called Base Operations to report an unidentified object 27,000 ft up some 30 miles south of Munich. Later Racecard Station called Capt Slater to report that the object was climbing and was then believed to be at 40,000 ft altitude about 40 miles south of Munich and was circling.

There were no F-80's (Jets) flying on this night.

Capt Slater (an F-80 pilot) is considered completely reliable and the facts stated above were verified by Capt Darwin R. Addis 23rd Fighter Sq (also an F-80 pilot) who was with Capt Slater at the time of the sighting.

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INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET

Incident No. 223

1. Date and Time of Observation: 23 Nov 1948 at 2220 hours
2. Where Sighted: Furstenfeldbruck, Germany
3. Observer's Position: from ground (i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
4. Name and Address of Observer: Capt Hugh Slater, 23rd Fighter Sq Furstenfeldbruck AF Base, Germany
5. Occupation and/or Hobbies: F-80 pilot
6. Attention Attracted by: N/S
7. Number of Object( ) Seen: 1 possibly 2
8. Size of Object(s): N/S
9. Color of Object(s): like reddish star
10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) N/S
11. Nature of Luminosity: N/S (directed beam of light)
12. Altitude of Object: 27,000 ft to 40,000 ft (estimated)
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: N/S
14. Estimated Speed of Object: from 200 to 500 MPH
15. Time in Sight: N/S
16. Tactics: horizontal flight, climbing and circling
17. Sound Made by Object(s): N/S
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) southerly direction turning slightly to SW and then SE
19. Apparent Construction: N/S
20. Effect on Clouds: N/S
21. Exhaust Trail Color of): N/S
22. Manner of Disappearance: N/S
23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: Sky: clear; moon shining; no cloud layers, visibility 3 miles with ground fog. Winds aloft: 5 knots per hour
24. Peculiarities Noted:
25. Summary of Incident: (over) (See attached page)

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HEADQUARTERS
36TH FIGHTER WING
FURSTENFELDBRUCK AIR FORCE BASE
Wing Intelligence Office
APO 208, US ARMY

OPS-2/ rd

8 December 1948

SUBJECT: Unidentified Object.

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAX5-3

1. The following report is submitted from information received by this officer from 1st Lt. ROBERT PALMER, S-2 Officer, 36th Fighter Group (Jet), this station.

a. At 2220 hours, local time, on 23 November 1948, Captain HUGH SLATER, 23rd Fighter Squadron, saw an object in the air directly east of FURSTENFELDBRUCK (M 49/Y 65) at an unknown altitude. The object, observed by Capt. SLATER from the ground, looked like a reddish star and was moving in a southerly direction across MUNICH (M 49/Y 85), turning slightly to the South-West and then South-East. The speed could have been between 200 and 500 MPH, though the actual speed could not be estimated according to Capt. SLATER.

b. Capt. SLATER called FURSTENFELDBRUCK (M 49/Y 65) Base Operations from his barracks and informed them of the sighting. Base Operations then notified Racecard DF Station who stated that they had nothing on the scope but would look. Racecard called Base Operations back and stated that they picked up an unidentified object at 27,000 feet altitude, about thirty (30) miles south of MUNICH. Racecard later called Capt. SLATER at his barracks and informed him that the object was climbing and was then believed to be at 40,000 feet altitude, about forty (40) miles south of MUNICH and was orbiting (circling).

2. The weather conditions at this time (2220 local) were: sky, clear: moon shining: no cloud layers; visibility, 3 miles with ground fog; winds aloft, from North 56 knots an hour.

3. There were no F-80's (Jets) flying on this night.

4. Both Lt. PALMER and Capt. SLATER (an F-80 pilot) are completely reliable observers and reporters.

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SUBJ: Unidentified Object, dated 8 December 1948, Furstenfeldbruck Air Force Base, Wing Intelligence Office, APO 208, US Army.

5. The facts as stated above were verified by Captain DARWIN R. ADDIS, 23rd Fighter Squadron (also an F-80 pilot), who was with Captain SLATER at the time of the sighting.

6. Subsequent investigation has disclosed nothing further; and it is unlikely that additional information will be obtained concerning this sighting.

L. H. MC CORMACK
Captain USAF
Wing Intelligence Office

Telephone: FAFB 502.

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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