

PROTEL 10073 RECORD CARD J

Ident #43

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DATE OF INFO 29 June 47

ATIC NO. -----

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REPORT NO. -----

DATE OF REPORT -----

TIME OF STARTING 1645 cst

SHAPE inverted saucer

SIZE 175'-250' dia.

COURSE SSE-NWE

NO. IN GROUP 5 in first-13 in second

SOUND like electric motor

PHOTOS -----

SKETCHES -----

LOCATION Clarion, Iowa

SOURCE Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC -----

COLOR dirty white

SPEED 300 mph

ALTITUDE 1200

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED several minutes

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS in single file

Estimated x

Measured

Estimated x

Measured

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Incident No. 21 -- 29 June 1947, 1645, Des Moines, Iowa.  
The observer, a bus driver, reported observing thirteen objects at 1400 ft altitude, traveling in a straight line in file at 300 MPH. The objects were elliptical in form "inverted saucer", 12 ft thick, 175-250 ft in diameter, dirty white, and made a sound like an electric motor or dynamo. There was no further information supplied except that the observer stated they looked like dots in the sky.

AEC Opinion: These objects were seen just outside Des Moines, and were flying toward Des Moines. If they were not ordinary objects mistaken for something else by the observer, but were really unusual aircraft, it seems almost certain that someone else would have also reported them. There is insufficient information for a proper analysis.

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[REDACTED]

Incident #21 -- Des Moines, Iowa -- 29 June 1947

There is no obvious astronomical explanation for this incident.

If the estimate of size can be given any credence at all, the objects could not have been farther than five miles away; this is an absolute upper limit, and objects probably were very much closer.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Incident #43 -- Clarion, Iowa -- 29 June 1947

This incident refers to the same sighting by the same observer as that summarized in incident #21. See that report for conclusions.



1. Date 29 June 47
2. Time 1645
3. Location Des Moines, Iowa
4. Name of observer [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer Agent of Amazing Stories Magazine
6. Address of observer Box 12, Crocker, Mo.
7. Place of observation Not stated
8. Number of objects at first 5, then 13
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight Not stated
11. Altitude 1200 ft.
12. Speed 300 mph
13. Direction of flight NW
14. Tactics single file
15. Sound like an electric motor or dynamo
16. Size about 12 ft. thick & 175 to 250 ft. in diameter
17. Color Dirty white
18. Shape Between circle and oval - inverted saucer
19. Color detected Not stated
20. Apparent construction Not stated
21. Exhaust trails Not stated
22. Weather conditions Not stated
23. Effect on clouds Not stated
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Not stated
26. Remarks- None



1. Date 29 June 1947
2. Time 10:15 - 10:45 P. M.
3. Location 7 miles out of Clarion Iowa in direction of Mason City, Iowa
4. Name of observer [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer Had been bus driver
6. Address of observer Box 12, Drock, Mo.
7. Place of observation 7 miles out of Clarion - 42° 43' N - 93° 14' W
8. Number of objects 5 in first group; 13 in second
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight several minutes
11. Altitude 1200 ft
12. Speed 300 MPH
13. Direction of flight South by Southeast and North Northwest
14. Tactics Observed single file
15. Sound sound like that of an electric motor or dynamo
16. Size From 175 to 250 ft in diameter by 12 feet in thickness
17. Color "dirty" white
18. Shape between a circle and an oval - inverted saucer
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs N/S
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks (over)



About 7 miles out of Clinton, Iowa, observer saw an object shoot across the sky in front of the bus he was driving. It was followed by four more. The height appeared about 1200 feet. Observer stepped out of the bus which was facing east and noticed some dots in the sky approaching from the opposite direction. They were flying about the same altitude at a speed of about 300 MPH. These 13 objects flew in a single file. Roughly, the objects were between a circle and an oval in shape. In appearance they looked like an inverted saucer flying thru the air. The thickest part seemed to be about 12 feet. The diameter could have been anywhere from 175 to 250 feet. They were dirty white in color. The second group disappeared into the NW sky in a matter of a few minutes. They made a noise as they passed overhead similar to an electric motor or dynamo.



With 194 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation, D. Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "G" and "H").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul H. Rand)  
212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, and probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

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The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the 1st. Rarier Incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally discredit the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 58, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.



Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,  
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,  
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,  
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,  
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:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,  
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,  
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,  
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,  
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

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

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,  
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,  
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,  
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,  
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,  
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.