

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Jun 47	2. LOCATION Boise, Idaho
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (SUN DOG)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION A few minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a half circle object which was stationary. It was bright & silvery and seemed to be clinging to a cloud.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

CHUCK-LEIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 23

1. Date 30 June 1947
2. Time 5:15 PM approximately
3. Location Boise, Idaho
4. Name of observer [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer Not stated
6. Address of observer [REDACTED] Street, Boise, Idaho
7. Place of observation Boise, Idaho traveling west to Plantation Golf Course
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 10 miles
10. Time in sight few minutes
11. Altitude 3,000 feet
12. Speed Stationary
13. Direction of flight Stationary
14. Tactics None
15. Sound Not stated
16. Size Not stated
17. Color Bright and silvery
18. Shape Half circled
19. Odor detected Not Stated
20. Apparent construction Looked like a mirror in the sun
21. Exhaust trails Not stated
22. Weather conditions Not stated
23. Effect on clouds Seemed to be clinging to a huge cloud
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Not Stated
26. Remarks- (over)

An object was seen in this locality on 30 June 1947. The hour was approximately 5:15 PM and we (my wife and I) were travelling west to the Plantation Golf Course, which is approximately five miles from Boise. In the way, I happened to spot something in the sky which seemed to be attached to a large cloud. It was half-circular in shape and just as bright and silvery looking as a meteor caught in the rays of the sun. After a few minutes of travelling and looking the object disappeared. I would say it was about 10 miles distant, and from our location, approximately 3,000 feet in the air.

Note: Witness states he has had "Aircraft Recognition" in the USAF about 4 times and is positive that the object sighted was not an airplane.

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It seems exceedingly probable that the object observed in this incident was a combination sun-cloud effect. The altitude of the sun was 30° , azimuth 280° . At that time of the afternoon, the sun's position was such that it could easily have illuminated a background cloud which was perhaps almost entirely covered by a foreground cloud. (Boise weather reports indicate an entirely clear sky, but the report of the incident itself states that the object "seemed to be clinging to a huge cloud.") This investigator himself has observed such effects.

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

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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	145	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.
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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 MCIA XO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
Summaries 1-172 incl
"SEI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
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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.