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Incident #41 -- Anchorage, Alaska -- 11 July 1947

No astronomical explanation can be given for this incident. The object apparently was a balloon, although the meager data given does not allow a definite conclusion.

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, ATC, 18 Jul 47

"[illegible] Sightings": The following is a digest of [illegible] that have been received through the [illegible] degree [illegible] concerning unidentified flying objects. On 10 June 1947, [illegible] report from rural areas in Hungary to the effect that [illegible] flying across the sky in daylight." No [illegible] description of [illegible] this report was obtained. A Newfoundland constabulary [redacted] report to personnel of the 1500th AAF Base Unit, ATC, Newfoundland [illegible] Force Apprezell that on 9 July at 2330 hours local time (0230Z), he observed a formation of "egg-shaped phosphorus colored discs" followed by [illegible] A fifth similar object moving through the air in the vicinity of Fallon, Newfoundland. According to the constable, all objects were flying [illegible] very fast, and parallel to the ground. The first four were in wedge formation. The [illegible] as being like a "barrel head" or [illegible] having an white trail. The Newfoundland [illegible] further of these objects [illegible] "elongated" in shape. A check of weather [illegible] prevailed in the Grand Falls region at the time [illegible] [redacted]

[redacted] both stationed at Harmon Field, Newfoundland, report that on [illegible] at 2330 hours local time (0230Z), they observed over that installation a [illegible] upon shield-shaped disc of silver color which, as they estimated, was [illegible] of 2,000 feet, appeared to be of equal size to the wing span of a C-54. [illegible] records indicate that the weather at Harmon during the time this [illegible] occurred was clear with scattered cumulus clouds at an altitude of [illegible] to ten thousand feet. These two men report that the disc was [illegible] appeared about six miles NW of Harmon; the two observers report [illegible] also seemed to "cut the clouds as it passed" over on a NNE course leaving a black trail approximately fifteen miles long" which is described as [illegible] in appearance to the bean seed. For an instant after a high power [illegible] light or search light has been switched off. Personnel of the 1500th [illegible] Unit, ATC, Harmon Field, Stephenville, who relayed [redacted] and [redacted] report to this office state that kodachrome pictures were taken of the disc which are now being developed, probably by Eastman at Rochester, New York, and that [redacted] will forward the prints "as soon as received". On 11 July 1947, [illegible] [redacted] and Major [redacted] of the 58th Airways and Air Communication Service Group, Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, observed an object resembling an aluminum colored balloon "about 5 feet in diameter" travelling at an altitude of [illegible] "at a great speed" in a N/S direction in the vicinity of the [illegible] [redacted] and some enlisted officers of the Alaskan Department observed a [illegible] "approximately 10 feet in diameter" in the vicinity of Elmendorf [illegible] in a NW direction following the contour of the mountains five miles [illegible] The object was reported as flying at an altitude of "1500 feet" at an estimated [illegible] "400 miles per hour", paralleling the course of a C-47 landing [illegible] 140 miles per hour. This office has drawn no conclusions on the part of [illegible] [redacted] reports emanating from rural areas in Hungary [illegible]

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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