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PROJECT BOOTS RECORD

Incident #35

FILE NO.	---	DATE OF INFO	12 Nov 1947
AF NO.	---	LOCATION	40 mi. N of Cape Blanco, Ore.
REPORT NO.	---	SOURCE	Maritime Officer
DATE OF REPORT	---	DATE IN TO ATIC	---
TIME OF SIGHTING	"Early"	COLOR	---
SHAPE	Ball of light with trail	SPEED	700 - 900 mph Estimated / Measured
SIZE	---	ALTITUDE	--- Estimated / Measured
COURSE	270 degrees	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	45 sec.
NO. IN GROUP	2	TYPE OF OBSERVATION	ship
SOUND	---	MANEUVERS	Long, low ARL
PHOTOS	---	SKETCHES	---

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Prob Meteor

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 and Dr. Fitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "F" and "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M. Fitts 212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for all 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 if there had 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 Mt. Rainier 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 catalogued order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 27, 33, 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, 216.

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Incident #35 -- off coast of Oregon -- 12 November 1947

The information given here is too meager for a definite conclusion to be drawn concerning the identity of the objects observed. It is probable, however, that they were two parts of a meteor that had broken upon entrance into the earth's atmosphere. The length of time in sight is unduly great, but one wonders whether this might not have been grossly overestimated for psychological reasons. Otherwise, the scanty description favors the meteoric hypothesis.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 12 Nov 47 Incident # 35

2. Time Early

3. Location 40 miles south of Cape Blanco, Oregon, 20 miles offshore

4. Name of observer: Second Officer [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Second Officer

6. Address of observer N/S (Excerpt from "Oregon Journal" 13 Nov 47)

7. Place of observation At sea, 20 miles offshore, 40 miles south of Cape Blanco, Oregon

8. Number of objects 2

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight 45 seconds

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed 700 to 900 MPH

13. Direction of flight from north horizon in westerly direction

14. Maneuvers Performed a long, low arc

15. Sound N/S

16. Size N/S

17. Color N/S

18. Shape ball

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction fire

21. Exhaust trails jet-like streams of fire

22. Weather conditions N/S

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance N/S

26. Remarks: (over)

Two flying discs trailing jet-like streams of fire were sighted from the bridge of the tanker Ticonderoga, early Wednesday, Second Officer [redacted] [redacted] radio-telephoned the United Press. The discs moved at tremendous speed out of the north horizon and curved in a westerly direction in a long low arc. Tonight they were moving between 700 to 900 MPH. Didn't think they were meteors because they generally do not travel in pairs and usually fall to the horizon. Thought they were flying discs.

Also observed by Ordinary Seaman [redacted] who claimed he also saw "discs."

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, 38, 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.