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Incident #99

ATIC NO. ----

AF NO. ----

SEMI-AF NO. ----

DATE OF REPORT ----

TIME OF [illegible] N/s

SHAPE N/s

SIZE N/s

COURSE West to East

NO. IN GROUP 1

TRACE ----

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES ----

DATE OF [illegible] 3 Jan 48

LOCATION Helsinki, Finland

SOURCE Military Attache

DATE IN TO ATIC ----

COLOR Shining

SPEED N/s

ALTITUDE N/s

Estimated
Measured
Pattern
Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 30 sec

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

FAIR OVERS ----

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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Incident #99 -- Finland -- 3 January 1948

Information given here is insufficient to establish even vague identification.

The object seen could have been a fireball, although the length of time of observation seems unduly long. Perhaps this is subject to considerable error?

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 99

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1. Date 3 Jan 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Military Attache, Helsinki, Finland (official source of information)
4. Name of observer [redacted] 10th Jan 48. Finland ([redacted] Helsinki Finland [redacted])
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Helsinki, Finland
7. Place of observation Vaasa, Finland
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Shining
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Long tail
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Helsinki press 10th January reported observation of light phenomena vicinity Vaasa 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 FEB 1949

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SUBJECT: Observation of Light Phenomena

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

The attached copy of cable received from the Military Attache, Helsinki, Finland is forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Douglass W. Eiseman

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Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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From: USMILATTACHE AMLEGATION Helsinki Finland sgd Burrill (AIRGRAM)

To: Dir of Intelligence GSUSA Washington 25 DC

Nr: AGC 2 13 January 1948

Helsinki press 10th January reports observation of light phenomena vicinity Vaasa 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds. Another shining object seen Pietarsaari 5th January observed 10 seconds from north to south. Eyewitnesses state flames were objected and grey streaks left in sky.

Comment:

Finnish press now using term flying saucers reference light phenomena. Last report was 20th December in Utsjoki Northern Finland near Norwegian border.

Evaluation press reports impossible however press claims many witnesses. May be revival another series of alleged flying phenomena. See WEEKA 96.

End

NOTE: 96 is CM IN 826 (7 Jan) ID

ACTION: ID

INFO: AF, PO

CM IN 3299 (20 Jan 48) DTG 131600Z

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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.