

~~3~~ ~~Incident RC~~

Incident #107

ATIC ID.       

DATE OF INFO 8 Mar 1948

AF ID.       

LOCATION Bakersfield, Calif

UNIFORM ID.       

SEX Male Civilian

DATE OF REPORT       

DATE IN TO ATIC       

TIME OF REPORTING       

COLOR 1 seemingly afire- trailed red and  
black smoke

NAME       

SHIP        Marine

CLASS       

ALTIMETER        Marine

DIR. Northward

LENGTH OF THE GROWLED       

NO. IN GROUP 2

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

PERIOD       

HAIR FLYING       

PICTURE        SKETCHES       

Temporary ATIC Form 379  
(2 Jan 52)

RC

R.L.C.

~~RESTRICTED~~

RK

Incident #107 -- Bakersfield, California -- 8 March 1948

It is very unlikely that the objects observed here  
were of astronomical origin. See report on incident #106.

~~RESTRICTED~~

RKC

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

MCIAKO-3/HMS/rm  
Jan 5 1949

1 MCIAKO

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, MCIAKO-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	131	159
14	31	81	105	148	163
16	32	87	107, 8, 9	151	167
22	33	89	112 (See 122)	154	169
23	43				

2-34461-A

Hq AMC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.  
Subj: Project "SIGN"

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 MCIAKO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:  
Summaries 1-172 incl  
"EEI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF  
for H. M. MCCOY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Dept

Copies furnished:

AFOIR, Hq. USAF  
Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab  
Major Kodis, MCHEEP  
Colonel Neal, MCLAWS

7-3481-1

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 March 1948 Incident # 107

2. Time N/S

3. Location Bakersfield, California

4. Name of observer Mr. [REDACTED]

5. Occupation of observer Pacific General Electric Company employee

6. Address of observer N/S

7. Place of observation Sighted from ground

8. Number of objects Two

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight N/S

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed N/S

13. Direction of flight Earthward

14. Tactics N/S

15. Sound N/S

16. Size N/S

17. Color One object seemingly afire, red and black smoke trailing

18. Shape N/S

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 None

25. Manner of disappearance N/S Fall to earth

26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106.

UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2  
Intelligence  
Hamilton Field, California

LAFDA-3/1208-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

Mar 11, 1948

TO: Chief of Staff  
United States Air Forces  
Washington, D. C.  
ATTN: DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE  
Air Intelligence Requirements Branch

1. Incident reported on 9 March 1948, this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt A. M. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Bakersfield, California.

a. Observation by Mr. [REDACTED], Bakersfield, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 5 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and debris trailing. Observation made at Bakersfield with objects sighted southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, California.

b. Observation by Mr. [REDACTED], employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Bakersfield, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source north of Bakersfield, California, 8 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

2. Informant [REDACTED] stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate these reported objects without success.

3. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

/s/ Donald L. Springer  
DONALD L. SPRINGER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
AC of S, A-2

Information to:

ADC, Mitchel Fld, N.Y.  
FBI, San Francisco  
G-2, Sixth Army  
DIO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
DDO DR 5200.10

UNCLASSIFIED

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, 254.