[redacted] Incident #116

ATIC NO. ----

AF NO. ----

REPORT NO. ----

DATE OF REPORT ----

TIME OF SIGHTING night

SHAPE ----

SIZE football

COURSE earthward

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ----

PHOTOS ------ SKETCHES -----

DATE OF INFO 11 Mar 1948

LOCATION [redacted] Canada

SOURCE Male civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC -----

COLOR blue flame

SPEED meteoric

ALTITUDE ---- Estimated / Measured / Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED -----

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS ---

Probable Meteor
(Weather)

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

[redacted]

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Incident #116 — Moose Factory, Canada -- 11 March 1948

This incident can certainly be ascribed to the fall of a bright meteor, or fireball.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 116

1. Date 11 Mar 48
2. Time night
3. Location Near shores of James Bay.
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Employe of Hudson Bay Co.
6. Address of observer Moose Factory
7. Place of observation Moose Factory, Canada
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed meteoric
13. Direction of flight southward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound No noise
16. Size size of ~~[illegible]~~ football
17. Color ~~[illegible]~~ Blue flame
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction meteor
21. Exhaust trails ~~[illegible]~~ N/S
22. Weather conditions Night
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance exploded
26. Remarks: (over)

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Office of Military Air Attache
United States Embassy
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

18 March 1948

Mr. A. C. [redacted]
TSNAD
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am forwarding here an article clipped out of the Toronto Globe & Mail dated 15 March 1948 for your information.

An official report is being made through proper channels.

Very truly yours,

Woodrow B. Wilmot

WOODROW B. WILMOT
Lt Colonel, USAF
Air Technical Liaison Officer

1 Incl:
Clipping

Ball of Blue Flame Falls From Sky And Explodes Near Moose Factory

Moose Factory, March 14 (CP). — A big ball of blue flame, seemingly the size of a football, streaked out of the sky Thursday night and exploded near this Northern Ontario community near the shores of James Bay, V. J. Pratt of the Hudson's Bay Company reported.

The explosion lit up the entire area brighter than daylight, the whole ball disappeared and a second later a streak of orange light shot upward from where the ball was last seen, he said. The orange streak was gone within a second. Witnesses heard no noise of any kind.

The incident tied up with earlier reports from Cochrane, 150 miles south of here, where several citizens reported seeing what they believed was a meteor about 11.40 p.m. EST Thursday.

One witness there, Mrs. Charles Giles, said the object plunged downward like a spent rocket in the northern sky. She described it as about the size of a full moon which gave the appearance of disintegration as it fell.

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:
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