PROJECT 10073 RECORD

Incident #1-2

ATIC NO. ———

AF NO. ———

REPORT NO. ———

DATE OF REPORT ———

TIME OF SIGHTING ———

SHAPE oblong-long & narrow

SIZE ———

COURSE SE

NO. IN GROUP 1

SPEED ———

SKETCHES ———

DATE / TIME INFO 8 April 1948

LOCATION Ashley, Ohio

SOURCE Civilians

DATE IN TO ATIC ———

COLOR Silver

SPEED slow moving (Estimated / Measured / Estimated / Measured)

ALTITUDE ———

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ———

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MANEUVERS ———

JAH: METEOR TRAIL

[redacted]

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Incident #112, a-f -- Ashley and Delaware, Ohio -- 8 April 1948
(Supercedes interim report of 2/15/49)

From the descriptions given by the various observers -- notably that the object seen appeared like a clearly-outlined cloud, was fleecy white, moved slowly and maintained shape, was a long vertical cylinder -- one can surmise that there is a strong possibility that the object was nothing more than a short, vertical, daytime meteor trail. These trails are known to persist for half an hour or more, and to drift with prevailing winds aloft. The fact that one observer stated that at first the cylinder resembled sky writing is excellent corroboration for the above explanation.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112

1. Date 8 Apr 48
2. Time 1300 - 1430
3. Location Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Miss [redacted] Mrs. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Miss [redacted] Asst Bank Cashier; Mrs. [redacted] housekeeper
6. Address of observer [redacted], Ashley, O.
7. Place of observation Ashley, Ohio (ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer "Quite a distance"
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Could not estimate
12. Speed slow-moving
13. Direction of flight Southwest
14. Tactics No manuvers
15. Sound N/S
16. Size undetermined
17. Color silver
18. Shape Oblong, long and narrow - like silver streak
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds near object
23. Effect on clouds N/S - no clouds near object
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness thought she heard plane which appeared to be flying low and making an unusual amount of noise. Could not locate the plane but did see an object oblong in shape and long and narrow which had the appearance of a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and moving slowly and steadily in a southwesterly direction parallel to the ground and without changing direction. Altitude and size were not estimated.

Note: See Incident #112a in which the plane was perceived flying low.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 6 April 1966 Incident # 112.
2. Time 1100 - 1130
3. Location Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mr. [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
6. Address of observer [redacted], Ashley, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight Approximately five minutes
11. Altitude Quite high
12. Speed Slow - drifting
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Smaller than the airplane that was in view at the time
17. Color Opalescent - like borders of pearl
18. Shape Long cylindrical body, like a stick of firewood
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, few clouds in sky but not around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A plane, which sounded as if it was flying low there was an exceptionally loud roaring noise, [illegible]

of this witness. She observed a large airplane, heading south, and about the same time also observed a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. Witness first thought it was sky writing but it looked like a streak, but later it became clearly outlined, appearing to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. With the sun shining on it, appeared opalescent, like mother of pearl. The object was much higher, and quite a bit smaller than the airplane, but drifted slowly along after the airplane disappeared. It may have been drifting with the wind.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 122.

1. Date April 1966

2. Time 1130

3. Location Delaney, Ohio

4. Name of observer Mrs. [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Housewife

6. Address of observer [redacted], Delaware, Ohio

7. Place of observation From the ground

8. Number of objects One

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight N/S

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed Slow

13. Direction of flight Southwesterly

14. Tracking None

15. Sound None

16. Size Very large - about the size of a mill room in height but much smaller in width

17. Color Very white

18. Shape Cylindrical, with vapor around the top

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails None

22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds around object

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance N/S

26. Remarks At 1130 Mrs. [redacted] attention was attracted from her window by an object of unusual shape in the sky. Upon going outside

[illegible] better than it appeared very white, with no [illegible] at all, was cylindrical [illegible] seemed to have vapor around the top. When first seen, it appeared to [illegible] it was safe, and then right track and have flown perpendicular to the [illegible] It appeared not to be moving at first, but upon a closer look it was seen [illegible] in a southwesterly direction, without sound or maneuvering, and [illegible] at the same altitude. The weather was clear, and no contrail trails were [illegible] object seemed very large, about the size of a full moon in height, but [illegible] to estimate. Since there was nothing to compare it with, she could not [illegible] the size. No statement was made as to whether or not witness had [illegible]

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 6 April 1948 Incident # 1126

2. Time 11:30

3. Location Delaware, Ohio

4. Name of observer Rev. [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Pastor

6. Address of observer [redacted], Delaware, Ohio

7. Place of observation From the ground

8. Number of objects One

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight N/S

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed Slow

13. Direction of flight Southwesterly

14. Vocifice None

15. Sound None

16. Size Not Stated

17. Color White

18. Shape Vertical - Jangle at the bottom and narrow at the top

19. Odor detected None

20. Apparent contact action N/S

21. Effects on witness None

22. Physical evidence left Object

23. Location of evidence N/S

24. Statements of witnesses None

25. Number of witnesses N/S

26. Remarks [redacted]

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 April 1948. Incident #1

2. Time 1130

3. Location Delaware, Ohio

4. Name of observer [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Housewife

6. Address of observer [redacted]

7. Place of observation From the ground

8. Number of objects One

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 Southwesterly

14. Vortices None

15. Sound heard Could not be determined

16. Size N/S

17. Color Pink

18. Shape Spherical "blob" with streaks Above it

19. Odor detected None

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails None

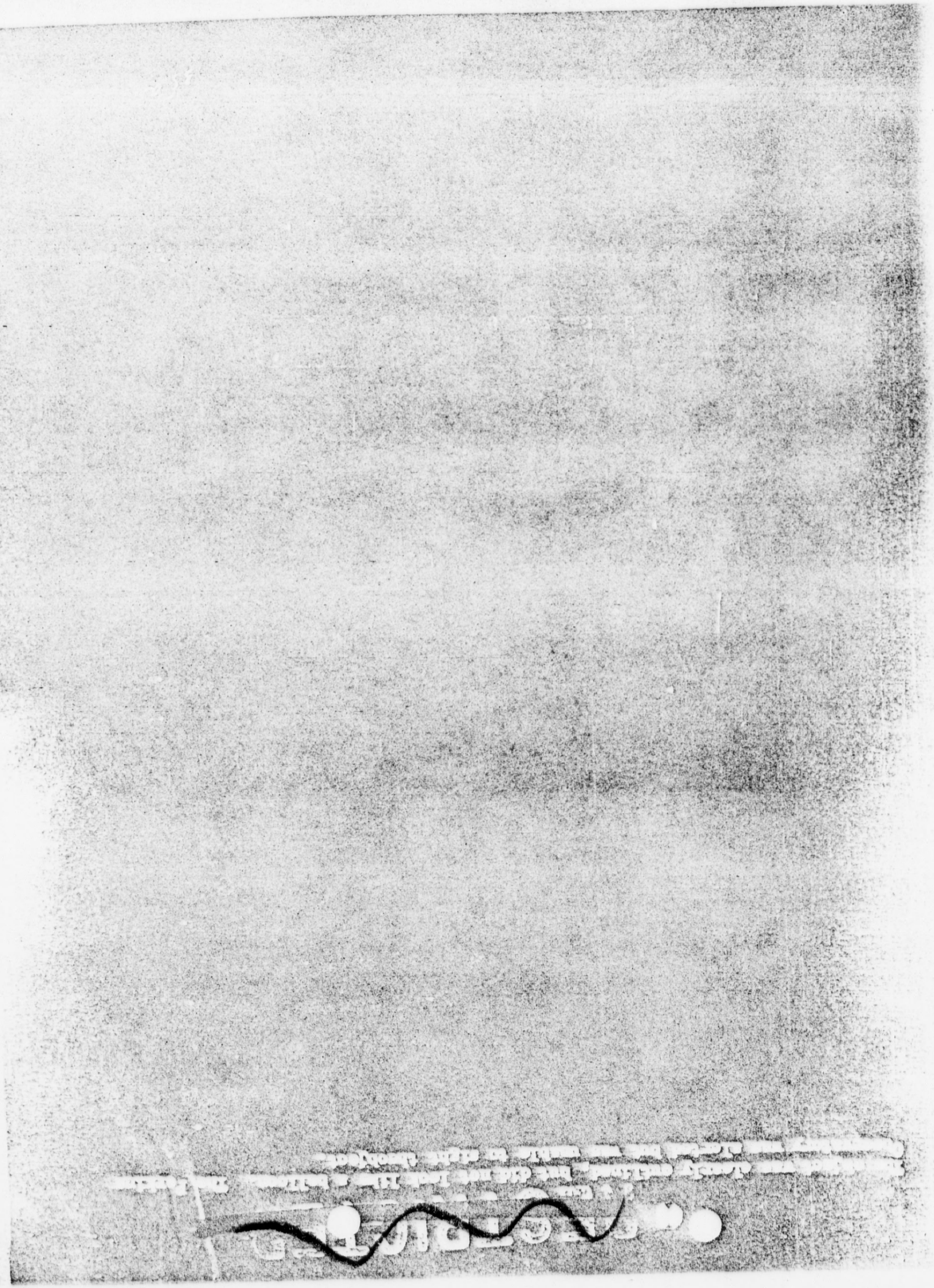
22. Weather conditions Clear

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance N/S

26. Remarks: (Witness' actual statements, sketches, and other information not listed above may be given here. Use reverse side if necessary.)



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 6 April 1965 Incident # 112

2. Time 1:30

3. Location Delaware, Ohio

4. Name of observer Rev. [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Pastor

6. Address of observer [redacted]

7. Place of observation From the ground

8. Number of objects One

9. Distance of object from observer Not determined

10. Time in sight Two minutes

11. Altitude Several thousand feet

12. Speed Not too fast

13. Direction of flight Almost due west into the wind

14. Tactile None

15. Sound None

16. Size Not less than 5 feet in width

17. Color Very white

18. Shape Spherical, with a small protrusion above it, like vapor stream

19. Odor detected None

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails None

22. Weather conditions Clear

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Number of disappearances Disappeared from view behind the cloud

26. Remarks: Did object appear like a conventional type of craft except it was closely guarded? Did it have control surfaces?

[redacted] witness could not tell whether it was a [redacted] object near him or a large object far away. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. It was not heard that the sound of a plane was heard.

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Incident # 112

1. Date 6 April 1965

2. Time 1130

3. Location Delaware, Ohio

4. Name of observer [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Housewife

6. Address of observer [redacted]

7. Place of observation: From the ground

8. Number of objects: One

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight N/S

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed Steady - not too fast

13. Direction of flight Southwesterly

14. Duration None

15. Sound None

16. Size It was not large enough for a person to be inside

17. Color White - about the color of a fluffy cloud

18. Shape Spherical - somewhat larger at top with a protruding end underneath

19. Odor detected None

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails None

22. Weather conditions Clear, blue sky, sunny

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Number of witnesses N/S

26. Remarks: Witness is hesitant but did not see object clearly enough to give a description.

an underneath. It was clearly outlined and maintained the same shape as it moved along steadily, and at the same altitude. [redacted] son of the witness, who is in the Merchant Marine, thought the object very unusual. He said it was in the shape of a cabbagepot.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SKY. 13 April 1948

(2) On 12 April 1948, Reverend [redacted], Pastor [redacted], Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday, 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:30PM, Mrs, [redacted], our next door neighbor, came to the door and told us to come out and see the strange phenomenon in the sky. We went into the backyard and saw this strange object in the sky, a little south of west from our house. There was only one object and main part seemed to be spherical with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks. It was very white and looked like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The weather was clear, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object although there was a bank of clouds to the south of us at quite a distance. I would judge the object was up several thousand feet but I cannot be sure because I could not tell whether it was above or below cloud level. I also could not determine its size as I could not tell whether it was a small object near us or a large object far away, as I had nothing to compare it with. I would judge, however, that it could not have been less than 5 feet in width. The wind was blowing the trees and clouds from a westerly direction and the object was traveling away from us, not too fast, almost due west into the wind. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. I could not hear any sound from it and I could not see any exhaust trail of any kind. We watched it for at least ten minutes until it disappeared from our view behind the trees.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY. 13 April 1948.

(3) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. [redacted] housewife, [redacted], Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the facts as given by her husband in the above interview (par 2), and added the following:

The peculiar object in the sky looked to me like a spherical "blob" with streaks above it. By "blob" I mean like stiff batter or dough dropped from a spoon. It was white and clearly outlined but it did not look like a balloon. The sky around the object was completely clear of clouds. The object was traveling against the wind in a southwesterly direction. I called the Perkins Observatory three or four minutes after I first saw the object and I talked to Mrs. [redacted], Dr [redacted] secretary, and told her about it. We called back later but they had not been able to sight the object. During the time I went into the house to telephone, the object did not seem to change shape, nor did its altitude change. I heard planes flying over our house at some time prior to the time Mrs. [redacted] called us but I did not see any planes. I do not know whether or not they had any connection with the object.

(4) On 12 April 1948, Reverend [redacted] Pastor [redacted], Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

At approximately 2:30 PM on Thursday 8 April 1948, I heard a plane passing over our house. It seemed rather low and made a lot of noise but I did not go outside to look at it. Shortly after this I was called outside by my wife to see an unusual shape in the sky. My first reaction was that it was a plane on fire as it seemed to be an object surrounded by a vaporous substance. After studying it for a few seconds it became clearly outlined

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and looked like a vertical cylinder, larger at the bottom and narrow at the top with streamers or streaks of vapor attached to it. It gave the appearance of a white cloud but it did not behave like a cloud as it retained its shape and maintained a steady movement on a straight course against the wind. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky around the object. It was moving rather slowly in a southwesterly direction and did not manuever in any way. It did not make any noise that I could hear. I can not estimate its size or the altitude at which it was traveling as I did not have anything to compare it with. I do not have any idea what it was. I called the Delaware Airport, which is southwest of Delaware on route 42, approximately ten minutes after I saw the object and told them to watch for it. I called them again about a half hour later but they had not seen it.

(5) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. [redacted] housewife, [redacted] Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the facts given by her husband in paragraph 4, and added the following:

On 8 April 1948 at approximately 2:30 PM I happened to look out of my kitchen window and was attracted by an object in the sky with an unusual shape. I did not hear any airplanes but I went outside to look at this object. It was very white and there were no shadows on it, and it was so unusual that I called to my husband to come out and see it. It was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around it at the top. When I first saw it it appeared to be leaning at an angle and then it seemed to right itself and moved along perpendicular to the ground. It did not appear to be moving at first but after watching it closely we could see that it was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It did not make any sound and it did not manuever. It seemed to remain at the same altitude and it did not leave any exhaust

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trails. The weather was clear and there were no clouds around the object. It seemed very large to me, about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width. Of course, I cannot be sure of its size as I did not have anything to compare it with.

(6) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. [redacted], newspaper reporter, [redacted], Ashley, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday afternoon 8 April 1948, I heard an airplane go over my house somewhere between 2:00 and 2:30 PM. It sounded like it was flying low and seemed to make an exceptionally loud roaring noise. I am interested in planes so I went outside to see it. It was a large plane and was headed south. About this time I saw a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. At first I thought it was sky writing as it looked like a streak but it stayed so long and was so clearly outlined that I knew I was mistaken. It seemed to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. The sun was shining on it and it looked opalescent like Mother of Pearl. The plane was flying low and the object seemed quite high - much higher than the plane - and it was quite a bit smaller than the plane. The plane disappeared but the object kept drifting slowly along. It maintained the same altitude and did not maneuver at all. I did not see any exhaust streaks of any kind and I could not hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were a few clouds in the sky but none around the object. I do not recall which direction the wind was blowing. The object may have been drifting with the wind. Shortly after I first saw the object, I telephoned my neighbors across the street and told them about it. I watched the object altogether for about five minutes then returned to the house. I wrote an article for the

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY. 13 April 1948.

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Delaware Gazette about this strange object after I read where people in Delaware, Ohio had seen it. I do not have any idea what it was.

(7) On 12 April 1948, Miss [redacted], assistant bank cashier, and Mrs. [redacted], housekeeper, both of [redacted], Ahsley, Ohio were interviewed and stated in substance:

On 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:00 to 2:30 PM, we heard a plane fly over the house. It sounded as if it was flying low and seemed to make an unusual amount of noise. A few minutes later Mrs. [redacted] called on the telephone and told us there was a strange object in the sky. We went outside and the plane was gone but we saw the object in the sky. It was an oblong shape, long and narrow, and looked like a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It was parallel to the ground and was moving steadily on its way without changing direction. It did not manuever and I could not see any exhaust streaks or hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky near the object. The wind was blowing from the west and the object was moving into the wind. We could not estimate the altitude nor the size of the object as it was quite a distance from us and there was nothing to compare it with. We do not know what it was.

Floyd S. Dunning, S/A
109th CIC Detachment

Signed/Floyd S. Dunning

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

   a. High probability:
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   b. Fair or low probability:
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2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

   a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
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   a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
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