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18/2100Z

(cident #124

ATIC NO. ----

DATE OF INFO 18 April 1948

AF NO. ----

LOCATION North Atlantic 62°00'N 33°00'W

REPORT NO. ----

SOURCE Weather station patrol

DATE OF REPORT ----

DATE IN TO ATIC ------

TIME OF SIGHTING 1500 cst

COLOR ----

SHAPE ----

SPEED 30 mph — Estimated / Measured / Estimated / Measured

SIZE ----

ALTITUDE ----

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ----

COURSE ----

TYPE OF OBSERVATION radar

NO. IN GROUP 1

MANEUVERS ----

SOUND ----

JAIT BIRDS

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES ----

~~Unidentified~~

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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Incident #124 -- North Atlantic -- 18 April 1948

On the basis of the information given about this radar sighting, no astronomical explanation of the incident is at all likely. Could the sighting possibly refer to a flock of migrating birds?

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This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 GCT on 18 April 48. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 n.p.h. The area in w ich the target was contacted was thoroughly search visually and there were no clouds nor weather fronts in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was S5 fading at 18,000 yards.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 124

1. Date 18 April 1948
2. Time 1500 CCT
3. Location North Atlantic, 62°00'N 33°00'W
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer Weather station patrol
6. Address of observer First Coast Guard District
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 6500 yards - 18000 yards
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed 30 mph
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V.U.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Target strength was 85 fading at 14,000 yards
26. Remarks: This incident is the result of a radar sighting. Copy is also filed in radar sighting file.

Address Reply to
THE COMMANDANT (INT)
Refer to File

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Washington 25, D. C.

19 May 1948

From: Commandant
TO: Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio - Attn: MCIA(XD-3)

Subj: Report on unidentified radar target; report of sighting of flying discs, etc.; forwarding of

1. The attached copy of report from the Commanding Officer, USCGC BIBB regarding an unidentified radar target, is self-explanatory and forwarded for your information.

2. Also inclosed are two copies of a report received fromthe Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Air Station, San Diego, California with reference to the sighting of vapor trails. This report was apparently submitted by Coast Guard aviation personnel because of the local attention they attracted and to throw light on subsequent wild reports that might be received from unqualified observers from that area.

By direction of the Commandant.

S. Y. HAMMOND
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
Chief, Intelligence & Law
Enforcement Division

Incl
2 reports

Ret'd
also filed as Incl to No.

COPY (cy) U. S. C. G. C. BIBB

Commanding Officer
USCGC BIBB (WPG-31), Boston 13, Mass. 12 May 48

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From: Commanding Officer, USCGC BIBB
TO: The Commandant (INT)

Via: Commander, First Cost Guard District (dli)

Subj: Unidentified Radar Target; report of

Ref: (a) Intdligence and Law Enforcement Circular No. 1-48

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted covering an unidentified radar target tracked while this ship was on Ocean Weather Station patrolon Station Able (62-00 N, 33-00W) from 3 to 24 April 1948.

2. This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 GCT on 18 April1948. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 m. p. h. The area in which the target was contacted was thoroughly searched visually and there were no clouds nor weather fronts in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was $5 fading at 18,000 yards.

3. The above time and date was the only time this phenomenon was observed by this ship.

/s/ V. O. JOHNSON

Ind-1
Commander, 1st Coast Guard District
Boston 13, Massachusetts
and refer to file: 0-601

12 May1948

Forwarded for Headquarters information

/s/ A. C. HALL
Chief of Staff

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.