[redacted] PROJECT 10073 RECORD AND

Incident #152

ATIC NO. ------

AF NO. -------

REPORT NO. -----

DATE OF REPORT -------

TIME OF SIGHTING 0825

SHAPE Like Cymbal

SIZE 20' Diam. & 6'-8' height

COURSE 90° - East

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND -----

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES -----

DATE OF INFO 31 July 1948

LOCATION Indianapolis, Indiana

SOURCE Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC -----

COLOR White with no Shine

SPEED 1500 MPH Estimated / Measured

ALTITUDE 2,000' Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Approx 10 Seconds

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS ------

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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Unidentified

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Incident #152 -- Indianapolis, Indiana -- 31 July 1948

There is no astronomical explanation for the oubject observed in this incident.

See report on incident #151 for discussion.

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Incident No. 152 -- 31 July 1948, 0825 Hours, Indianapolis, Indiana.

A man and his wife saw an object shaped like a cymbal, lusterless white in color, at an altitude of 2000 ft. The object moved across the sky to the east at approximately 1500 MPH, on a level course and shimmering in the sun, giving the appearance of spinning. It was twenty feet in diameter and six to eight feet high in the center. There was no sound or exhaust.

AMC Opinion: This object could conceivably be the same at different angles as that seen in Incident 151, although all the remaining evidence is widely divergent. No satisfactory conclusion can be drawn.

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Incident #151 -- Indianapolis, Indiana -- 23 July 1948

This incident and #152 are being considered together by this investigator, because they both occurred in Indianapolis, were separated by just two days, were observed at approximately the same time of day, and include certain similarities of description.

Both incidents are clearly non-astronomical.

Drawings are available for both objects observed, and, although they are considerably different, they might conceivably represent the same object viewed on edge and in plan. Both have approximately the same shape, although the scale given by one observer is about three times that given by the other. Both have 3:1 ratios of length to width. If these objects were real, it seems to be straining coincidence too far to assume that they were entirely independent of each other.

Were there by any chance some special glider experiments going on in the vicinity of Indianapolis at that time?

Barring hallucinations, these two incidents and incidents #17, 40, 75, and 84 seem to be the most tangible, from the standpoint of description, of all those reported, and the most difficult to explain away as sheer nonsense.

It should be noted that both incidents #151 and 152 had two observers.

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With 170 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Titts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendices "B" and "C").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M. Fitts 212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, which probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of ATIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of ATIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibited few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the first. Earlier incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally discredit the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the categorical order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 58, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 152

1. Date 31 July 48
2. Time 0825
3. Location Indianapolis, Indiana (South-Central part)
4. Name of observers Mr. & Mrs [redacted]
5. Occupation of observers [redacted] an electrician and housewife
6. Address of observers [redacted], Indianapolis, Indiana
7. Place of observation As above -
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 10 seconds
11. Altitude 2,000 ft
12. Speed 1800 MPH
13. Direction of flight 90° - east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size [redacted] - 20 ft in dia. and approx 6 to 8 ft in height in center - Ratio about 3:1
17. Color white with no shine
18. Shape like a cymbal
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Sky clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs 1
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Object first perceived in the west. The object was shaped like a cymbal with smooth surfaces and approximately 20 feet in diameter at the base and approximately 6 to 8 feet in height in the center. Ratio was about 3:1. It appeared to be flat white in color with no shine. It traveled extremely fast crossing the sky in approximately 10 seconds (a distance of about 5 miles) on a 90° heading. It maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning. The altitude was estimated at approximately 2,000 ft. Object made no discernible sound and left no exhaust trail. No openings were noted on the object.

NOTE: Mr. [redacted] was standing by open bathroom window which faces the west when he was attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his eyes. He rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed his wife the object thru the kitchen window facing south. He stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person

NOTE: Investigation conducted by Intel Officer, 1st Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr., on a call from Mr. [redacted] It was noted that visibility was good from both windows for such observation.

No other reports received on this object.

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HEADQUARTERS
331ST AIR FORCE BASE UNIT (RES TNG)
STOUT FIELD, INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA

AF331BI

3 August 1948

SUBJECT: Report on "Flying Disc"

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

In accordance with ADC Letter 45-5, subject: Reporting of information on "Flying Discs", dtd 25 March 1948, the following report is hereby submitted:

(1) Sighted at approximately 0825 hours on 31 July 1948 in the South central part of the city of Indianapolis, Ind.
(2) Sky was clear at time of sighting.
(3) Witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. [redacted] is an electrician.
(4) No photographs available.
(5) Sketch of object attached.
(6) Object sighted:
  (a) One (1)
  (b) Shaped like a cymbal with smooth surfades.
  (c) Approximately twenty (20) feet in diameter at the base and approximately six (6) feet to eight (8) ft in height at center. Ratio about 3:1.
  (d) Appeared to be flat white in color with no shine.
  (e) Traveling extremely fast, crossing the sky (a distance of about five (5) miles) in approximately ten (10) seconds.
  (f) Heading ninty degrees (90°).
  (g) Object maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning.
  (h) Altitude of the object estimated at approximately two thousand (2000) feet.
  (i) Made no discernable sound.
  (j) No exhaust trail.
(7) Mr. [redacted] was standing by open bathroom window, which faces West, and was shaving when attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his own eyes so he rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed wife the object through kitchen window facing South. Mr. Swigert stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person. No openings were noted on the object. Investigation conducted by the

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BASIC: Ltr fr Hq Stout Field, Indianapolis 6, Indiana, dtd 3 Aug 48
subj: Report on "Flying Disc".

Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. Russell J. Carey Jr. on a call from Mr. Swigert. On the investigation, it was noted that the visibility was good from both windows for such an observation. No other reports were received on this object.

JAMES A. RONIN
Colonel USAF
Commanding

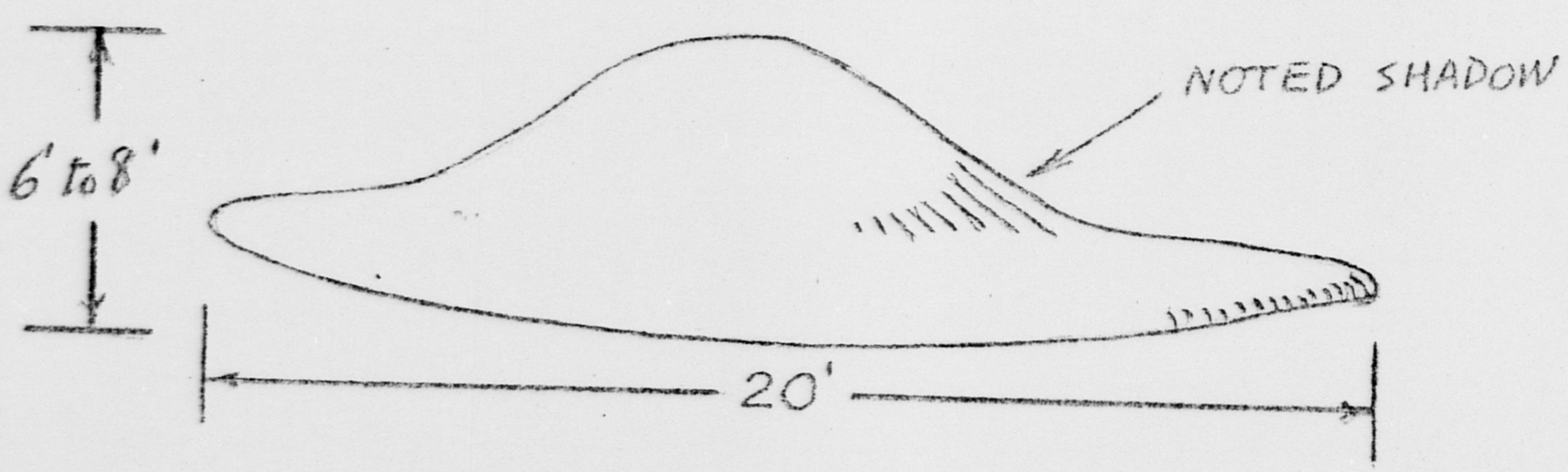
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(Ratio approx. 3:1)

Russell J. Carey Jr.

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1st Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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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.