[redacted] Incident #153

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

RECORD NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 0100

SHAPE "Streak"

NO. ---

COURSE 250°

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

DATE OF INFO 5 Aug 1948

LOCATION Bet. Parrott & Richland, Ga.

SOURCE Ex-USAF Pilot

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Blue-white streak of light

SPEED 2600 MPH Measured / Estimated

ALTITUDE 20,000-35,000' Measured / Estimated

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 5-10 Sec.

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground (Auto)

MANEUVERS ---

McGoo

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(1 Jan 52)

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The limited description which is offered here is consistent with that of a disintegrating fireball, in spite of the observer's statement that the object was not a meteor or falling star. Actually, fireballs bear little resemblance to the ordinary, frequently-seen meteors. The trail of sparks at the end is sometimes associated with a fireball.

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

EXCELLENT IDEAS

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 57, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 186, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 30, 35, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 162, 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.