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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

Incident #209

ATIC NO. ----

DATE OF INFO 4 Nov 48

AF NO. ---

LOCATION South Korea 37°57'N 125°31'E

REPORT NO. -----

SOURCE Army observation posts # 1 & 2

DATE OF REPORT -----

DATE IN TO ATIC -----

TIME OF SIGHTING 1043

COLOR -----

SHAPE Twin Engine a/c

SPEED -----

Estimated
Measured
Estimated
Measured

SIZE Twin Engine a/c

ALTITUDE 5,000'

COURSE 270° E to W

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED -----

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND ----

MANEUVERS -----

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

REMARKS: Believed to be red a/c

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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There is no astronomical explanation for this incident.

The object has been independently identified as a Soviet aircraft.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

/s/ W. A. West
W. A. WEST
Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

2 Incls:
1 - Incident Summaries
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

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No. 209: Determined to have been twin-engined bomber.

Incident: 209

Unidentified aircraft observed at 1043 14 Nov 1948 over Army Observation Post #1 at 37° 57' N - 125° 31' E, in South Korea, flying east to west at an altitude of 5000 feet. The same aircraft was sighted by army observation post #2 37° 51' N - 125° 17' E, 4, 37° 57' N - 125° 26' E and 5, 37° 56' N - 125° 29'
Subject aircraft circled observatinn post number 2, then headed north. Aircraft was twin engine bomber type, and is believed definitely to have been soviet.

INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET
(To be filled out and retained in files)

Incident: #209

1. Date of Observation . . 4 November 1948.

2. Time of Observation . . 1043 . . . . . .

3. Where was Object(s) Sighted . . South Korea.-.37°.57'.north.-.125° 31' east. . .

4. Observer's Position . . Army Observation Post No. 1. & 2 . from ground . . . . .
(i.e. ground, air, control tower, etc.)

5. Name and Address of Observer . . N/S . . . . . .

6. Occupation and/or Hobbies N/S. . . . . .

7. Attention Attracted to Object (s) By . N/S. . . . . .

8. Number of Object(s) Sighted . . . 1 object sighted from 2 posts. . . . . .

9. Size of Object(s) . . of twin-engine bomber . . . . . .

10. Color of Object(s) . . N/S. . . . . .

11. Shape (Sketch if Possible) . . that of twin-engine bomber plane . . . . . .

12. Nature of Luminosity . . . N/S . . . . . .

13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer . 5,000 ft. . . . . .

14. Speed of Object(s) . . N/S . . . . . .

15. Time in Sight . . N/S . . . . . .

16. Tactics . . N/S . . . . . .

17. Sound Made by Object(s) . . N/S . . . . . .

18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) East to West. . . . . .

19. Apparent Construction (Of What Material or Substance) . . Like twin-engine bomber . . . . . .

20. Effect of Objects on Clouds and/or Exhaust Trail . . . . . N/S . . . . . .

21. Weather Conditions Existing at the Time . . . N/S . . . . . .

22. Peculiarities Noted . . . . N/S . . . . . .

23. Summary of Incident . (over) . . . . . .

(Attach a Separate Sheet if Additional Space is Needed)

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
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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.

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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.

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