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Incident #159

ATIC NO. _____

DATE OF INFO 30 July 1948

AF NO. _____

LOCATION Worthington, Ohio

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF SIGHTING 2015

COLOR Silver

SHAPE Cylindrical

SPEED Very Slow Estimated

SIZE _____

ALTITUDE Approx 3000 ft. Measured

COURSE Southwest

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 15 Minutes

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND _____

MANEUVERS _____

PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

*See 155, 156, 157.
Poss Hot Air Balloon*

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Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)



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No astronomical explanation is suggested by the description of this incident.

This investigator wonders whether an advertising "blimp" might not have been in the neighborhood. The time of observation was just after sunset, and a blimp would probably have given the appearance described.

It should be noted that the size of the object and distance are not stated.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

MCIAXO-3/HWS/rm
Jan 5 1949

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base,
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: DSS

1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as balloons released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.

2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or sponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks are usually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIAXO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Weather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2	24	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
4	28	72	96	126	157
11	30	73	104	141	159
14	31	81	105	148	163
16	32	87	107, 8, 9	151	167
22	33	89	112 (See 122)	154	169
23	34				

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Hq AMC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.
Subj: Project "SIGF"

4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
Summaries 1-172 incl
"EEI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col; USAF
for H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Dept

Copies furnished:

AFOIR, Hq. USAF
Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab
Major Kodis, MCRESP
Colonel Neal, MCLAWS

Object appeared cylindrical in shape with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. No standard marker lights were displayed and there were no engine noises. The object emitted a steady silver glow.

Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft and the object was moving very slowly in a southwest course. It was in line of vision some 15 minutes. No other aircraft, military or civilian were in vicinity of Felton's hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and the visibility was good.

NOTE: ██████████ questioned by Maj Campbell of the USAF, but nothing further was gained by this interview with the exception that his wife also saw the object.

SUBJECT : Unidentified Airborne Object.

TO : Major H.M. Campbell, U.S. Air Force

1. On the evening of Friday 30 July 1948, from my home at ~~5200 [redacted]~~ t, Worthington, Ohio, I saw an object in the southwest sky that did not look like any of the aircraft that I am familiar with. I first saw this object at exactly 2015 hours. The object appeared to be cylindrical in shape, with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. There were no standard marker lights displayed, and no engine noises. The object did, however, emit a steady silver glow.

2. I should judge that its altitude was approximately 3000 feet and moving very slow in a southwest course. It was in my line of vision until 2030 hours. There were no other aircraft, military or civilian, in the vicinity of my hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and visibility was good.

~~[redacted signature]~~
~~[redacted address]~~
Worthington, Ohio

2 August 1948

Upon questioning, Mr. ~~[redacted]~~ revealed nothing more than the above, except that his wife saw the same object.

H. M. Campbell
Major, USAF

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HEADLINE NO 10/10/53 COLLECT

WAS TOM LAKENURST NJER AUG 21

GOVT HEADQUARTERS AIR MATERIAL COMMAND ATRH WCMXC-3

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

REUR DISPATCH HIGH RIGID L-TYPE AIRSHIP CAA LICENSE N31A

DEPARTED LAKEHURST SUNDAY 8 AUGUST OPERATED TOLEDO FROM 9

TO 17 AUGUST ADVERTISING MONDAY BREAD AND CARRYING

PASSENGERS PRESENT LOCATION FROM 18 TO 21 AUGUST LIMA OHIO

FORWARDING AIR MAIL ITINERARY THROUGH OCTOBER

KARL L. LANGE VICE PRESIDENT DOUGLAS LEHIGH SHY

ADVERTISING CORP LAKEHURST NEW JERSEY

L-TYPE CAA N31A 8 9 17 18 21.

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17 Aug 48

W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
Chf, Tech Intel Div
Intel Department
Ex 6-5310

Douglas Leigh Sky Adv Corp
C/O Naval Air Station
Lakehurst, New Jersey

MCIAXO-8-6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON OPERATION OF YOUR LIGHTER-THAN-AIR
CRAFT IN VICINITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, DURING PERIOD 30 JULY TO 3 AUG 48.
PLEASE DIRECT REPLY GOVN COLLECT HQ AMC, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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AKRON OHIO AUG 12 1948

ANTICLARO-3 CHA HQ AWC

BRIGHT FIELD

RETEL NO GOODYEAR LIGHTER THAN AIR AIRCRAFT COLUMBUS OHIO
VICINITY 30 JULY 48 IN FACT NEAREST SHIP CHICAGO ILLINOIS
STOP SUGGEST YOU DIRECT INQUIRY ATTENTION DOUGLAS LEIGH BRY
ADVERTISING CORP CASE US NAVAL AIR STATION LAYENBURST NJER
WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN OHIO RECENTLY

K L FICHES GOODYEAR AIRCRAFT.

33 48.

AUG 12 1948

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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, 62, 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.