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Incident #208

APIC NO. ----

DATE/TIME GMT 17 Nov 48

AF NO. ----

LOCATION Clark AFB, Phillipines

GROUP (C). ----

SOURCE USAF Officers

DATE IN TO APIC ----

TIME OF [illegible] GMT 1430

RACE White

SHAPE Irregular mass (flak)

NO. Hovering

NO. ---

ALTITUDE 30,000'

SPEED ---

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3 minutes

COURSE ---

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

NO. OF OBJECTS 1

REMARKS Object seemed to have made a loop

WEATHER ---

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES 2

Residue of an explo d at 30,000

Temporary APIC Form 329
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The limited information in the description of this incident can be explained as referring to the trail and explosion smoke left by a fireball. The white exhaust trail extending some one to ten miles, the "flak-like" terminal burst, the estimated altitude, and the color and time in sight all concur in ascribing this sighting to a fireball. The time of day of the observation is also in agreement.

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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 15, "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

17 Nov

No. 206: Object sighted about four hours after last scheduled release time. Upper air flow pattern gives no indication of possibility of weather balloon drifting in from another station. Also balloon would have to have leaked to remain at 30,000 feet.

INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET

Incident No. 208

1. Date and Time of Observation: 17 Nov 48 1430 hours

2. Where Sighted: Clark AF Base - eastern edge of

3. Observer's Position: ground
(i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)

4. Name and Address of Observer: 1st Lt [redacted] & 1st Lt [redacted] 44th Fighter Sq (SE) 18th Fighter Gp (SE) APO 74, U. S. Army

5. Occupation and/or hobbies: As above

6. Attention Attracted by: N/S

7. Number of Object(s) Seen: 1

8. Size of Object(s): N/S

9. Color of Object(s): white

10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) irregular mass - looked as if plane had exploded and left a white smoke column

11. Nature of Luminosity: N/S
(directed beam of light?)

12. Altitude of Object: 30,000 ft
(estimated)

13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: 30,000 ft

14. Estimated Speed of Object: N/S

15. Time in Sight: Approximately 3 mimutes - (Smoke trail)

16. Tactics: Object seemed to have made a loop inasmuch as the smoke trail performed complete circle - resembling a corkscrew

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

18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) Either 120 or 300° according to origin

19. Apparent Construction: Object appeared like burst of flak

20. Effect on Clouds: none - vicinity was a cloudless sky

21. Exhaust Trail (Color of): white exhaust trail extending some 1 to 10 miles

22. Monner of Disappearance: trail evaporated after three minutes like smoke, scattering thinly throughout the atmosphere.

23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: 4000 feet scattered, visibility 50 miles. High overcast

24. Peculiarities Noted: Object had the appearance of flak burst sitting still in the atmosphere and connected to a curved trail of corkscrew appearance

25. Summary of Incident: Did not have the appearance of a vapor trail.

(See attached page) (over)

Incident: 208

The object sighted by the two fighter pilots had the appearance of a flak burst sitting still in the atmosphere and was connected to a curved trail of corkscrew appearance (See drawing attached) The trail was from 1 to 10 miles in length, and did not have the appearance of a vapor trail but rather that of a rocket or jet exhaust. Altitude was judged to be 30,000 ft. The mass and trail disappeared within approximately three minutes. The mass appeared white in color like an exhaust trail which had a sudden burst origin and then tapered off to nothing. Both parties remarked that it appeared as if an aircraft had exploded and left a white smoke column. The vapor substance dissipated in approximately in 3 minutes scattering thinly like smoke through the atmosphere. It is firmly believed by both witnesses that the object was not a cloud because of its shape and because the sky in the vicinity was cloudless.

Evaluation: C-3

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RR JEQAB

FM UAPLA 59B/CG FEAF
TO JEQAB/CG AMC WPAFB
INFO JEQTL/USAF
QXN UAPBG/FEC
A [redacted] AF GRNC
[redacted] CITE AX ONE THREE ZERO TWO OP-2 PD

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE IS PASSED TO YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAF LETTER CMA SUBJECO QUOTE REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON FLYING DISCS UNQUOTE DATED TWO SIX FEBRUARY ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT PD ABLE CLARK AIR FORCE BASE AT ONE FOUR THREE ZERO HOURS ONE SEVEN NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT PD BAKER CLEAR PD CHARLIE TWO FIGHTER PILOTS OF THE THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE CMA NAMES NOT REPORTED PD DOG NOT AVAILABLE PD EASY NOT AVAILABLE CMA FOX THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS AN IRREGULAR MASS HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF A FLAK BURST SITTING STILL M IN THE ATMOSPHERE CONNECTED TO A CURVED TRAIL OF CORKSCREW APPEARANCE

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ROUTINE

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1 - meIA - action
2 - mCI - info
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Paraphrase not required. Handle as [redacted] correspondence per paragraph 51 i and 60a (4), AR 380-5.

OK

Fm: UAPLA 30B/CG 230445/Z
To: JEGAB/CG AMC [illegible] ATTN: MCI
INFM JEGEL/USAF ATTN: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
QXN/CINCFE ATTN: G-2 SECION
AF GR MC

1. MCIA action
2. MCI info
4. MCAGXM21 info

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The following message received from 13th AF and passed in accordance with USAF letter. Subject: "Reporting of information on Flying Dics" dated 26 February 1948. A detailed report will be forwarded when received. "Unidentified aircraft sighted by enlisted man of this Command JRLONE 2 Nov 1948 approximately 1330 hours, northeast by east of Clark AF Base. Distance undetermined. Altitudes from 10,000 to 20,000 feet. Description; Color: snowwhite, wing span estimated 100 to 150 feet. Fuselage estimated at 250 feet length. Distance from nose of aircraft to leading edge of wing estimated 25 to 40 ft. Fuselage appeared proportionately long with tapered nose./ tail extremity tapered to almost a point. Fuselage appeared to have windows between trailing edge of wing and tail extremity .No tail surface reported. Appeared to be exceedingly fast and sounded similar to a jet aircraft. ~~Entered~~ Entered and broke out of a large cloud 6 times. No transient or base aircraft reported as being in the vicinity at the time of the observation. No confirmation by other sources. Evaluation: C-3. Report being forwarded by mail."

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Incident: 206

EQA 84

RR JEQAB

FM UAPIA 59B/CG FEAF
TO JEQAB/CG AMC WPAFB
INFO JEQIL.USAF
QXN UAPBG/FEC
AF GRNC

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[redacted]TE AX 1302 OP-2.
The following message from Thirteenth Air Force ispassed to you in accordance with USAF letter, subject; Reporting of Information on Flying Discs, dated 26 February 1948.

a. Clark AirForce Base at 1430 hours, 17 November 1948.
b. Clear
c. Two fighter pilots of the Thirteenth Air Force, names not reported.
d. Not available.
e. Not available.
f. The object sighted was an irregular mass having the appearance of a flak burst sitting still in the atmosphere connected to a curved trail of corkscrew appearance judged to be from one to ten miles in length. The trail did not havethe appearance of a vapor trail, but rather that of rocket or jet exhaust at an altitude above 20,000 and under 50,000 feet. The mass and trail disappeared within approximately three minutes.
g. Thirteenth Air Force evaluates this report C-3.

No investigation will be made in the absence of specific info. Please see incident 108

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the Assistant Chief of Staff
HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST AIR FORCES
APO 925

350-OP-2

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO : Director of Intelligence
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed reports are forwarded in accordance with paragraph 5, letter, your Headquarters, dated 26 February 1948, same subject, and as additional information to that contained in our radios, Cite AX 1302 and AX 1249, dated 19 November 1948, and 23 November 1948, respectively.

C. M. YOUNG
Colonel, USAF
Actg. AC/S, A-2

2 Incls:
Incl. 1 - Report U/I Acft or Flying Object, dtd 1 Dec 48.
Incl. 2 - Report Sighting of U/I Aerial Object, dtd 29 Nov 48.

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BASIC: Ltr fr Hq, 18th Fighter Wing, Clark Air Force Base, APO 74, Subj: "Unidentified Aircraft or Flying Objects," dtd 1 December 1948.

AG 350-OP-2 1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

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

Basic communication is forwarded pursuant to the provisions of Hq, USAF letter, dated 26 February 1948, subject: "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs," and as additional information to that contained in our radio, cite AX 1302, dated 19 November 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

S. A. SIMONSON
1ST LT. U.S.A.F.
ASST. ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS, 18TH FIGHTER WING
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 74

IS/AJM/mk

1 December 1948

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aircraft or Flying Object.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Far East Air Forces
APO 925, U. S. Army

1. Attached herewith are statements and weather report with reference to Unidentified Aerial Object, described in Radnote, this Headquarters, dated 24 November 1948.

2. Evaluation of Statements: C-3.

R. E. WEINZETTEL
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief of Intelligence

3 Incls
1. Stmt, Lt. [redacted]; and Lt. [redacted]
2. Sketches, Uniden. Aer. Object
3. Weather rpt, dtd 17 Nov 48

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30 November 1948

At approximately 1430 hours on Wednesday, 17 November 1948, we the undersigned were playing tennis during our squadron alloted time for such physical training and observed the following described phenomena in the atmosphere. The description following is one fully agreed on by both parties with no persuasion necessary by either party to believe that what is herein described is the most accurate description possible under the existing circumstances.

According to Ltr Hq., 13th Air Force, AG 452.1, Subject: Unidentified Aircraft or Flying Objects, our report is:

a. Over the Eastern edge of Clark Air Force Base at 1430 hours, 17 November 1948, a phenomena in the sky was sighted.

b. The weather was clear, the sky was blue with slight stratus clouds on the eastern horizon. (See Inclosure # 3)

c. 1st Lt. [redacted] and 1st Lt. [redacted] both 44th Fighter Squadron (SE), 18th Fighter Group (SE), APO 74, U S ARMY, were witnesses.

d. No photographs were available as the phenomena only lasted about three minutes before its vapor substance such as smoke was scattered thinly throughout the atmosphere.

e. A sketch is attached. (See Inclosure # 1 and # 2)

f. This phenomena was singular and appeared to be at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet at a heading of either 120 degrees or 300 degrees according to its origin (if that of an aircraft) and no sound was made by it. It was white in color and appeared to be an exhaust trail which had a sudden burst origin and then tapered off to nothing.

g. It is firmly beleived not to be a cloud because of its shape and the surrounding weather which in its vicinity was a cloudless sky. Both parties remarked nearly together that it appeared as if an aircraft had exploded and left this white smoke column. It dissipated in approximately three (3) minutes.

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Cy. #1

[redacted]
1st Lt., USAF
44th Fighter Squadron
18th Fighter Group (SE)

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1st Lt., USAF
44th Fighter Squadron
18th Fighter Group (SE)

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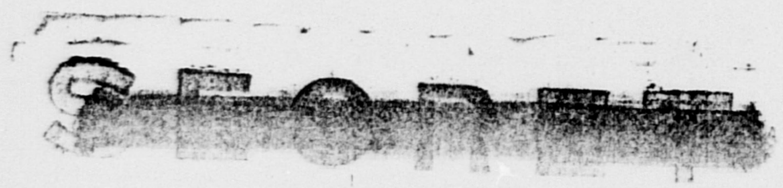
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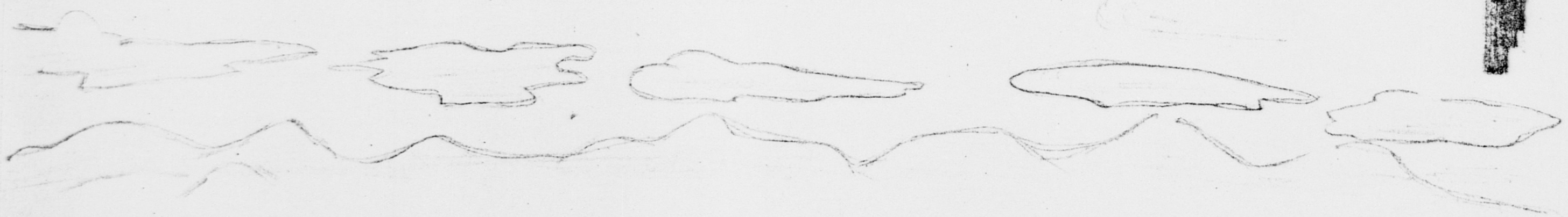
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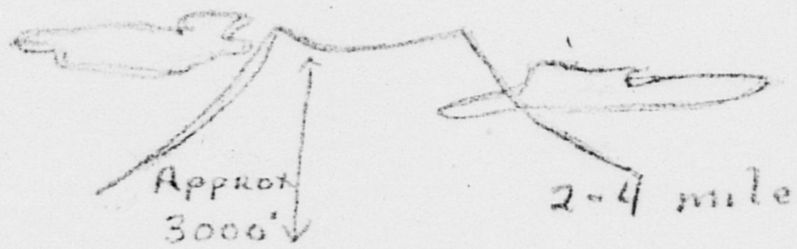
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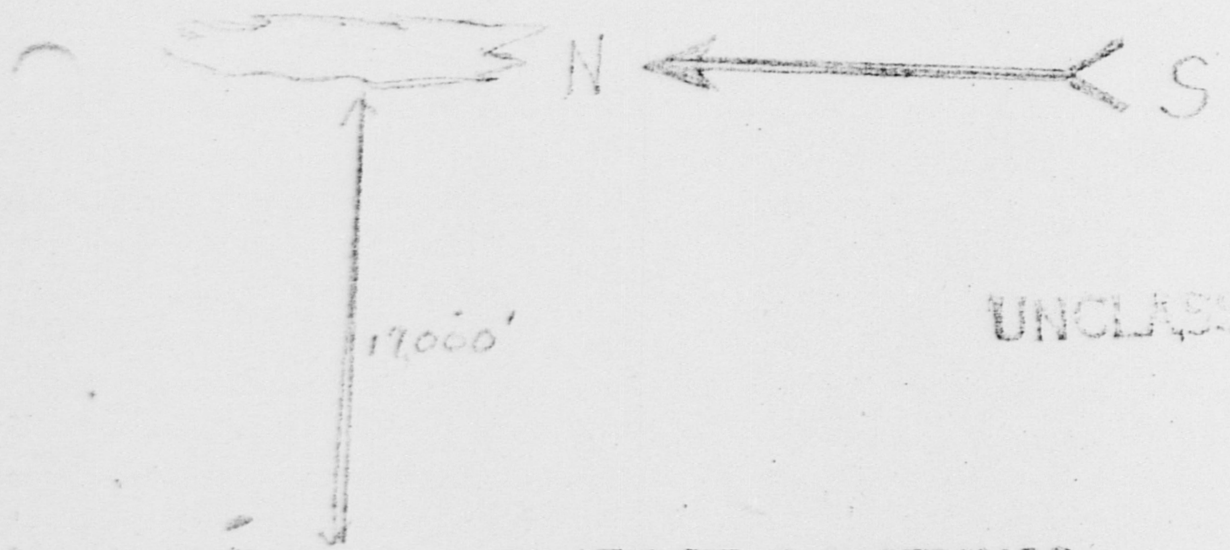
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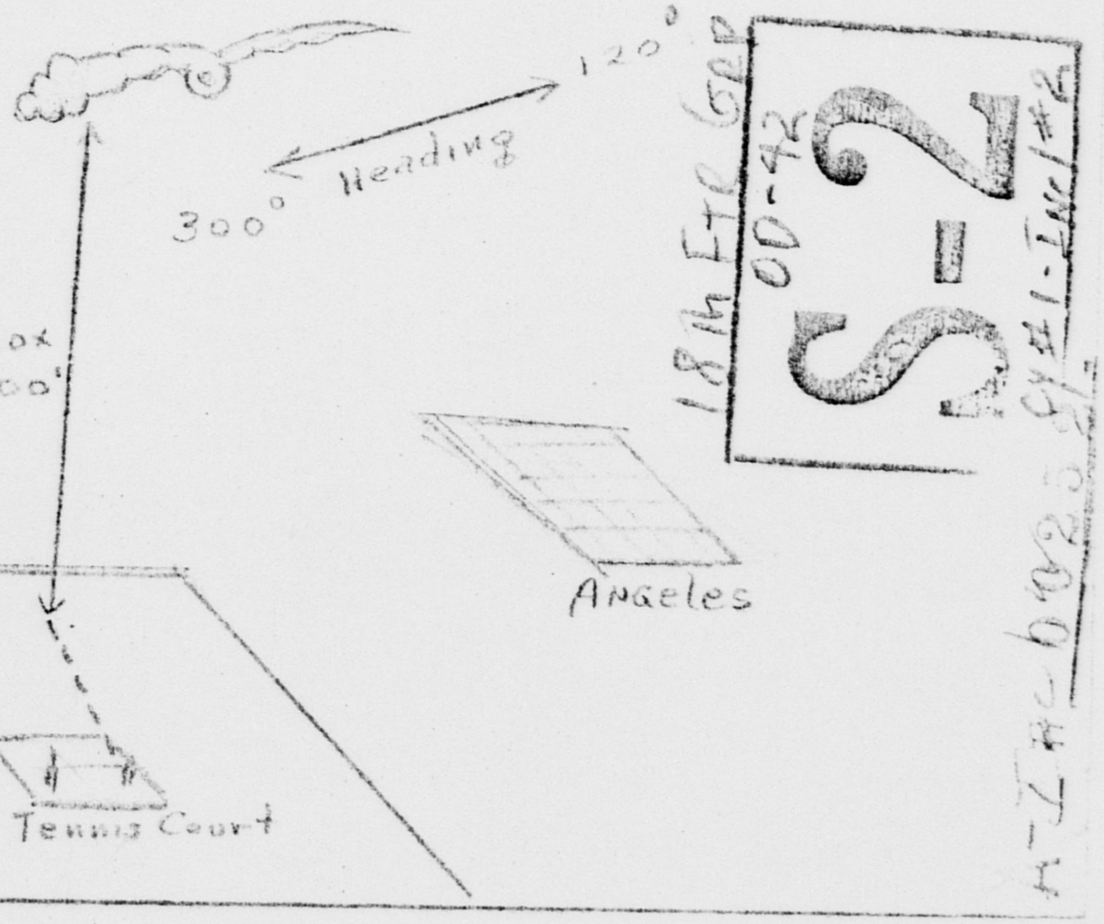
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C E R T I F I C A T E

30 November 1948

The following is a certificate from the Clark Air Force Base Weather Station for the hours of 1400 to 1500 on 17 November 1948:

a. High overcast

b. Clouds - 4000 foot scattered

c. Visibility - 50 miles

d. Tempature - 86 degrees

e. Due point - 57

f. Wind - North East at 7 miles per hours

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18th FTR Grp
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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.