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Incident #51

PROJ. NO. 100-1000-A

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DATE OF INFO. 3 Sept 1947

LOCATION Oswego, Ore.

SIGHT NO. SOURCE Female Civilian

DATE OF REPORT — DATE IN TO ATIC —

TIME OF SIGHTING 1215 PST COLOR Silver

SHAPE Round SPEED — ESTIMATED

SIZE — ALTITUDE High DURATION

COURSE — LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED —

NO. IN GROUP 12-15 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

EGG? — MANEUVERS —

PEN? — SKETCHES —

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With 194 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 satisfactorily, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "G").

#### Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul L. Sill Incident considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the majority 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 probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had no publicity.

#### APPENDIX I

##### Project Grudge

##### S. Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

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The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") are similar in common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters could not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Mt. Rainier 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 II

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generalize concerning the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, which cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the catalog number of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 53, 62, 64, 66, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 163, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236,

Incident No. 51 -- 3 September 1947, 1215 hours, Oswego, Oregon.  
A housewife observed twelve to fifteen round, silver-colored objects at a  
high altitude. No further information was submitted, therefore, no conclusion  
can be reached.

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Incident #51 -- Oswego, Oregon -- 3 September 1947

The limited information given here does not suggest anything astronomical.

It is surprising that there was only one witness to this incident, since it occurred in a city, at a time when there was a plane in the sky.

If these objects were not ordinary aircraft at a great distance, or a cluster of balloons, then the incident must be considered together with others reporting groups of unidentified round or discoid objects, several of which occurred in this locality (e.g., incidents #5-9, 12-16).

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## CHECKLIST - OBSERVATION REPORT FORMS

1. Date: 5 Sept 47

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2. Rating: 1215

3. Location: Oregon, Oregon

4. Name of observer: [REDACTED]

5. Type of aircraft: V/S

6. Altitude of object: V/S

7. Altitude of observation: Oregon, Oregon

8. Latitude of object: 32 57 15

9. Distance of object from observer: V/S

10. Height of object: V/S

11. Direction: Upward

12. Speed: V/S

13. Description of flight: V/S

14. Color: V/S

15. Shape: V/S

16. Size: V/S

17. Color: Silver

18. Shape: Round

19. Color detected: V/S

20. Apparent coloration: V/S

21. Position relative: V/S

22. Position relative: V/S

23. Effect on clouds: V/S

24. Stationary or moving: V/S

25. Number of objects seen: V/S

26. Estimated size of object: 15 feet diameter

27. Color: Silver  
28. Direction: Upward

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 43, 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, 6, 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, 41, 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, 235, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.