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DATE OF INFO 7 JULY 47

LOCATION Sand L., Va.

SOURCE Test Pilot

DATE IN TO ATIC

COLOR yellowish white

SPEED est 200-225 mph

ALTITUDE 10-12,000

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED

TYPE OF OBSERVATION visual

MANEUVERS Sand L.

Was sitting in a/c when several other people looking up in the air at first believed object to be weather balloon, then noted it was whirling.

Balloon

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Incident #3 -- Maroo, California -- 7 July 1947

There is no astronomical explanation of this incident.

In this investigator's opinion, there is nothing in the evidence offered that is basically contradictory to the hypothesis of a weather balloon. Perhaps ascending currents of warm air over the desert could give the illusion that the object was oscillating.

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 7 July 1947 Incident # 1
2. Time 1630
3. Location Muroc Army air Field, Muroc, California.
4. Name of observer Major J. C. Hill,
5. Occupation of observer Test Pilot
6. Address of observer Muroc AAF, Muroc, California.
7. Place of observation Ground - Muroc AAF, Muroc, California
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude.
10. Time in sight Not stated
11. Altitude 10,000 to 12,000 feet
12. Speed 200 to 225 MPH
13. Direction of flight heading from west to east
14. Tactics Oscillating in a forward whirling movement without losing altitude
15. Sound not stated
16. Size Five (5) to (10) feet in diameter
17. Color yellowish white
18. Shape sphere
19. Odor detected Not stated
20. Apparent construction Assumed at first to be a weather balloon
21. Exhaust trails Not stated
22. Weather conditions Not stated
23. Effect on clouds Not stated
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Not stated
26. Remarks:  
Over

**REPORT**

Statement given by Major J. C. Hise, Test Pilot, Army Air Field,  
Huroc, California.

On 7 July 1947, at approximately 10:10, while running up the H-41 on the ground I noticed everyone was looking up into the air. Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude, was an object that I assumed at first to be a weather balloon, but after looking at it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a forward whirling movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 100 to 225 MPH, and heading from west to east.

The object was yellowish white in color and I would estimate that it was a sphere about 5 to 10 feet in diameter.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

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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,  
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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,  
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